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Dear Edward,

I am writing to you regarding the secondary legislation that will set Scotland's carbon budgets up to 2045, following receipt of the Climate Change Committee (CCC)'s advice last month.

We have been carefully considering the CCC's advice alongside our own analysis and other factors, including the target-setting criteria contained in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. Following this, I am pleased to confirm that today we have laid in Parliament the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 in draft, and the announcement has been made via GIQ.

Within two months of the carbon budget regulations coming into force, we will bring forward a draft Climate Change Plan, detailing the policies and proposals to reduce emissions between 2026 and 2040.

I look forward to continuing to engage with you and the wider Committee to discuss the legislation as we make further progress towards our shared aim of a credible and deliverable pathway to net zero in 2045.

Yours sincerely,



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