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Dear Stuart,

Ahead of my appearance at the Climate Action Committee on 17 September, I am writing to update the Committee on my intentions in relation to the timing of the next Climate Change Plan.

I have carefully considered options for the publication date of the next Climate Change Plan, taking account of legislative requirements and stakeholder feedback - including that of the Climate Action Committee and its predecessor.

It is, therefore, my intention to publish a draft version of the next Plan in early 2030, with a view to finalising the Plan in January 2031. This is ahead of the final legislative deadline of 23 March 2031.

As the Committee will be aware, the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2024 introduced new requirements on the next plan, including a six month public consultation period. It is our intention for this to run concurrently with the 120-day period of Parliamentary scrutiny.

I look forward to discussing this and other issues at my forthcoming Committee appearance.



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