

2. EIR Review- Advice on a Credible Climate Change Plan

Advice on a Credible Climate Change Plan: timeline/dependencies

We are at a critical point now where we need to put advice to Ministers on how/whether a credible Climate Change Plan (CCP) can be published in draft by November, in line with the Bute House Agreement commitment. This advice is complex, as it has several distinct, but inter-related components, and needs to progress through a series of meetings for discussion as part of our governance. In order for there to be sufficient time for drafting and agreeing a CCP, a decision from this series of meetings is required no later than early October.

The components of that advice result from a mixture of established elements to be provided by policy teams and commissions from Ministers, particularly after the last Cabinet Sub-Committee (CSC) (20 June). These comprise:

the development of a 'final' policy package offer from different policy teams, following the specific commission from Ministers at the last CSC to finalise cost, benefits and carbon emissions reductions assessment **[REDACTED]**

a comprehensive appraisal of the impact of existing (and potential) UKG policies towards carbon emissions reductions for the CCP;

a review of the technology development and trajectory assumptions underpinning the development of the CCP (and the TIMES modelling work); and

[REDACTED out of scope]

The series of meetings through climate change programme governance to consider these components in the context of how/whether a credible CCP can be published consist of the following:

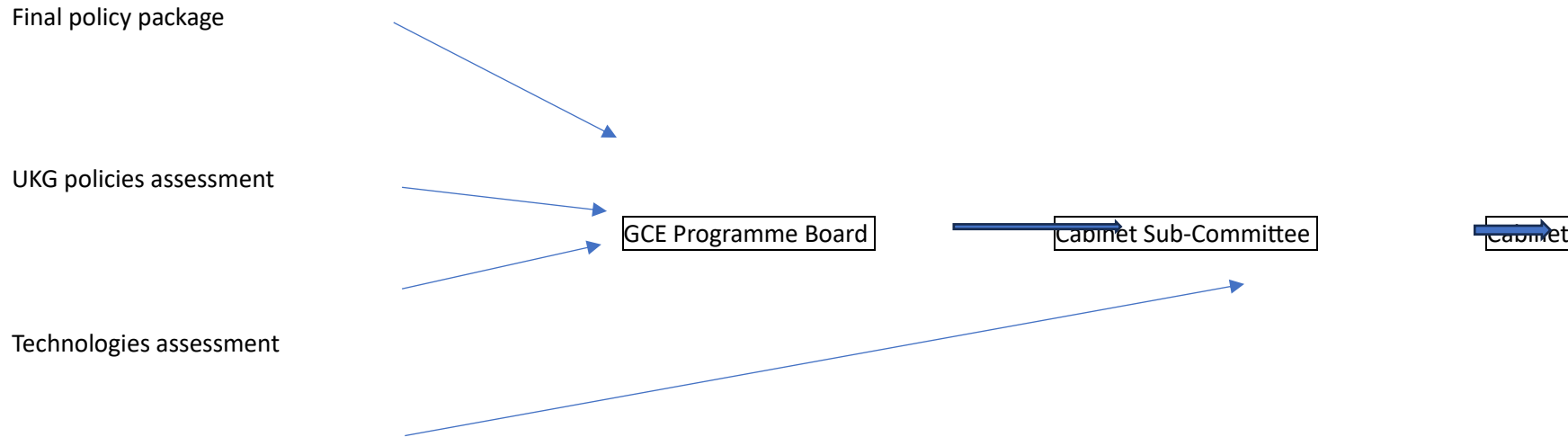
Global Climate Change Programme Board (scheduled for 16 August);

CSC (provisionally scheduled for 5 September); and

Cabinet (tentatively pitched for 26 September).

The latter two dates need to be confirmed, and can be moved.

