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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland

Thank you for attending an evidence session with the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on Tuesday 27 September 2022 regarding our inquiry into the role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland.

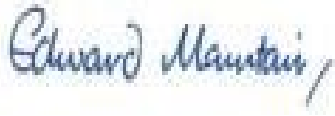
You will recall that, as part our discussions on this matter, you committed to write to the Committee to provide us information in relation to the following—

1. Statistics on the percentage of funding for local authorities currently ring-fenced by the Scottish Government¹.
2. Relevant examples of public sector, council-led investable propositions that are part of the Green Investment Portfolio and outline how the Scottish Government intends to support the de-risking of investable propositions being put forward by local authorities².
3. Confirmation of whether there is currently any work being undertaken within government to align the circular economy agenda with that of community wealth building³.
4. Details of what specific incentives the Scottish Government are planning to encourage more brownfield development sites⁴.

It would be helpful to the Committee's inquiry if a response to the points we have highlighted above could be provided by Monday 24 October 2022.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

¹ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*. Col 14.

² Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*. Col 17.

³ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*. Col 18.

⁴ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*. Col 19.