

Please provide any information, briefings, advice, emails or analysis for the period 01 January to 11 May 2019 in relation to the amendments to the Climate Change Bill to set a legally binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

From: (REDACTED) **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Sent: 01 May 2019 18:38
To: EnvironmentClimateChangeandLandReformcommittee <ecclr.committee@parliament.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <CabSecECCLR@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Roseanna Cunningham MSP - Committee on Climate Change advice

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Please see attached letter from Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform regarding the Committee on Climate Change advice and the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets)(Scotland) Bill. **Please note that this letter and its contents are strictly embargoed until 00:01 on Thursday 02 May.**

Kind regards

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ATTACHMENT – LETTER FROM ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
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2 May 2019

Dear Gillian

CLIMATE CHANGE (EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS) (SCOTLAND) BILL –RESPONSE TO CCC ADVICE

As the Committee is aware, the Scottish Government’s policy is to always strive for the most ambitious, credible and responsible climate targets. The UK Committee on Climate Change (CCC) has today published its advice on Scottish, Welsh and UK targets in light of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC Special Report. The CCC recommends that Scotland should now set a target for net-zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045, provided that UK-wide ambition is raised to net-zero by 2050.

The Scottish Government has responded to this advice by sending for lodging a package of government amendments to the Climate Change Bill. These would, if agreed by the Committee at Stage 2, implement the CCC’s advice by setting a target date of 2045 for net-zero emissions of all greenhouse gases and increasing the levels of the 2030 and 2040 targets to 70% and 90% reductions respectively. These proposals represent the most stretching climate targets anywhere in the world. The amendments also cover a range of consequential and associated changes, further information on which is set out in Annex A.

The CCC’s report states that the Scottish target recommendations “are contingent on the UK adopting a net-zero GHG target for 2050, given the importance of reserved UK policy levers alongside devolved action”. As such, we have proposed these targets in good faith that the UK Government will also act swiftly upon the CCC’s advice by updating the targets in the 2008 UK Act and strengthen its commitment to delivering the required emissions reductions through domestic action. In this regard, I continue to note with concern that the UK Government’s own projections show it to be off track from meeting its existing carbon budgets for the 2020s and 2030s, which are aligned to its current 2050 target of an 80% reduction. I have written today to the UK Government to request an urgent meeting to agree a collaborative approach to achieving the targets recommended by the CCC. A copy of this letter is attached as Annex B.

In its Stage 1 report, the Committee called upon the Scottish Government to act in line with the highest credible target ambition recommended by the CCC. This is exactly the approach we have taken and it is my hope that the Parliament can now find a strong cross-party consensus around such targets through the remainder of the Bill process.

I look forwards to discussing these matters further with the Committee during the Stage 2 sessions.

Yours sincerely

Roseanna Cunningham

Annex A – further information on package of amendments

In addition to the main changes proposed to headline targets in line with the CCC’s advice, the package of amendments we have sent for lodging makes a range of consequential and associated changes.

A number of the amendments are to ensure the 2050 target is removed from the Bill and the 2009 Act, as this would now fall after the net-zero emissions target date of 2045. Others adjust the annual targets to take account of the net-zero emissions target year.

The amendments also propose to retain and further tighten the current Bill limitations around any future modification of the net-zero emissions target year and/or interim target levels. We have included these changes now, as bringing such amendments forward later would require adjustment

of the key amendments on the headline targets. These proposed changes, which are in line with commitments made in our response to the Committee's Stage 1 Report, are as follows;

- The Bill already means that Ministers can only propose, through secondary legislation, any moving backwards of the net-zero emissions target year / lowering of interim target levels if the CCC has advised this. The amendments further limit this power to situations where the CCC has advised such modifications with specific reference to changes in scientific knowledge about climate change and/or international carbon reporting practice.
- Upon receipt of CCC advice saying that the net-zero emissions target year / interim target levels should be modified (in either direction), Ministers must publish a statement setting out how they intend to respond within 3 months.

Subject to the usual administrative scrutiny of proposed amendments, I expect our package of amendments to appear in today's Daily List and tomorrow's Business Bulletin. My officials would be happy to share draft text of the package of amendments with you during the course of today, if you require any more detail before they appear in the Daily List.

Annex B – letter to UK Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth

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Claire Perry MP
Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and
Industrial Strategy

This morning I have responded immediately to the UK Committee on Climate Change's advice by lodging amendments to the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill. The amendments will mean greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland must reduce reach net-zero by 2045.

You will have noted however that the CCC say that achieving this is "contingent on the UK adopting a net-zero GHG target for 2050, given the importance of reserved UK policy levers alongside devolved action". I invite the UK Government to act immediately and legislate for a net-zero GHG target for 2050 at the latest, and to make progress on a specific list of reserved policies, on issues referred to by the CCC, appended to this letter.

