Dear Roseanna,

Environmental Implications for Scotland of the UK exiting the EU

I am writing following the meeting of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee on 23 January 2018 at which it heard from academics and stakeholders on the environmental implications for Scotland to the UK exiting the EU.

This was a valuable session and the Committee agreed to bring the official report to your attention. In addition, the Committee agreed that I should write to you seeking further information on a number of areas. I would therefore be grateful if you could clarify:

- What progress is the Scottish Government making in identifying areas where common frameworks covering environmental issues will be required?
  - Over what timescale would the Scottish Government like to see such common frameworks in place?
  - Has the Scottish Government identified any environmental issues where the development of a common framework should be prioritised?
- What consideration has the Scottish Government given to enshrining key principles of EU environmental law, such as polluter pays, animal sentience and the precautionary principle, in Scottish statute?
- What challenges does the Scottish Government foresee in the development of common frameworks and what steps is it taking to mitigate these?
- What is the Scottish Government’s position on the future governance and enforcement of environmental standards in Scotland and across the UK including:
  - what structures and organisations will be required?
  - what resources will be required?
Can the Scottish Government provide further detail on the work of the Roundtable on the Environment and Climate Change?

How are stakeholders being involved in discussions about the creation of common frameworks on environmental issues and how have these been informing progress?

What is the Scottish Government’s view on the role that the Joint Ministerial Committee could play in the development and implementation of common frameworks?

The Committee would welcome a response to these questions by **20 February 2018**. I have copied this correspondence to the Conveners of the Finance and Constitution Committee and the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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- **Joan McAlpine MSP**, Convener of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee