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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill – SLC advice

I am writing to you further to the Scottish Land Commission's recent [advice to you on Part 1](#) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, and their [supplementary evidence to the Committee on Part 2](#). Both documents suggest various changes to improve the Bill.

I look forward to your appearance before the Committee on 18 February, which will conclude our Stage 1 evidence on the Bill. With so many issues to cover during that session, and in order to ensure it is as informed and focussed as possible, it would be very helpful if, ahead of that session, you were able to set out in writing your views on each of the SLC's proposals, including whether you intend to implement them if the Bill proceeds to amending stages.

I appreciate you may not yet have a finalised position on all these matters, but understanding your current thinking would be very useful.

With apologies for the tight deadline, I would be grateful for a response by **Wednesday 12 February** so that the Committee is able to reflect on your views ahead of our evidence session.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP, Convener

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