For obvious reasons I think an urgent meeting between the two of us is needed so we can agree how to collaborate and end our countries' contribution to climate change as soon possible. I would

be happy to travel to London for this meeting and I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Roseanna Cunningham

cc.

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK Government

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK Government

Secretary of State for Transport, UK Government

Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

APPENDIX

I invite the UK Government to act immediately and legislate for a net-zero GHG target for 2050 at the latest, and:

1. Accelerate deployment of fully operational carbon capture utilisation and storage facilities.
2. Accelerate action to decarbonise the gas grid, and consider the balance of taxes across different heating fuels to enable affordable low-carbon heating in homes and businesses across Scotland.
3. Re-design vehicle and tax incentives to support industry and business investment in zero emission and sustainable transport choices.
4. Commit to adhering to future EU emission standards regardless of our position in relation to the EU.
5. Reduce VAT on energy efficiency improvements in homes.
6. Ensure continued support for the renewables industry.

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Subject: Immediate: STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 00:01 2 MAY - Committee on Climate Change Advice

Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers as above

Copy to: as above

COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADVICE

The Committee on Climate Change will publish advice to Scottish, Welsh and UK Governments on greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets at 00:01 tomorrow (Thursday). The report includes recommendations on when to set statutory target dates for net-zero emissions and advice on how reductions might be delivered across key sectors of the economy. The Scottish Government has committed to act on the Committee's advice on Scottish targets.

A factual summary of the advice - strictly embargoed until publication at 00:01 am on 2 May - is attached. This includes top lines to take and portfolio summaries of key recommendations.

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ATTACHMENT - BRIEFING ON COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADVICE ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

- We have acted immediately with amendments to our Bill to set a net-zero target for 2045 and increase the targets for 2030 [to 70%] and 2040 [to 90%].

HEADLINE ADVICE ON TARGET LEVELS

The following recommendations for Scotland are “contingent on the UK adopting a net-zero GHG target for 2050, given the importance of reserved UK policy levers alongside devolved action.”

Scotland

- The Scottish Government should legislate to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. *[current Bill target is for a 90% reduction by 2050]*

From: (REDACTED)

Sent: 29 April 2019 15:48

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Subject: URGENT - Climate Change Bill: amendments in response to CCC advice

Importance: High

P/S Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Copy – as above

Please find attached an urgent priority submission to Ms Cunningham in relation to lodging government amendments to the Climate Change Bill to implement the CCC’s advice on targets. The contents of the submission and its annex fall within the embargo (until publication at 00:01 Thursday) on the contents of the CCC’s advice.

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ATTACHMENTS – CLIMATE CHANGE BILL AMENDMENTS MINUTE TO MS CUNNINGHAM & ANNEX A

From:

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Decarbonisation Division
29 April 2019

Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: AMENDMENTS IN RESPONSE TO CCC ADVICE

Purpose

1. To seek agreement to lodge, in your name, a set of Stage 2 amendments implementing the CCC’s advice on targets.

Priority

2. **URGENT.** We propose to send the amendments for lodging shortly after 16:30 on Wednesday.

Background

3. You have previously agreed to government amendments being prepared that implement any advice from the CCC that higher target ambition is now credible. The CCC's advice will be published at 00:01 on Thursday (2 May) and its contents remains under strict embargo until then.

Amendments

4. Officials have prepared a set of 38 amendments (attached as **Annex A** and subject to the usual minor drafting changes made when lodging) which implement the CCC's advice by proposing changes to the Bill:

- Setting a net-zero emissions target year of 2045 (amendment 1)
- Changing the levels of the 2030 target and 2040 target to 70% and 90% respectively (amendments 6 and 7)
- Making a range of consequential changes and associated changes, including removal of the 2050 target from the 2009 Act and Bill (as this would now fall after the net-zero target year) and adjusting the annual targets (to take account of the setting of the net-zero target year).

5. The amendments also retain and further tighten the current Bill limitations around any future modification of the net-zero target year and/or interim target levels. We propose to make these changes now, as bringing such amendments forward later would then require adjustment of the key amendments to the headline targets. These proposed changes, which are in line with commitments made in our response to the Committee's Stage 1 Report, are as follows;

- The Bill already means that Ministers can only propose, through secondary legislation, any moving backwards of the net-zero emissions target year / lowering of interim target levels if the CCC has advised this. The present amendments further limit this power to situations where the CCC has advised such modifications with specific reference to changes in scientific knowledge about climate change and/or international carbon reporting practice (amendments 1 and 12).
- Upon receipt of CCC advice saying that the net-zero emissions target year / interim target levels should be modified (in either direction), Ministers must publish a statement setting out how they intend to respond within 3 months (amendments 17 and 19).

