Dear Roseanna,

**Progress in meeting Biodiversity Targets**

As you will be aware, the Committee heard evidence this week from Scottish Government officials and SNH on progress in meeting the biodiversity targets for 2020.

The Committee was not re-assured by what it heard and will return to this issue following the summer recess, when the report of the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee on biodiversity and biodiversity reporting duties has been published.

In the meantime, the Committee would encourage the Scottish Government and SNH to give further consideration to the necessary resource, activity and implementation measures that are required to deliver outcomes on the ground and bring us closer to meeting the targets. The Committee would welcome an update on developments with regard to the above mentioned, ahead of its returning to the subject. We look forward to progressing discussions with you on this in the autumn.

In the meantime, I hope the forthcoming recess affords you the opportunity of a well-earned break.

Yours sincerely,

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