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Dear Graeme,

### **Public Bodies' Climate Sector Duty – New Bodies**

Thank you for your letter of 5 October regarding the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's queries on public bodies climate change reporting duties.

The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015 came into force on 23 November 2015, and lists the public bodies required to comply with the climate change reporting duties. To revise the list of public bodies required to report Scottish Ministers must amend the Order through secondary legislation.

Newly formed public bodies that fall outwith the scope of the 2015 Order have the opportunity to report on a voluntary basis. The Scottish Government welcomes voluntary reporting, and funds the Sustainable Scotland Network to provide a range of support to those public bodies who wish to do this.

The Scottish Government continues to engage with public bodies on the operation of the climate change reporting legislation to ensure that it supports all relevant public bodies to optimise their climate change action, and will seek to amend the 2015 Order, to incorporate relevant new public bodies such as the Scottish Land Commission, within the current parliamentary session.

Yours,

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