Dear John,

**Roundtable on Environment and Climate Change**

I am grateful to the Committee for its letter of 21 June 2018 concerning the Roundtable on Environment and Climate Change’s report on environmental governance in Scotland after EU withdrawal. I also appreciated the inclusion of the interesting and helpful SPICe report on international approaches to the incorporation of environmental principles in domestic legislation.

Further to my correspondence of 1 June and the publication of the Roundtable’s report, officials have been considering the environmental monitoring, reporting and enforcement measures that may be necessary in the event of the UK leaving the EU. We are currently developing a consultation, due to be launched before the end of the year, which will invite views from stakeholders and the wider public. This will include consideration of short term as well as longer term measures. Following this we will be better placed to determine the next steps and any further action required.

At this stage I have not commissioned any further work from the Roundtable although my officials have had further conversations with the subgroup who prepared their report.

I look forward to further engagement with the committee on these important and complex issues going forward.

Yours,

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