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Dear Ms Baker

Today the Just Transition Commission has published its 2023 annual report, titled Time to Deliver.

This report has been prepared to provide an assessment of Scotland's progress in achieving a just transition. It is intended as a resource for not only policymakers but for all companies, communities, workers and researchers engaged in the collective project of building a just transition.

The reports key messages distil some of the major insights and findings from the Commission's work this year:

1. The current path will not deliver a just transition.
2. Scotland's just transition requires a genuine whole-of-government approach to delivery.
3. Public procurement is key to unlocking a just transition.
4. The time for difficult conversations is now

In light of recent public debate and political announcements surrounding fairness and the approach to Net Zero, the annual report also contains a statement on fairness and the low carbon economy. This can be found on page 11. The Commission is clear that aspiration to achieve a just transition must never be used as rhetorical cover for inaction or delay. Bold and innovative planning and delivery to support a just transition will be the key enabler of the kinds of changes that lie ahead.

As the report notes, we were very pleased to deepen our engagement and collaboration with the Economy and Fair Work Committee during 2023 and we look forward to building on this next year. If the Committee has any questions or would like to discuss the report in detail, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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Satwat Rehman, Co-Chair Just Transition Commission