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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 October 2025 regarding the timings of the upcoming draft Climate Change Plan.

As you mentioned, the Regulations setting carbon budgets were approved in the Chamber on 8 October 2025 and came into force on 10 October 2025. As such, the statutory deadline for laying the draft Climate Change Plan is 10 December 2025. Since it remains my intention to lay it sooner than the end of this statutory two-month period, the draft will be laid imminently, subject to agreement from the Parliamentary Bureau.

I am confident that the intended timeline will allow sufficient time at the end of the scrutiny period to finalise the Plan within this Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



**GILLIAN MARTIN**