This can be represented in the following graphic, which the table/tracker below details in planning terms. [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

	Draft ready	Kersti clearing	Roy clearing	SpAd clearing	MM receipt	Final
'Final' policy package for CCP: submission	9 Aug	10 Aug			11 Aug	Comments from MM by 18 Aug
UKG policy contribution assessment: submission					19 July	Comments from MM by 18 Aug
Technologies contribution assessment: submission					3 Aug	Comments from MM by 18 Aug
[REDACTED out of scope]	[REDACTED out of scope]					

GCE Programme Board paper	7 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	Not applicable		Paper circulated 11 Aug for 15 Aug meeting
CSC paper	21 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	28 Aug*	1 Sep (for 5 Sep meeting)
Cabinet paper					6 Sep	Pre-Cab consideration: 13 Sep Final Cab Sec clearance: 19 Sep Paper issued to Cab: 22 Sep (for 26 Sep meeting)

* - It is not clear yet whether the FM will need to clear the CSC paper as well.

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7 August 2023

3. EIR Review- October email chain on official actions relating to CCP delay

[REDACTED out of scope]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 10:47 PM

To: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] <@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

[REDACTED out of scope]

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From: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 2:42 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; <[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; <[REDACTED] @gov.scot>;

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Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

You'll have seen that the Cab Sec has (reluctantly) agreed to our advice to postpone the November CCP [REDACTED out of scope]. This requires a formal Ministerial decision, and that might require the rescheduled CSC meeting (now looking like early November). But I think we can start planning on that basis.

I think the following would be helpful at this stage:

We need a revised timeline for producing the CCP. We don't have an agreed end date, but let's see what it looks like if we suggest Easter[REDACTED]

[REDACTED out of scope]. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED out of scope]. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED 10(4)E] [REDACTED]

We need to think about how we're going to tackle the '2025 problem'. I'll ask [REDACTED] to set up a meeting to discuss.

Thanks

Phil

From: Philip Raines

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:36 PM

To: <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

All critical points, [REDACTED]

I'm sensing that if (and hopefully, when) we get the decision around postponing November, I think a chunky planning session might be in order to focus on the ramifications, handling and inter-dependencies of all this work.

Phil

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Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

Phil

You've already flagged that this will have implications for public and stakeholder engagement [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

If we delay to March but lose the rest of this year resolving the political side of things we will be very constrained on what we can do in terms of direct engagement on the CCP itself.

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

We'll continue to think through implications (and solutions) on the engagement side but useful to keep consideration of this in the mix when we are assessing options and possible timings.

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Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

Morning Phil,

Just to add the changing timescales will also have repercussions on the conduct of impact assessments for the CCP and JTPs.

At present, the contractor procured to carry out the SEA, BRIA and EQIAs for both areas is working to a November publication with the contract itself set to conclude in February 2024. We will need to explore with the contractor their ability to adapt to this change either through updating the delivery timescales to early Spring (in line with their internal workloads/expected receipt of payments) or if need be extending out the contract timescale slightly.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (he/him) (Why?) | **Climate Change Plan Team** | Scottish Government | Atlantic Quay | 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU | Tel. [REDACTED] | Mob. [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: CCP planning and housekeeping

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Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:41 PM

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Subject: CCP planning and housekeeping
Importance: High

Hi all

So now that we might be moving away from a November publication deadline for the CCP, a stocktake of what we need to think about going forward feels timely. We can pick up at a future CCP progress meeting, but just as it's fresh in my head, here's my sense of what we have to do, who's involved and next steps. Does this feel right?

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Next steps</u>
CSC-CE paper on feasibility of a Nov CCP (CSC-CE on 3 Oct)	[REDACTED] CCP team	Draft paper due with Cab Sec on Monday 25 Sep Paper to be based on advice to Cab Sec with section on communications/handling of any postponement announcement
Cabinet paper on feasibility of a Nov CCP (Cabinet on 24 Oct)	[REDACTED] /CCP team	Draft paper due with Cab Sec before recess (date?) Paper to be based on CSC-CE paper
[REDACTED - out of scope]	[REDACTED] /CCP team	[REDACTED - out of scope]
[REDACTED - out of scope]	<[REDACTED]>	[REDACTED - out of scope]
[REDACTED - out of scope]	<[REDACTED]>	[REDACTED - out of scope]
[REDACTED – 10(4)e]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED – 10(4)e]
[REDACTED – 10(4)e]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED – 10(4)e]
Addressing/understanding the '2025 problem'	Phil/<[REDACTED]>	Estimating our emissions reductions and gaps for 2025 and 2026

