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Dear Edward,

Following the recent Cabinet reshuffle, I am writing to provide the Committee with a breakdown of responsibilities across my new Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (WENZE) portfolio, as agreed with the First Minister.

The table at Annex A sets out the responsibilities which I now lead on as well as those within my portfolio which are delegated to my junior Ministers (noting that some of these Ministers have additional responsibilities within other Ministerial portfolios).

Transport, which was previously part of my TNZJT portfolio, now sits with the new Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Fiona Hyslop MSP, supported by the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Jim Fairlie MSP and the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, & Tenants' Rights, Patrick Harvie MSP. A breakdown of the responsibilities of Ms Hyslop and her supporting Ministers can be found at Annex B.

The remaining elements of the NZET Committee remit continue to sit with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands, Mairi Gougeon MSP, supported by the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity on natural resources and peatland elements.

I hope this is helpful.

MAIRI MCALLAN

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Annex A – Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy Ministerial portfolio responsibilities

Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy	Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade	Minister for Energy, Just Transition and Fair Work	Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants' Rights	Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Mairi McAllan MSP	Richard Lochhead MSP	Gillian Martin MSP	Patrick Harvie MSP	Lorna Slater MSP
<p><u>Economic Growth Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Business, industry & manufacturing • Wellbeing economy & Inclusive Growth • National Strategy for Economic Transformation • Green Industrial Strategy • Long-term labour market strategy • Enterprise Agencies • Scottish National Investment Bank • Office of the Chief Economic Adviser • Entrepreneurship • Regional economic partnerships • Support for Economic Transformation • Engagement with UKG on Shared prosperity fund, levelling up fund, ESIF • Oil and Gas • Energy Systems <p><u>Infrastructure Investment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clyde Mission • City & Regional Growth Deals • Government investments (Prestwick, Fergusons, BiFab) <p><u>Net Zero</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-government coordination of net zero policy • Climate crisis and environmental protection • Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) • Environmental Quality • Sustainable Development • Physical and Marine Environment • Flood Prevention & Coastal Erosion • Drinking Water Quality Regulator, Private Water, Hydronation • Water quality & Scottish Water • Marine Planning • Environmental and climate justice • Just Transition Fund • Emissions Trading Schemes • International Climate Change • Heat and Energy Efficiency Scotland Agency • Decarbonisation of Buildings • Physical & marine environment 	<p><u>Sectoral Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism & Hospitality • Construction • Aerospace Industries • Life Sciences • Financial Services & Fintech • Space Sector • Subsidy Control Regime (formerly known as State Aid) • Enterprise, Innovation and Increasing Productivity • Scientific Engagement & Advice <p><u>Digital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Economy and Strategy • Participation • Connectivity (inc, 100% Broadband & Connecting Scotland) <p><u>Trade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Green Freeports • Trade & Inward Investment • Global Capital Investment • Trade policy & Fair Trade • Advanced Manufacturing <p><u>Cities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities Investment & Strategy • City Centre Recovery Taskforce 	<p><u>Energy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Policy & Strategy • Energy Consents • Hydrogen • Carbon Capture Utilisation & Storage • Industrial Decarbonisation • Offshore Wind, Wave and Tidal • Fuel Poverty <p><u>Just Transition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Transition Planning, Delivery, and Monitoring including Just Transition Commission • Green Growth Accelerator <p><u>Fair Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Wage & Living Hours • Employability programmes • Effective worker voice, incl. trade unions • Workplace Employment and Equalities incl. gender, disability & race employment, addressing the pay gap • Four Day Working Week • PACE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel # • Cycling Infrastructure # • Innovation Supporting Active Travel Outcomes # • Energy Efficiency • Heat Networks • Heating and Domestic Energy Transformation • Heat in Buildings Programme • Future Generations Commissioner • New Deal for Tenants * • Building Standards * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Skills • Circular Economy, including the Deposit Return Scheme & Waste Issues • Zero Waste Scotland • Nature Recovery Targets (including Natural Environment Bill) • NatureScot % • Biodiversity (including Endangered Species) • National Parks and Natural Heritage • Plant Health ~

- # - in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport
- *in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
- % in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (on biodiversity aspects and for support on corporate governance aspects, which sit within the Cabinet Secretary's area of responsibility) and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (on peatland restoration and wildlife aspects).
- ~ in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

Annex B – Transport Ministerial portfolio responsibilities

Cabinet Secretary for Transport	Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity	Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants' Rights
Fiona Hyslop MSP	Jim Fairlie MSP	Patrick Harvie MSP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Transport Strategy • Strategic Transport Projects Review • Public Transport Policy • Accessible transport • Decarbonisation and just transition of transport • 20% reduction in car kms • Rail Services • Freight Industry • Low Emission Zones • Ferry Services • Roads & road safety • Transport resilience & major events • Maritime policy and Ports • Transport Infrastructure Improvement Projects • Traffic Scotland, Transport data, and information systems • Sponsorship of Transport Bodies (except HIAL and Scottish Canals) 	<p><u>Rural</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture % • Animal Health and Welfare % • Wildlife Management and Crime % • Natural Resources and Peatland % • Crofting % • Rural Portfolio impacts of Brexit and Retained EU Law Act % • Allotments and Community Food Growing % <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation & Air Services (including HIAL) • Island Connectivity • Bus Services and Concessionary Fares • Scottish Canals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel • Cycling Infrastructure • Innovation Supporting Active Travel Outcomes • Energy Efficiency ^ • Heat Networks^ • Heating and Domestic Energy Transformation^ • Heat in Buildings Programme^ • Future Generations Commissioner^ • New Deal for Tenants * • Building Standards *

- %in support of Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform, & Islands
- ^in support of Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy
- *in support of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice