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Dear Stuart,

PUBLICATION OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS STATISTICS 2024 AND NITROGEN USE EFFICIENCY IN SCOTLAND REPORTS

First, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Convenor for the Climate Action Committee. I look forward to engaging with the Committee on the actions this Government will take in delivery of our climate change policies.

I am writing to advise that the Scottish Government published the 'Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2024' on 9th June. This has been laid in Parliament. Annex A within the report discharges the duty under Section 34A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 ("The Act"). As per section 42 of the Act, a copy of this is enclosed with this letter for your information.

The Greenhouse Gas Statistics show the progress in emission reduction of greenhouse gases in Scotland. Overall, there has been a 39.7 MtCO₂e (50.5 per cent) decrease in emissions between 1990 and 2024. In the latest year, total net emissions fell by 0.4 MtCO₂e (1.0 per cent).

Between 2023 and 2024, each sector showed relatively modest changes in emissions, with the majority of sectors reducing. The largest reduction was Industry – by 0.3 MtCO₂e, due to reduced fuel use. Conversely, International Aviation and Shipping increased by 0.2 MtCO₂e. Domestic Transport and buildings showed very slight increases.

Additionally, on the 9th June the Scottish Government also published the 'Nitrogen Use Efficiency in Scotland Annual Progress Report 2026'. This is complementary to the [Scottish Nitrogen Balance Sheet 2023](#), published on 19 May 2026.

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The Progress Report, as specified under regulation 5(1)(c) of the Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022, has been laid in Parliament and is enclosed within this letter for your information. The Scottish Nitrogen Balance Sheet allows for tracking of nitrogen flows across different parts of Scotland's economy and environment and provides summary estimates of how efficiently nitrogen is being used which support emissions reduction planning in Scotland.

The Progress Report provides an assessment of progress towards implementing proposals and policies relevant to improving nitrogen use efficiency in Scotland, future opportunities for improvements and how nitrogen use efficiency is expected to contribute to the achievement of future emission reduction targets.

If you would like further information on either the Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2024 or the Nitrogen Use Efficiency in Scotland Annual Progress Report, this can be provided by contacting climatechangeplan@gov.scot.



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