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Dear Edward,

Further to my letter of 22 January I am writing to update you on the latest position on the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) Scottish Carbon Budget advice and work to develop an SSI that Scottish Ministers plan to lay to set Scottish carbon budgets in legislation.

As the committee will be aware, it is important that Scottish Ministers consider the CCC's advice carefully before making decisions on which levels to set carbon budgets in legislation.

I can confirm that the CCC's advice was received on 21 May and that working is ongoing to consider this advice carefully and at pace. While it has not been possible to complete that consideration on a timescale that would enable the SSI to be laid by the end of May, my intention is to lay the SSI to set Scottish carbon budgets in legislation as soon as possible following Scottish Minister's consideration of both the CCC's advice and the target setting criteria contained in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

I will update you on the timing for laying the carbon budgets SSI in Parliament as soon as possible.



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