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Dear Dean,

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2022, requesting a UK government response to the questions raised by the Scottish Parliament Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the role of CCUS in Scotland's transition to Net Zero. The Secretary of State has asked me to respond as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the Scottish Parliament. The UK government is committed to devolution and to working collaboratively and constructively with the devolved administrations and Parliamentary bodies. I am also pleased by the working relationship between my officials and those of the Scottish government, working on our shared ambition for delivering strong CCUS projects across the UK; in addition to the dialogue I have with the Scottish government, both bilaterally and through the Interministerial Group on Net Zero.

CCUS will be essential to meeting the UK's 2050 net zero target, playing a vital role in leveling up the economy, supporting the low-carbon economic transformation of our industrial regions, and creating new high value jobs. The government is currently in Phase 2 of the Track-1 Cluster Sequencing process which will determine which projects within, or that can feasibly be able to connect to, the chosen Track-1 Clusters will enter into negotiations for support. Also, on 1 November 2021 we published a Track-2 update which highlights our increased ambition of capturing and storing 20-30 Mtpa by 2030, including 10 Mtpa assigned for Track-2 clusters. Further details will be brought forward in due course.

I thank you for raising your concerns with me and seeking clarification on some aspects of both the government's CCUS policy, and wider energy portfolio. I wanted to provide a thorough response to your queries. Therefore, I have attached an annex to this letter which will address each of the numbered questions you raise in turn.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Yours ever,

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