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27 November 2024

Dear Edward,

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Both are key to the Scottish Government's Strategic Framework for Biodiversity alongside the introduction of statutory targets for nature in a new Natural Environment Bill in year 4 of this Parliament.

I have also written to the RAINE Committee and a copy of this letter is included for information.

Yours sincerely,

**Alasdair Allan**

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