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Dear Convener,

I am pleased to inform you that the Scottish Government will today be launching a [public consultation](#) on our updated Offshore Wind Policy Statement, which will be open until 13 August 2025.

Since the original [Offshore Wind Policy Statement](#) was published in 2020, which outlined our ambition to increase Scotland's offshore wind capacity from 2GW to between 8GW and 11GW by 2030, the private sector has, through the ScotWind and Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas (INTOG) leasing rounds, demonstrated a significant appetite for further investment and sectoral growth.

To reinforce our commitment to maximising the deployment of offshore wind in Scotland, supporting the energy transition and realising the economic benefits we all want to see, the Scottish Government is consulting on an updated policy ambition to develop up to 40 GW of new offshore wind energy by 2035-40, in addition to existing operational capacity.

Sustainable, plan-led development remains key, and maximising offshore wind deployment will of course need to be balanced with the impact on the marine environment and other marine users.

Through the consultation, we want to gather a wide range of views from across industry, developers, other sea users and any other interested stakeholders.

I welcome the Committee's interest in this important topic and will continue to update you as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely,

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