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Dear Edward,

Storms have battered Scotland this winter and 2023 was confirmed as the world's hottest year on record. Both are a stark reminder that we are living with the twin crises of climate change and nature loss.

I believe partnership between the Scottish Government and Parliament is vital to tackling these crises in a way that is fair, inclusive and effective; and I welcome the NZET Committee's appetite to engaging both on mitigation and adaptation as part of our just transition to net zero.

I am writing to you with regards to the Scottish National Adaptation Plan. As you will be aware, the Scottish Ministers have a legal duty, through the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to publish a national Adaptation Plan every 5 years. On 31 January, we will be launching a public consultation on a draft Plan which will set out how Scotland can build resilience to increasing hot weather, flooding and other climate impacts. This consultation on the draft Plan will inform development of the final Adaptation Plan that will be laid in the Scottish Parliament in the Autumn.

My Officials are in contact with NZET Committee clerks on these matter, however allow me to take this opportunity to invite the NZET Committee to participate in these next stages of developing the final Adaptation Plan.

Indeed, my officials stand ready to present any further details as needed, and I would welcome an opportunity to discuss the draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan - and connected proposals on climate adaptation contained in the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, the Water, Wastewater and Drainage public consultation and the forthcoming consultation on a Flood Resilience Strategy – with NZET Committee members in the months ahead.

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Yours sincerely,

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