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Dear Convener,

I am writing to highlight a material change in how public electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure is now counted and reported across the UK, which will have an immediate impact on how the Scottish Government reports EV charge point numbers.

Following a [UK-wide methodology change led by the UK Department for Transport \(DfT\) and its data provider, Zapmap](#), on 26 February this year, the topline metric has been changed from counting “charge points” to counting “EV chargers”.

As some charge points (typically rapid and ultra rapid charge points) are capable of charging two EVs simultaneously, the term EV charger is now being used to count how many EVs can be charged simultaneously by charge points across the public charging network with the aim of better demonstrating overall network capacity, using a more internationally consistent means of measurement.

For Scotland, this means our headline figure has therefore changed from “over 7,400 public charge points” to “over 12,000 public EV chargers”. This does not represent a change in physical infrastructure, but a change in how this physical infrastructure is counted using the new methodology outlined above.

This change will necessitate a review of the target for public EV charging as the commitment to enable delivery of approximately 24,000 additional public charge points by 2030 is based on counting a metric, “charge points”, for which the data will no longer be officially published, making it harder to allow ready comparison with the rest of the UK. It will also require revision of the target for approximately 6,000 of additional public charge points being delivered by our £30 million EV Infrastructure Fund, as both of these figures count different things, as explained above. Officials are currently looking at how best to update these figures, so they align with the new methodology and with the aim of publishing revised figures later in 2026.

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I am highlighting this change with the aim of ensuring continuing clarity and transparency regarding Scotland's public EV charging infrastructure, I hope you find this information helpful and I would be happy to provide any further detail should it be required.

Yours sincerely,

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**Cabinet Secretary for Transport**

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