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Dear Graeme,

The Scottish Government is committed to keeping Scotland at the forefront of global efforts to tackle climate change and to maintaining an evidence-based approach to emission reduction targets. As part of this commitment, I commissioned advice from the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) on the appropriate levels, forms and mechanisms of the targets for a Climate Change Bill. I welcome the publication, on 22 March, of the CCC's report setting out its recommendations and have written to Lord Deben to thank the CCC for its continuing contribution.

The Scottish Government is carefully considering the CCC's advice and will shortly be commencing a programme of consultation in relation to this. This programme will be launched with an Opening Dialogue event at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation on 19 April and will continue with a series of one-to-one discussions and tailored sessions, followed by a public consultation.

I hope that this information is useful.

Yours
Roseanna

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