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Thank you for your letter, dated 6 September 2012 and sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, concerning scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2013-14 and publication of the second climate change Report on Proposals and Policies (RPP2). I am replying as climate change policy falls within my Ministerial responsibilities.

Work to prepare RPP2 is progressing but the report is not yet complete and it is not therefore possible to send the Committee a copy at this time.

The final version of the first climate change report on proposals and policies (RPP1) was published in March 2011 and covers the period 2010-2022. Although elements of the investment made under the 2013-14 Budget are likely to have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions in the period 2023-2027, RPP1 remains relevant and will continue to be so even after RPP2 is published.

The focus of RPP2 is on the medium to long term, specifically the second batch of annual emissions targets, for the period 2023-2027. The report will also contain an assessment of the progress towards implementing the proposals and policies set out in the first report (RPP1), which focussed on 2010-2022. Ministers may make adjustments to those measures if they consider it appropriate to do so.

The financial costs of the measures set out in RPP1, and the costs of measures contained in future RPPs, will fall across government, business and consumers. Scottish Government climate change funding is often allocated at Level 4 or below. Details of Level 4 breakdowns for the 2013-14 draft Budget will be placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre and passed to subject committees. The Scottish Government will continue to work to ensure that, in so far as is reasonably practicable, information about the funding of measures intended to help the achievement of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets is available to assist the scrutiny of draft budgets.

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