6. We propose to send the amendments for lodging shortly after 16:30 on Wednesday. This is the earliest possible timing that would not break the CCC's embargo (via publication in the Daily List which includes all amendments lodged before 16:30 on that day) and minimises the risk of prior lodging of opposition amendments. Updated advice will be provided, as needed, if any such opposition amendments are lodged between now and 16:30 Wednesday.

Recommendations

7. You are invited to agree to lodging, in your name shortly after 16:30 on Wednesday 30 April, a set of Stage 2 amendments which implement the CCC's advice on targets [Annex A].

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For Information

	For Action	For Comments	Portfolio Interest	Constitutional Interest	General Awareness
Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans Leanne Dobson - Special Adviser DG Economy Kersti Berge – Director for Energy and Climate Change Clare Hamilton – DD for Decarbonisation (REDACTED) (REDACTED) (REDACTED) (REDACTED) (REDACTED) (REDACTED)			X		

ANNEX A Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2

Section 1

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 1, page 1, leave out lines 15 to 17 and insert—

<(2A) The “net-zero emissions target year” is 2045.

(2B) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (2A) so as to substitute for the year for the time being mentioned in that subsection—

(a) an earlier year, or

(b) a later year if—

(i) that later year is consistent with the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body, and

(ii) that advice states that the later year is appropriate on the basis of either scientific knowledge about climate change or current international carbon reporting practice (or both).

(2C) In preparing a draft of regulations to be made under subsection (2B), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—

(a) the target-setting criteria, and

(b) the most up-to-date advice they have received from the relevant body.>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 1, page 1, line 20, leave out <specify> and insert <modify>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 1, page 1, line 26, leave out from beginning to end of line 7 on page 2

Section 2

Roseanna Cunningham

Leave out section 2 and insert—

<**The 2050 target**

Section 1 of the 2009 Act and the italic cross heading immediately preceding it are repealed.>

Section 3

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 3, page 2, line 12, at end insert—

<“*The interim targets*”>

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In section 3, page 2, line 17, leave out <66%> and insert <70%>

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In section 3, page 2, line 18, leave out <78%> and insert <90%>

Section 4

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 2, line 23, leave out <2050 and>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 2, leave out line 26

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 2, line 29, leave out <section 1(1) or, as the case may be,>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 2, line 31, leave out <for the 2050 target or>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 2, line 33, at end insert—

<(aa) not, in that advice, stated to be appropriate on the basis of either scientific knowledge about climate change or current international carbon reporting practice (or both),>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 3, line 7, leave out <A1(2) which specify a net-zero emissions target year of 2050 or earlier> and insert <A1(2B) which modify the net-zero emissions target year to a year earlier than 2045>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 4, page 3, leave out line 10

Section 6

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 6, page 5, leave out line 7

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 6, page 5, line 31, leave out from beginning to <period,>

Section 8

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 8, page 6, line 20, leave out from <, and> to end of line 26 and insert—

<(3) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) within 3 months of receiving that advice publish a statement setting how they intend to respond to that advice, and
- (b) if they do not, within 12 months of receiving that advice, lay for approval a draft of regulations under section A1(2B) which modify the net-zero emissions target year to that year, make a statement to the Scottish Parliament setting out the reasons for not doing so.>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 8, page 6, line 28, leave out <the 2050 target or>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 8, page 6, line 30, leave out from <, and> to end of line 36 and insert—

<(5) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) within 3 months of receiving that advice publish a statement setting how they intend to respond to that advice, and
- (b) if they do not, within 12 months of receiving that advice, lay for approval a draft of regulations under section 2A(1) to make the advised modification to that percentage figure, make a statement to the Scottish Parliament setting out the reasons for not doing so.”.>

Section 9

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 4, leave out <2049> and insert <year before net-zero year>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 11, leave out <2049 (the “2041-2049 period”)> and insert <the year which immediately precedes any net-zero emissions target year after 2041 (the “final annual target period”)>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 28, leave out <2041-2049> and insert <final annual target period>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 30, leave out <figures> and insert <figure>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 31, leave out <the 2050 target> and insert <100%>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 7, line 35, leave out <2050> and insert <the net-zero emissions target year>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, line 3, leave out from beginning to <target> in line 4 and insert <Subsection (2) applies where regulations made under section A1(2B) modify the net-zero emissions target year to a>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, leave out line 7

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, line 13, at end insert—

<(2A) Where regulations made under section A1(2B) modify the net-zero emissions target year to a year which is after 2041, the relevant target figure applying by virtue of section 3 for a year which is before the net-zero emissions target year (as set by those regulations) is modified in accordance with subsection (3).>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, line 26, leave out <A1(2)> and insert <A1(2B)>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, line 31, leave out from <A1(2)> to end of line 32 and insert <A1(2B)>

