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**Net Zero, Energy and Transport  
Committee**

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Tuesday 19 December 2023

Dear George,

**Scottish Government timescales for introducing a Land Reform Bill and the draft Climate Change Plan**

We met earlier this year to discuss the Scottish Government's Programme for Government and the timescales for introducing legislation and policy documents to Parliament for scrutiny, and our conversation was a constructive one. Meetings of this sort can be helpful to committees in designing their work programme.

However, we have in recent weeks learned of a delay to the introduction of both a [Land Reform Bill](#) and the next [Climate Change Plan](#).

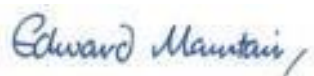
Because of uncertainty over future work, the Committee had a discussion about its immediate work programme on Tuesday 19 December. I would also intend us to have a more strategic work programme discussion in January. Clarity on when these two areas of work will be initiated is crucial to help the Committee plan its future work effectively, and I ask the Scottish Government to provide that clarity as soon as possible.

We will also be considering our ongoing consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill following our [request for an extension to the Stage One deadline](#). (I am grateful to you and your officials for the helpful way this request has been dealt with.) This is to allow the Committee to consider the Scottish Government's Waste Route Map which was due to be published in 2023 during our deliberations on the Bill. We look forward to receiving this from the Minister for Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Green Skills to allow us to complete our scrutiny.

I have copied in the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition and the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

I look forward to hearing from you and would welcome a response by 15 January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP

Convener

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**CC**

Màiri McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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