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## PUBLICATION OF THE SCOTTISH NITROGEN BALANCE SHEET

Dear Convener,

I am writing to advise that the Scottish Government has published its next iteration of the [Scottish Nitrogen Balance Sheet \(SNBS\)](#) following on from the publication of the first version in December 2021.

To accompany this release, a Progress Report has been laid in Parliament with a copy attached within this letter for your information.

This publication has been developed through utilising multiple datasets and offers an understanding of, and a method for tracking, the flow of nitrogen across different parts of Scotland's economy and environment.

By offering an insight into the flow of nitrogen used across Scotland's economy and environment, the SNBS is able to provide summary calculations regarding how efficiently nitrogen is currently being used (provided in the form of national metrics) and ultimately supporting Scotland's national climate change targets.

If you would like further information on SNBS this can be provided by contacting my official Sean Jamieson. \_\_\_\_\_

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