Following publication of the draft 2016/17 budget, I am writing to advise of plans to publish, as in previous years, a summary of funding for climate change mitigation measures.

In response to a recommendation made by the Finance Committee in its report on the Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13 (December 2011), a document has been placed in SPICe every year since 2012 summarising the principal lines within the Scottish Government’s draft budget which support the delivery of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is not part of the formal draft budget documentation, which includes a statutory carbon assessment setting out the implications of the Scottish Government’s spending plans on greenhouse gas emissions, and is produced separately to aid scrutiny of the budget. The summary is published as soon as reasonably practicable after publication of the level 4 data on which it is based.

In line with previous practice, it is planned to place a summary of funding for climate change mitigation measures in the draft 2016/17 budget in SPICe as soon as possible. You will be notified when this information is available.

I am copying this letter to all committees of the Scottish Parliament.

with kind regards,

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