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		Identifying variables on those figures that can be influenced
Revising planning/drafting on the CCP for March (tbc)	[REDACTED] /CCP team	Revised timetable for analysis and contributions

[REDACTED - out of scope]

There is also the impact that the changing timescales (and project work above) will have on the following as well:

Engagement with stakeholders and the public on CCP

[REDACTED - out of scope]

4. EIR Review- September email exchange with PO

Folks,

Further to my email last night I have attached one additional document at the Cab Sec's request (CSC Revised paper on CCP Timing)

Ms McAllan has said

Please can this be shared with SpAds prior to our upcoming meeting (this should include Callum and ideally Colin given FMs recent climate meetings and the centrality of these matters to the FMs 3 priorities), and this meeting should certainly take place in advance of this paper being circulated to Sub-Cab Committee colleagues.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: 25 September 2023 17:14

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Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Climate Change Plan

Folks.

Sending on the advice Ms McAllan would like to discuss on Wednesday.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

From: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Climate Change Plan

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

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Subject: RE: Climate Change Plan
Importance: High

Thanks, [REDACTED].

In response the Cabinet Secretary’s requests below (and her parallel request in another exchange for “a short life overview of all CC components that need to come together in the coming months – and the sequencing thereof. And for us to plan what is achievable and when”), we have provided the following detailed response and advice for Ms McAllan’s consideration. [REDACTED - out of scope]

In addition, there are two 2 notes attached to this email:

advice on the feasibility of a credible CCP by November (addressing most of her points below); and

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED - out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED - out of scope]

Second, there is the timetable for decisions for Ministers to make, not least in light of our existing commitment to a November publication of a CCP. This is attached below, and is discussed in the ‘Next Steps’ section of the policy advice attached here at paras 70-73. The timetable illustrates the timetable we would have to pursue, **should** we continue to intend with our commitment for a November publication of a draft CCP. It suggests that a decision on the November commitment needs to be taken by early October at the latest.

Cabinet Secretary review of draft CSC-CE paper on feasibility of November CCP	26-29 Sep
CSC-CE to consider feasibility of November CCP	3 Oct

Cabinet to consider feasibility of November CCP	24 Oct (not confirmed)
Cabinet Secretary to review the draft full Plan	20-27 Oct
CSC-CE consideration of the draft full Plan	7 Nov (not confirmed)
Cabinet consideration of the draft full Plan	21 Nov (not confirmed)
Publish draft full Plan	30 Nov

We would be happy to meet with the Cabinet Secretary to discuss the advice set out here.

Phil

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:28 AM

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Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: Climate Change Plan

Hi Roy and Kersti,

As you know, last week officials met with Ms McAllan to discuss progress on the climate change plan.

Ms McAllan has asked me to pass on her thanks to climate change officials for their diligent work on this. She recognises this is a huge task and policy teams have been working under resourcing constraints.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED - out of scope]

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6. EIR Review - Advice to Cab Sec on CCP publication options - 13th Sept

From: Phil Raines

Domestic Climate Change

13 September 2023

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

UPDATE AND OPTIONS OF A DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

Priority and Purpose

Routine. The following advice: updates on the current work to develop a credible Climate Change Plan (CCP) for Ministerial consideration and publication in November; provides an assessment of the current prospects of meeting the November deadline given current parameters; and proposes a plan of further work to consider options at pace, including engagement with Ministers.