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 9, page 8, line 34, leave out <the 2050 target or for>

Section 12

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 12, page 10, line 7, leave out from <if> to end of line 8

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 12, page 10, leave out line 9

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 12, page 10, line 24, leave out <is first specified or>

Section 19

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 19, page 16, line 14, leave out <, the 2050 target>

Section 20

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 20, page 18, line 14, leave out from beginning to <made,> in line 16

Roseanna Cunningham

In section 20, page 18, line 21, leave out <A1(2)> and insert <A1(2A)>

Schedule 1

Roseanna Cunningham

In the schedule, page 20, leave out lines 5 to 8

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Subject: FM PQ Answers

Please find attached, the answers to the FM PQs processed on 02/05/2019:-
S5F-03294

ATTACHMENT – ORAL ANSWER TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT
ORAL ANSWER**

2 May 2019

Index Heading: Economy

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Scottish Labour): To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address climate change.

S5F-03294

Nicola Sturgeon: As we have already debated today, there is a climate emergency, and we must all act accordingly. That is why the Scottish Government embraces today's report from the Committee on Climate Change and all that it contains. This morning, we lodged amendments to the Climate Change (Scotland) Bill that, if supported by Parliament, will set a net zero emissions target for 2045, meaning that Scotland's contribution to climate change will end within a generation. The amendments will also make us carbon neutral by 2040.

The committee's advice is clear: achieving those targets will depend on action by the United Kingdom Government as well as by the Scottish Government. Therefore, we have today written to the UK ministers, requesting an urgent meeting and a collaborative approach. I have already confirmed this morning that we will also update the current

	climate change plan within six months of the bill receiving royal assent, as has been recommended by the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.												
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	<p>From: (REDACTED) Sent: 08 May 2019 10:43 To: (REDACTED), (REDACTED), (REDACTED), (REDACTED); Hamilton C (Clare) <Clare.Hamilton@gov.scot> Subject: Gillian Martin's announcement on CCC report - exact text - 07 May 2019</p> <p>Hi everyone,</p> <p>(REDACTED) asked me to circulate the exact text of Gillian Martin's announcement from yesterday (07 May), which can be read below.</p> <p>The bold paragraphs mark statements on what the Committee is doing.</p> <p>Committee Announcement</p> <p>The Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh): The next item of business is a committee announcement. I call the convener of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, Gillian Martin, to make an announcement on its new inquiry into the report of the Committee on Climate Change.</p> <p>17:45</p> <p>Gillian Martin (Aberdeenshire East) (SNP): As convener of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, I welcome the opportunity to update members on the committee's recent work and its future plans, particularly in the light of developments last week on climate change, which is the biggest environmental and societal challenge that we face.</p> <p>The committee concluded its consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill and reported at stage 1 in March. However, before the committee moves to the amending stage of the bill, we agreed to consider and report on the advice on climate change targets from the United Kingdom Committee on Climate Change, which was released last week, on 2 May. That advice, which was published in the light of the Paris agreement and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change special report, which was released in the autumn of last year, recommends that Scotland should now set a target for net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045, provided that the UK-wide ambition is raised to net zero by 2050.</p>												

In our stage 1 report, we recommended that the bill should reflect the most ambitious targets that are set out in the advice from the CCC and that a revised climate change plan should be delivered within six months of the bill receiving royal assent. Therefore, we welcome the Scottish Government's speedy response to the CCC's advice. On the same day that the CCC's advice was published, the Government lodged a package of amendments to the bill, and the First Minister committed to updating the climate change plan in line with our schedule recommendations. If those amendments are agreed to at stage 2, they will implement the CCC's advice by setting a target date of 2045 for net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases and increasing the 2030 and 2040 interim targets to 70 per cent and 90 per cent reductions respectively.

Increasing our climate change ambitions offers clear potential for innovation, jobs, the economy, the environment and the wellbeing of the people of Scotland and beyond. We therefore welcome the Government's quick and decisive action.

We also recommended in our stage 1 report that the bill's journey through Parliament be timetabled to accommodate thorough and detailed scrutiny of the CCC's advice. **We therefore plan to hear evidence from the Committee on Climate Change next week and from the Scottish Government before we hear from two panels of stakeholders to explore their response to the CCC's advice and the impacts of that advice, and their views on the Scottish Government's response. Our committee will produce a report that is drawn from those sessions before we move to the amending stage.**

As all members of our committee have agreed, we need to raise our ambitions to tackle the single greatest threat to our existence on this planet and the most significant intergenerational justice issue of our day. With the CCC's timely advice and the Government's swift response, we welcome the opportunity to explore in the coming weeks how we will do that.

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