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Dear Convener,

I refer to my letter dated 1 December and would like to take the opportunity to provide revised clarification in respect to the division of policy responsibilities in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport portfolio and the wider Scottish Government.

I understand from my officials that the Committee has continued to experience difficulty in determining whether specific topics fall within its remit and that the information provided in my previous letter has not proven sufficient to address all such difficulties. In light of that I offer a further breakdown of topics falling within my portfolio interests and confirm instances where those topics have read-across to the interests of other ministerial colleagues.

The full list of responsibilities are grouped by portfolio area and presented in the table at Annex A. It should be noted that in relation to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights and the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity there a small number of responsibilities (as identified) sit within other portfolio areas and as such will be outwith the remit of your committee.

There are some other topics where there is a crossover with other portfolio areas, most notably that of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands where in addition to the plant health responsibility there are a small number of areas managed on a cross-portfolio basis.

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Should your officials require further clarification on the content of this letter, or have any concerns over their liaison with the Scottish Government, I have asked my officials to stand ready to assist as necessary.

I hope this is helpful.

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## Revised Net Zero, Energy and Transport Ministerial Responsibilities Table

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	Minister for Environment and Land Reform	Minister for Transport	Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, & Tenants' Rights	Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Michael Matheson	Mairi McAllan	Jenny Gilruth	Patrick Harvie	Lorna Slater
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross government co-ordination of Net Zero policy</li> <li>• Climate crisis and environmental protection</li> <li>• COP26 delivery</li> <li>• Sustainable development</li> <li>• Cross government co-ordination of Infrastructure (policy, investment, &amp; Commission)</li> <li>• Cross government delivery of 20 minute neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Renewable energy industries</li> <li>• Energy and energy consents</li> <li>• National Public Energy Agency</li> <li>• Fuel poverty</li> <li>• Physical and marine environment</li> <li>• Flood prevention &amp; coastal erosion</li> <li>• Water quality and Scottish Water</li> <li>• Strategic Transport Projects Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Reform and Land Use Management (including wildlife management, wildlife crime and welfare)</li> <li>• Royal Botanic Garden</li> <li>• Environmental Quality</li> <li>• Scottish Environment Protection Agency</li> <li>• Natural Resources, Peatland and Flooding</li> <li>• Scottish Land Commission</li> <li>• Hydro Nation</li> <li>• Drinking Water Quality Regulator</li> <li>• Private Water</li> <li>• Forestry &amp; Woodlands</li> <li>• Forestry and Land Scotland</li> <li>• Scottish Forestry</li> <li>• EU Support and Related Services</li> <li>• Forest Research (Cross Border Services)</li> <li>• Environmental and climate justice</li> <li>• Crown Estate Scotland</li> <li>• Marine planning</li> <li>• GM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Public transport</li> <li>• Decarbonising public transport</li> <li>• 20% reduction in car kms</li> <li>• Rail Services</li> <li>• Concessionary Fares and Bus Services</li> <li>• Low carbon transport and infrastructure</li> <li>• Future Transport Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- low carbon economy</li> <li>- modal specific funding</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Low Emission Zones</li> <li>• Ferry Services – inc. CMAL</li> <li>• Roads and road safety</li> <li>• Motorways and Trunk Roads</li> <li>• Transport Information</li> <li>• Scottish Canals</li> <li>• Freight Industry</li> <li>• Islands Connectivity Plan</li> <li>• Maritime Policy including ports and canals</li> <li>• Aviation &amp; Air Services (including HIAL)</li> <li>• Transport resilience &amp; major events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Travel</li> <li>• Future Transport Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cycling Infrastructure</li> <li>- Innovation supporting active travel outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Energy Efficiency</li> <li>• Heat networks</li> <li>• Heating and domestic energy transformation</li> <li>• Heat in Buildings programme</li> <li>• Building Standards *</li> <li>• New deal for tenants *</li> <li>• Future Generations Commissioner</li> <li>• Member of Cabinet Sub-Committee on Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Industrial Strategy #</li> <li>• Green skills #</li> <li>• Circular economy, including implementation of the Deposit Return Scheme and Waste issues</li> <li>• Zero Waste Scotland</li> <li>• Nature Recovery Targets (including Natural Environment Bill)</li> <li>• NatureScot</li> <li>• Deer Management</li> <li>• Biodiversity (including endangered species)</li> <li>• National parks and natural heritage</li> <li>• Plant Health~</li> <li>• Member of Cabinet Sub-Committee on Climate Emergency</li> </ul>

\* in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

# in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy

~ in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment

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