Paper Summary

The paper brings together and updates on advice on [REDACTED - out of scope] a plan for the work and timescales for further decisions by Ministers.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

The paper concludes that under the current [REDACTED – 10(4)e], policy and delivery parameters, it will not be possible to create a credible, draft CCP to the current timescales: ie. by November. Further work is set out in the paper to explore urgently what additional options are available to produce a draft CCP within the current statutory timescales; however, that work cannot be concluded in time for a November publication. Consequently, it is recommended that urgent consideration is given to a postponement of publishing a draft CCP into early 2024 and that this is discussed at the next meeting of the CSC-CE, provisionally scheduled for early October. We further recommend that a note outlining these issues and actions is sent by yourself to the First Minister as soon as possible, and a meeting sought to discuss handling in advance of the next CSC-CE.

In this context, arguably the most significant challenge facing the development of the next CCP is its starting point. There are substantial challenges in meeting the existing 2025-30 targets, even with the work that is already underway. Of particular importance here is the first of our annual targets during

the period covered by the next Plan: 2025. For comparison, the anticipated gap at 2025 (8.2 MtCO₂e) is greater than all current emissions from the Agriculture sector. We would only have 2 years for the SG to agree, put in place and realise the benefits of new emissions reductions policies to close this gap. This would not appear to be possible, even in light of the work on SG policy development, new asks of the UKG and further work on modelling and technology assumptions.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

Background

Work on developing a draft CCP to meet the Ministerial commitment of publication in November has reached a critical stage. If a November publication date is to be met, decisions on a final policy package and a draft document will be required soon (further advice on timings are given in the ‘Next Steps’ section below).

[REDACTED - out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Next Steps

[REDACTED - out of scope]

A decision on proceeding with a November publication of a draft CPP would be the critical focus of the next CSC-CE meeting on 3 October; this would be followed by a Cabinet decision on 24 October. The timescales for decisions are critical here: the timetable below sets out what would need to happen in order to publish a CCP in November. Consequently, the last practicable date to decide on whether to proceed with publishing a CCP in November would be the CSC-CE meeting on 3 October.

MILESTONE	DATE
Cabinet Secretary review of draft CSC paper on feasibility of November CCP	26-29 Sept
CSC-CE to consider feasibility of November CCP	3 Oct
Cabinet to consider feasibility of November CCP (to be confirmed)	24 Oct

Cabinet Secretary to review the draft full Plan	20-27 Oct
CSC-CE consideration of the draft full Plan (provisionally)	7 Nov
Cabinet consideration of the draft full Plan (provisionally)	21 Nov
Publish draft full Plan	30 Nov

In light of this advice, the Cabinet Secretary should consider a note to First Minister as soon as possible outlining these issues and seek a meeting in advance of the next CSC-CE meeting. This is particularly important given that we understand the FM will be unable to attend the next CSC-CE meeting on 3 October (we have been informed that FM’s diary would not allow his participation in a CSC-CE meeting before w/b 23 October, which would be too late to take a decision on a November publication).

Conclusion and Recommendation

Officials have concluded that – under the [REDACTED – 10(4)e], policy and delivery parameters explored here – it will not be possible to create a credible, draft CCP by November. This is particularly true for the targets from the start of the Plan period (2025) up to 2030. Other work is under way at pace to explore options for developing a credible CCP, but this work will not easily address the challenge of the ‘early’ targets. It will also not be completed in time to meet the November commitment.

We recommend that you:

- note the conclusion and the timescales for Ministerial decision set out above;**
- note the assessment that a credible CCP cannot be produced for publication this November;**
- note the challenge of meeting the existing targets between 2025 and 2030;**
- [REDACTED - out of scope]**
- agree that a paper on the feasibility of a CCP for November should be brought to the next CSC-CE on 3 October; and**
- agree to send a note outlining these issues and actions to the First Minister as soon as possible, and seek a meeting to discuss in advance of the next CSC-CE.**

We would be happy to discuss the advice and its implications with yourself, not least in the context of the proposed strategy group you have asked to be set up.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

8. EIR Review- Draft Ministerial Advice- September 23

THIS PAPER IS FOR DISCUSSION

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY OF A CREDIBLE CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

Paper Summary

The paper assesses the prospects for developing a credible Climate Change Plan (CCP) within current timescales, not least in light of the recent set of ‘net zero’ announcements by the UKG.

