



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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Dear Màiri,

Scottish Government Draft Climate Change Plan

I am writing to seek clarity on when the Scottish Government intends to lay a draft of its next Climate Change Plan in the Scottish Parliament.

You had previously indicated to the Committee this would be in November 2023.¹ In September, the First Minister told Parliament this would be by the “end of this year”.²

Following UK Government announcements on climate policies on 20 September³, you told the Parliament you were reconsidering the timing of the laying of the draft Plan.⁴ The First Minister also confirmed this to the Conveners Group.⁵

The Committee has proposed a collaborative approach to scrutiny⁶ and several committees have set aside time in their work programmes to consider a draft based on this being laid in November. So that we may all have clarity for forward planning purposes, I would appreciate an update as to when you intend to lay the draft.

I would welcome a reply by 9 November 2023.

¹ [Letter](#) from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport to the Convener - 18 November 2022

² Scottish Parliament, [Official Report](#), 14 September 2023, Col 17

³ UK Government (2023). [PM recommits UK to Net Zero by 2050 and pledges a “fairer” path to achieving target to ease the financial burden on British families](#)

⁴ Scottish Parliament, [Official Report](#), 21 September 2023, Col 103

⁵ Convener’s Group, [Official Report](#), 27 September 2023, Col 3

⁶ [Letter](#) to Committee Conveners from the Convener of the NZET Committee on scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan – 3 July 2023

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener

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