Dear Jenny,

Linkages between the work of the ECCLR Committee and Audit Scotland

Thank you for your letter of 19 April on the linkages between the work of parliamentary committees and Audit Scotland.

To date this Committee has not engaged directly with the work of Audit Scotland but we recognise that there is scope for greater linkages to be made between the work of committees and the Auditor General.

Based on our focus over the past year and strategic priorities the Committee considered possible areas for scrutiny that could complement our work. These could include focusing on:

- preventative spend;
- climate change leadership and governance across the public sector;
- implementation of public sector duties in relation to climate change;
- performance of key agencies and bodies (e.g. SNH, SEPA, Scottish Water, SRUC);
- approval and delivery of public agency projects, including projects delivered by third parties, security of funding streams (particularly revenue funding) and sustainability; and monitoring of the success of projects in terms of impacts, and
- delivery of environmental and climate change objectives and outcomes through pillars 1 and 2 of the CAP.
We would be pleased to discuss these with you or to provide additional information and would welcome an indication from you, in due course, of Audit Scotland’s interest in pursuing these topics.

Yours sincerely,

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