[REDACTED – out of scope]

a plan for the work and timescales for further decisions by Ministers.

[REDACTED – out of scope]

The analysis underpinning this paper took place before the recent set of ‘surprise’ announcements by the UKG, rolling back on a number of key commitments that are important to the achievement of Scottish statutory targets. The paper contains an initial analysis of the impact of these announcements in terms of emissions reductions [REDACTED – 10(4)e] and the widening policy approaches between the SG and the UKG. Our initial assessment concludes that while the actual impact of the UKG changes on emissions reductions in Scotland are relatively limited, the divergence will make it yet more challenging to develop a credible CCP in Scotland. The impacts are concentrated particularly on Transport and Heat in Buildings, as discussed in the relevant sectoral sections below.

Overall, the paper concludes that under the current [REDACTED – 10(4)e] policy and delivery parameters, officials’ advice is that it will not be possible to create a credible, draft CCP to the current timescales (particularly by November). Further work is set out in the paper to explore urgently what additional options are available to produce a draft CCP within the current statutory timescales; however, that work cannot be concluded in time for a November publication, [REDACTED – 10(4)e]. Consequently, it is recommended that urgent consideration is given to: a postponement of publishing a draft CCP; [REDACTED – 10(4)e].

Particular attention is drawn to the significant challenge that our starting point presents to the developing the next CCP. There are substantial difficulties in meeting the existing 2025-30 targets,

even with the work that is already underway. That is especially important for the first of our annual targets during the period covered by the next Plan: 2025. For comparison, the anticipated gap at 2025 (8.2 MtCO₂e, or 9 percentage points off our target for that year) is greater than all current emissions from the Agriculture sector. A credible draft CCP that meets current targets would require policy that addresses this gap to be agreed before publication. We would then only have 2 years to put in place and realise the benefits of new and additional emissions reductions policies to close this gap. This would not appear to be possible, even in light of the work on SG policy development, new asks of the UKG and further work on modelling and technology assumptions.

Background

Work on developing a draft CCP to meet the Ministerial commitment of publication in November has reached a critical stage. The work preceded the recent set of net zero announcements by the UKG, but these have been taken into account in the analyses below. If a November publication date is to be met, decisions on a final policy package and a draft document would be required soon (further advice on timings are given in the ‘Next Steps’ section).

[REDACTED – out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Next Steps

[REDACTED – out of scope]

Publishing a CCP

A decision on proceeding with a November publication of a draft CPP is necessary at this CSC-CE meeting; this is the last practicable date to decide on whether to proceed with publishing a CCP in November. This will be followed by a Cabinet decision on 24 October. The timescales for decisions are critical here: the timetable below sets out what would need to happen in order to publish a CCP in November.

Milestone	DATE
CSC-CE to consider feasibility of November CCP	3 Oct
Cabinet to consider feasibility of November CCP (to be confirmed)	24 Oct
CSC-CE consideration of the draft full Plan (provisionally)	7 Nov
Cabinet consideration of the draft full Plan (provisionally)	21 Nov

Conclusion and Recommendation

Officials have concluded that – under the current **[REDACTED – 10(4)e]**, policy and delivery parameters explored here – it will not be possible to create a credible, draft CCP, certainly by November. This conclusion had been reached before the recent set of UKG announcements, but the latter have only strengthened the view. This is particularly true for the targets from the start of the Plan period (2025) up to 2030. Other work is under way at pace to explore options for developing a credible CCP, but this work will not easily address the challenge of the ‘early’ targets.

We recommend that the CSC-CE:

note the assessment that a credible CCP currently cannot be produced for publication in November;

note the challenge of meeting the existing targets between 2025 and 2030;

[REDACTED – out of scope]

agree to postponing the draft CCP; and

[REDACTED – 10(4)e].

