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Dear Graeme

THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

Thank you for your letter of 22 November seeking an update on several consultations and strategies which will be produced in 2017.

In determining the date for publishing the final Climate Change Plan following parliamentary scrutiny, Scottish Ministers will take into account the complex interactions between the other consultations you mention.

As the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy explained in Parliament, we will consider the responses made to the consultations on both unconventional oil and gas and the draft Energy Strategy for Scotland.

We will review the Scottish Forestry Strategy during the period of the current Land Use Strategy (2016-2021). The review will aim to ensure that the Scottish Forestry Strategy reflects changing priorities and that it aligns with key Scottish Government policies.

We are committed to a collaborative review of the National Transport Strategy and are intending to launch a consultation in 2018. The review will be undertaken in the context of the policies and proposals set out in our Climate Change Plan.

Yours

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