



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Climate Action Committee

Gillian Martin MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs  
Scottish Government

**Monday 29 June 2026**

Dear Gillian,

### **The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan**

Congratulations on your appointment as the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs. I look forward to working with you as Convener of the Climate Action Committee.

The Committee would like to invite you to give evidence on your priorities in your new role at a meeting on 17 September 2026. Ahead of this session, we agreed to write to you seeking an update on issues relating to the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan, the final version of which was published on 24 March 2026.

The final Plan included an Annex 4 on the how the final Plan had changed as a result of consultation and scrutiny. Having been published days before the end of the last Parliament, the committees which scrutinised the draft Plan did not have the opportunity to consider the final Plan or how their reports and letters had been considered in its development.

Our predecessor committee, Net Zero, Energy and Transport, summarised the circumstances which led to the timing of this publication in its [legacy report](#). It recommended that this Committee should engage with you early in Session 7 to avoid the scenario of scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan, and the Scottish Government's development and publication of the final Plan, at the end of a Session from happening again.

#### **The Committee seeks your views on:**

- **The period of time available to the Scottish Government to consider the representations from the Scottish Parliament on the draft Plan;**
- **How you intend to ensure that this situation, which has occurred in the last two sessions of Parliament, is not repeated in this Session.**

**The Committee also seeks a detailed update on engagement with local authorities in the development of the final Plan and since its publication, and**

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**details of how they will be supported to deliver the policies and proposals across all sectoral chapters of the Plan.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart McMillan MSP', written in a cursive style.

**Stuart McMillan MSP  
Convener**