[REDACTED – out of scope]

9. EIR Review- CCPAG papers- email chain- 4 Oct 23

[REDACTED – out of scope]

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot >; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Sue Kearns <Sue.Kearns@gov.scot>; Catherine Williams <Catherine.Williams@gov.scot>; Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot >; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; FMPU : FM Policy Team <DLCEABFMPUFMPT@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Director of Environment & Forestry <director.enfor@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Chief Executive Transport Scotland <ceo@transport.gov.scot>; Katriona Carmichael <Katriona.Carmichael@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: URGENT: Reissuing of Climate Change Papers

This email is for the official record and confirms a Ministerial Decision. This email must be placed in the official record (eRDM) by your team in line with SG records management policy.

Hi Phil,

Thank you for bringing together these papers.

Ms McAllan has made the following comments.

[REDACTED – out of scope]

On the CSC Papers – The Cab Sec has stressed there are a number of bits of work that she has asked for which are still under development and these are listed in the paper. This includes on use of modelling, the impacts of recent UKG roll back and work to marshal evidence on social licence. Given this work is ongoing, the Cab Sec cannot conclude that a draft plan by November is impossible. However, she does accept it is difficult. And she accepts that the UKG’s surprise roll back makes it more difficult. Therefore because of a combination of these matters, The Cab Sec is reluctantly prepared to agree that we delay from November.

[REDACTED – out of scope]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition - Màiri McAllan MSP | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Mob: [REDACTED] | Email: CabsecTNZJT@gov.scot

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[REDACTED – out of scope]

14. EIR Review- Cabinet Secretary Decision Postponement of CCPAG- 25 Oct 2023

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Postponement of next CCPAG

Hi [REDACTED]

Cab Sec is content to postpone.

Please liaise with [redacted] on new dates/times.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:11 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: Postponement of next CCPAG

Morning PO,

The next Climate Change Plan advisory group is scheduled for next week. I am proposing it is postponed for the time being and am seeking the Cabinet Secretary's agreement.

We are developing a wider handling plan for postponement of the draft CCP itself and will include our thoughts on when the CCPAG could be usefully rescheduled to as part of this. We'll have that advice up within a week.

A draft note to FM and DFM on postponing the draft CCP will follow later this morning.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

17. EIR Review- Ministerial Submission on Handling Strategy for Delay of Draft CCP- 3 Nov 2023

- From: [REDACTED]

Domestic Climate Change Division

03 November 2023

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

Announcing the delay of the draft Climate Change Plan

Priority and Purpose

1. **Immediate:** To agree a handling strategy for announcing the delay of the draft Climate Change Plan to Parliament.

Recommendation

2. Recommends that you: Note the two options presented below and agree to which you'd rather take forward.

Context and Issues

3. A draft of the Climate Change Plan was expected to be laid in Parliament by the end of November 2023 as it forms part of the Bute House Agreement but this timescale is not determined by a specific statutory deadline. You have written to the FM asking him to agree that it is not possible to lay a draft of the CCP within this timeframe.
4. The Convener of the NZET Committee has written to you to ask for an update as to when they can expect the draft CCP to be laid, asking for a response by 9 November.
5. There is a meeting between you, the FM and the eNGOs on 8 November on the development of the CCP. You are also giving a speech at the Holyrood Climate Action Summit on the afternoon of 8 November. There is a Net Zero IMG on 15 November where there will be an opportunity to discuss the UK Government's watering down of climate policies and to put forward further asks of the UK Government.

6. Further, subject to Cabinet approval, the Heat in Buildings consultation is scheduled for the end of November ahead of COP.

Options Considered and Advice

7. Two options are being put forward for your consideration.

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

8. [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Assessment of Options

9. [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

10. [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Bute House Agreement Implications

11. The SGP are aware of the need to delay the CCP. Officials have not had any confirmation in writing that the SGP are content beyond confirmation from SpAds.

