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Dear Roseanna,

### **Forthcoming publication of the final Climate Change Plan**

I am writing, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, regarding the publication of the final Climate Change Plan in February 2018.

As you may remember from your evidence to the Committee on the draft Climate Change Plan on 21 February 2017, you said:

*“I need to think very carefully about the best time to finalise the climate change plan to ensure that we take on board views from the whole of the parliamentary scrutiny process, which obviously involves a number of committees, and from further and deeper engagement with key stakeholders.*

*We are committed to further development of the framework to ensure that it is embedded in the plan and allows Parliament to scrutinise delivery of the plan. We would expect work in Government to continue to create a suite of indicators for the entire plan, and we will work with the Committee on Climate Change and this committee to see how we can make the framework as robust, transparent and useful as possible. I am happy to meet you, convener, if you want to be part of the process of developing that robustness. We are also committed to publishing an annual monitoring summary from 2018 onwards. Again, I am happy to talk to you, convener, about that.”<sup>1</sup>*

In subsequent [correspondence](#) to you on the 29 September 2017, the Committee sought an update on behalf of the Committee on progress towards finalisation of the Plan. In that letter, I also asked a series of specific questions

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<sup>1</sup> Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, [Official Report](#), 21 February 2017, Col 42

on how the Committee might provide “its views on how it could be made even more robust”<sup>2</sup>.

Your [response](#) to the letter however made no reference on how the Committee will be involved in developing the final Plan.

As such, I am writing on behalf of the Committee again to seek detail ahead of the publication of the final Plan and, in the absence of information as to how you intend to involve the Committee in the process of developing final Plan, to invite you to give evidence on this at a meeting of the Committee on 30 January 2018, ahead of which the Committee would expect to see a working copy of the final Plan, including the monitoring and evaluation framework.

I also seek assurances of the involvement of stakeholders, including the Committee on Climate Change, in the process of developing the Plan and providing their views on policies and proposals. I would expect this detail to go beyond the work of the Advisory Group, which you have indicated is focussed on engagement and (as detailed in your 28 July [correspondence](#)), not on the substance of the Plan. The Committee would like to know how stakeholders have been involved in the development of the content of the Plan, including alterations to the carbon envelopes and development of detailed policy and accompanying plans.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information to the Committee by 23 January 2018:

- A list of the TIMES Model runs which have been undertaken since the Committee’s report was published, including a comprehensive list of the variables which have been added to runs (such as those in the Programme for Government) since the publication of the draft Plan; and
- The date on which the final Climate Change Plan will be published.

The Committee has already stated its commitment to scrutiny of the final plan with a view to ensuring it is as strong as possible and capable of meeting the challenges ahead. We share the Scottish Government’s ambition for tackling climate change in Scotland and, to this end, look forward to hearing from you on the matters raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Graeme Dey MSP  
Convener  
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

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<sup>2</sup> Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, [Official Report](#), 21 February 2017, Col 21