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The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your letter regarding the provision of evidence to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on the draft Climate Change Plan (CCP). We are grateful for your Committee's interest in the Climate Change Committee's views on this matter and would like to thank you and your officials for your engagement in recent weeks.

In accordance with the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, we have committed to publishing our progress report within the Scottish Government's consultation period, so as to not delay the Government's ability to conclude their carbon budget setting responsibilities.

As you know, we have nevertheless been keen to provide your Committee with top level analysis on the CCP before the formal publication of the progress report to the Scottish Government. As this report is still to be finalised and presented to the Scottish Government, it is not possible for us to share its findings at a public committee hearing next week.

We are grateful to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy for agreeing to a Climate Change Committee official privately presenting top level analytical findings on the CCP to you in the first week of February. I would be grateful for a response to this offer by the end of the working day on Friday so we can make the necessary arrangements. I also would like to reiterate our offer to provide evidence to your Committee in public at the earliest opportunity possible following the publication of the Scottish progress report.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Pinchbeck
Chief Executive, Climate Change Committee