Verity House Agreement Implications

12. N/A

Financial and Legal Considerations

13. [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Sensitivities

14. No additional sensitivities to those outlined in the submission.

Quality Assurance

15. This Submission has been approved by [REDACTED] Philip Raines.

Conclusions and next Steps

16. [REDACTED – 10(4)e.

[REDACTED]

DECC: Domestic Climate Change

[REDACTED]

Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers Copy List	For Action	For Information Portfolio interest	For Information Constituency interest	For Information General awareness
Cabinet Secretary TNZJT	X			

Officials Copy List
Kersti Berge Philip Raines Catriona Laing [REDACTED] SpAds Admin Leanne Dobson Harry Huyton Gavin Corbett

Annex A – [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Annex B – [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Annex C – Top lines and initial Q&As

Top lines:

PUBLICATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN:

Scotland has some of the most challenging emissions reductions targets in the world and therefore creating a climate change plan that shows how we will meet each of these targets in a way that is fair to all was always going to be difficult. Due to the implications of the UK Government’s watering down of climate policy, that challenge has now got harder.

The delivery of our climate ambition is contingent on action by the UK Government on reserved matters and the Prime Minister’s astonishing policy reversals has had a serious impact on how we can plan to meet our emissions reductions targets.

[if announcing delay] In order to ensure that our Climate Change Plan to 2040 sets out a credible, fully costed pathway for our journey to Net Zero, we have come to the view that publishing the draft version of the next Climate Change Plan by the end of November is no longer feasible.

The Scottish Government remains committed to tackling the twin crises of climate change and nature loss. Work on our next Climate Change Plan continues and our ambition and resolve to secure a net zero and climate resilient future by 2045 in a way that is fair and just for everyone is resolute.

This changed landscape presents new and challenging obstacles that need full consideration for planning next steps on Scotland’s decarbonisation journey to deliver a just transition to net zero. That is why our engagement with stakeholders and the public will continue to have a central role in the development of the our next Climate Change Plan.

Suggested short public line:

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan has announced that there will be a delay to the Scottish Government’s draft Climate Change Plan.

In light of the recent announcement by the UK Government that it will change its approach to meeting its 2050 net zero target, and the rolling back of previously announced policies and the new change landscape, the Scottish Government is of a view that publishing the Climate Change Plan including a credible, fully costed pathway for our journey to Net Zero by the end of November is no longer feasible. We expect to publish it as soon as possible and by no later than the legislative requirement for a final plan by March 2025.

Question & Answers:

UK GOVERNMENT DELAY TO NET ZERO COMMITMENTS

Let's not forget that until we become an independent nation it is not possible to achieve all of Scotland's ambitious goals without UK wide action. We have always called for higher ambition from the UK Government on the solutions for net zero that are currently reserved to Westminster.

- Instead, the Prime Minister reneged on the UK's key net zero commitments, in an unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations.
- This adds to the challenges associated with delivering devolved action in the context of the very difficult financial settlements for Scotland from Westminster in recent years.

As the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero has said, the Prime Minister's statement was an unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations.

- The measures laid out will be devastating for our environment, constitute complete economic illiteracy and will have serious implications for Scotland's own climate ambitions.
- It will also inflict further, serious damage to the UK's already diminished international reputation.
- This is an enormous turn of events, and we were blindsided by the UK Government. We need to take time to consider what it means for Scotland.
- A just transition to net zero can bring huge benefits for both Scotland and the UK - a greener, more biodiverse environment, cleaner air, new sources of economic vitality, greater energy security and healthier lives.
- The global race to secure good, green jobs is heating up and any backward step away from existing commitments would put at risk green jobs, inward investment and economic growth.
- I urge Rishi Sunak to do the right thing for our people, planet and economy – step up and demonstrate the climate leadership required at this crucial time.

We have always been clear that meeting Scotland's climate targets is contingent on action by the UK Government, and co-ordinated action across the UK is urgently required in a range of policy areas including transport, heat, energy and industry.

