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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Draft Budget 2012-13 – Low Carbon Scotland: The Draft Proposals and Policies update

The Committee is to shortly undertake its scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2013-14, including taking evidence on the budgetary requirements necessary within its portfolio towards targets within the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

To undertake this scrutiny effectively the Committee expected that the update of the Low Carbon Scotland: The Draft Proposals and Policies document would be provided prior to subject committees undertaking budget scrutiny.

The Finance Committee recommended in last year's budget report *"that there is a need for all subject committees to consider climate change issues as part of their budget scrutiny and the need for a clear read-across between relevant documents to ensure effective scrutiny. The Committee also agrees that for this scrutiny to be effective there is a need for a clear read across between the Scottish Government's Report on Proposals and Policies in meeting its emissions reductions targets and the draft budget."*¹

The Committee therefore requests that the updated report be made available in time for subject committees taking oral evidence on the Draft Budget 2012-13.

Kind regards,

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Convener

cc. Members of the Committee

¹ <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/45087.aspx#i>