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By email only

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Dear Màiri

Ministerial responsibilities relevant to NZET Committee remit

Thank you for attending the Committee on 27 June to discuss your new role as Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition. The discussion touched on the wide range of your responsibilities and at times we also discussed some responsibilities delegated to junior Ministers.

It would assist the Committee's future working to have more clarity on responsibilities and reporting lines in relation to matters within the Committee's remit. It would therefore be helpful if you could provide the Committee with:

1. A list of the issues for which you are responsible and normally lead on;
2. A list of the issues for which you are the responsible Cabinet member, but which are ordinarily delegated to juniors Ministers, in each case specifying which Minister has that responsibility.

Our remit was formerly almost identical to that of the now abolished role of Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport. But recent Ministerial reshuffles mean that the Committee's remit now maps less closely onto those of any single Cabinet Secretary. In view of this, it would also be helpful if you could confer with colleagues so as to provide clarity on who in government is responsible for the following issues; and, where this is a junior Minister, who in the Cabinet that person reports to on that issue:

1. NatureScot;
2. Fuel poverty;
3. Land reform;
4. Cross-government delivery of 20-minute neighbourhoods;
5. Energy Efficiency, Heat networks, heating and domestic energy transformation and the Heat in Buildings programme.

I am aware that some of this information may appear on Scottish Government webpages but the Committee wishes to be completely certain that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information on Ministerial responsibilities.

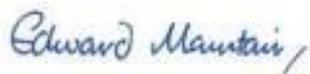
In relation to energy policy (which also rests with the NZET Committee), it is our understanding that Cabinet responsibility rests wholly with the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, with responsibility for some aspects delegated to the Minister for Energy and Environment. If this is incorrect or if there are some complicating factors of which we should be aware, please do let us know.

It might be helpful to receive this information in the form of a table or organogram. The 21 June 2022 letter to the NZET Committee from the then Cabinet Secretary NZET provides an example of a response that the Committee found helpful when it was seeking similar information earlier in this session:

[Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero Energy and Transport \(parlamaid-alba.scot\)](http://parlamaid-alba.scot)

I would be grateful for a response by 4 August 2023

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
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