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Dear Edward

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill – SLC Advice**

Thank you for your letter asking whether I am able to set out in writing my views on the Scottish Land Commission's recent advice on Part 1 of the Bill and its supplementary evidence to your Committee on Part 2. I appreciate that you are keen for the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to be as informed as possible at the session. I am also keen to be as helpful as I can to aid your scrutiny of the proposals.

While I welcome the SLC's work, I am carefully considering its recommendations alongside wider stakeholder views. I also want to consider its advice alongside the Committee's recommendations in its Stage 1 report. Because of this, I do not feel it would be appropriate to set out my views on the SLC's proposals at this time.

I am however grateful for the Committee's thorough scrutiny of the Bill and I look forward to discussing the proposals with you at next week's evidence session.

Yours sincerely,

**MAIRI GOUGEON**

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