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Dear Ariane,

I welcome the publication of the 'Draft Climate Change Plan 2026-2040: scrutiny by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee' report and wish to thank all who gave evidence.

The Committee's report requests clarity on whether there is time before the end of this Parliamentary Session for the Scottish Government to make changes. I can assure you that we will be considering all of the recommendations made in the report as part of the process of updating and finalising the Climate Change Plan.

As many of the Committee's recommendations are also relevant to the Heat in Buildings Strategy and Delivery Plan, I have asked for these to be fully considered as part of that Plan's development.

The report also asks us to commit to publishing future Climate Change Plans earlier in the next Parliamentary Term. This is something that we can take under consideration, though ultimately it will also be for the next Government to decide.

I am grateful to you and the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for your continued engagement on this essential agenda.

I am copying this letter to Edward Mountain MSP, Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, to ensure that the Committee is fully informed.

Yours sincerely,

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Cabinet Secretary for Housing