



The Scottish Parliament
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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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Dear Emma

Evidence to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on the draft Climate Change Plan

Thank you for the offer for a senior member of your team to provide the Committee with a private briefing on the Scottish Government's draft Climate Change Plan next week (week beginning Monday 2 February 2026).

The Committee discussed this proposal at our meeting yesterday. We agreed the CCC's views would be invaluable in helping us determine whether the draft successfully maps Scotland's path to meeting the carbon budgets. However, the Committee agreed to request that this session take place in public. This is because we take seriously our role as a public-facing democratic institution serving the people of Scotland, and believe that, wherever possible, evidence and information on important matters should be provided and discussed in public.

If the CCC is willing in principle to give evidence in public but might need to reserve its public position in respect of specific matters it might be asked about because it is still deliberating them, that is of course understood. It would be sufficient to briefly explain this if it were to arise in the course of the evidence session.

Given the urgency of this matter – in effect this proposed evidence session would have to take place sometime next week – I would be grateful for a response by noon on Friday 30 January.

I am CCing the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy into this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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