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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 January regarding the Climate Change Committee (CCC)'s evidence on the draft Climate Change Plan (CCP).

I understand the urgency of the matter at hand and would like to reassure you that my officials have been in regular contact with the CCC since the draft CCP was laid to discuss the timing of its report on the Plan. I also highlighted the NZET Committee's concerns when writing to the Chair of the CCC last month regarding the challenges of incorporating the CCC's feedback into the final CCP if the former is not published until 25 February.

I understand that since writing to me, you have received correspondence from the CCC detailing its proposal – agreed by the Scottish Government - to have a CCC official privately present to you in the first week of February. This will be focused on analysis and data rather than narrative and messaging, and I feel confident that it will be helpful in assisting the Committee with its scrutiny.

I am grateful to the CCC for its flexibility in this matter and I hope this resolution will be acceptable to you.

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