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Dear Ariane,

Further to my letter of 18 November 2025, I am writing to confirm that we have today published the Consultation Analysis Report and the Scottish Governments response. [Delivering net zero for Scotland's buildings - Heat in Buildings Bill: consultation analysis - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-analysis/buildings-heat-in-buildings-bill/pages/1-1-introduction.aspx).

The views gathered through the consultation have played a vital role in shaping the draft Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill, which I intend to introduce as early as possible in the next Parliament, subject to the outcome of the 2026 Scottish Parliament election. The continued delays to the publication of the UK Government's Warm Homes Plan, is deeply disappointing, particularly for households already facing rising energy bills and financial strain.

While we will not introduce a Heat in Buildings Bill during this Parliamentary session, our commitment to decarbonising heat in buildings by 2045 remains firm. I trust you and your colleagues have already had an opportunity to consider the draft Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill, and accompanying Explanatory Notes, [published](#) on 18 November 2025.

I am grateful to you and the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for your continued engagement on this essential agenda. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our plans further at Committee, should that be helpful.

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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