- Even if the UKG's 2050 net zero commitment remains the goal – which some commentators have questioned, these policy announcements will have implications for the UK economy and how the UK will achieve its Net Zero targets, in turn having a knock-on effect on Scotland's Net Zero journey.

This unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations, constituting complete economic illiteracy, will have serious implications for Scotland’s climate ambitions.

- Scotland already had ambitions to decarbonise buildings faster than the UK as a whole (recognised by the CCC in its December 2022 Scottish progress report).
- However, our ambitious plans in Scotland need actions by the UK Government, including the use of its reserved powers to accelerate the supply and installation of clean heating systems.
- The UK Government also needs to urgently deliver on its commitment to publish proposals to rebalance fuel prices, so that running costs of zero emissions heating systems are lower than those of fossil fuel systems.
- We are considering the implications of the remarkable series of recent U-turns by the UK Government, including the potentially harmful effects on jobs and investment in clean heat.
- Simon McWhirter, Deputy CE of the UK Green Building Council, said (20 Sept) **[QUOTE]:** *This will be a real blow to the green business, investment and quality jobs that must be at the heart of our country’s future as we rebuild. [...] rolling back plans to improve the energy efficiency of rented homes is also environmentally reckless and economically damaging. The last time the Government went down the path of slashing green measures it added billions to people’s energy bills.”*

PROGRESS AGAINST STATUTORY EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

- We’ve made strong progress to date, and the latest emissions data [for 2021] shows that Scotland’s emissions are down by around 50% since the 1990 baseline, half-way to net zero. We continue to be ahead of the UK as a whole in delivering long-term emissions reductions.
- However, we are only halfway in our journey to Net Zero and we know the hardest part is ahead of us, with emissions needing to halve again by 2030.
- We also need action by the UK Government who hold key policy levers with which to deliver a net zero future. These must be acted upon, and at pace, if we are to deliver not only Scotland’s climate targets, but the UK’s as well. We have reached the point where there can be no further delay from the UK Government in taking action in key areas.

SCOTLAND’S PROGRESS TOWARDS NET ZERO

- **Latest emissions statistics for 2021:** Scotland’s greenhouse gas emissions are down 49.9% since the 1990/95 baseline.
- **UK comparisons:** Scotland is ahead of the UK. Our emissions were up 2.4% between 2020 and 2021 due to rebound from easing of COVID restrictions; at the UK level this rebound was 4.4%. Comparing total emission reductions since the 1990 baseline, Scotland is also ahead, although the relative gap in performance has narrowed in recent years due to a range of factors.

18. EIR Review- Ministerial Submission on Handling Strategy for Delay of CCP- Covering email- 2 Nov 23

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 5:01 PM

To:[REDACTED]@gov.scot; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Cc: Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: URGENT: Submission - Options for the announcement of delay to draft CCP

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 4:19 PM

To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Cc: Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: URGENT: Submission - Options for the announcement of delay to draft CCP

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a submission outlining options for the announcement of a delay to the draft CCP.

Can I ask for you to provide any input/comments as a matter of urgency by **12 noon tomorrow** please.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Policy Advisor

Climate Change Plan Team | Policy and Implementation Unit

Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | Scottish Government

Email: [REDACTED]



19. EIR Review- Email Exchange- Proactive statement to announce- 6 Nov 2023

RE: TO CLEAR - Proactive statement - delay to draft CCP

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 6:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Subject: RE: TO CLEAR - Proactive statement - delay to draft CCP

Thanks [REDACTED]

One small change in red from Ms McAllan below, otherwise Ms McAllan is content

Climate change plan update

Net Zero Secretary Mairi McAllan has updated the Scottish Parliament on the development of the Scottish Government’s draft climate change plan, following a number of changes to UK Government policy positions aimed at achieving net zero.

The plan had been due to publish **in initial draft form** this month. Net Zero Secretary Mairi McAllan has informed the Scottish Parliament that, in part due to the repercussions of the UK Government’s announcements, additional time will be required to prepare the plan for consideration by parliament.

The First Minister will discuss the implications of the date change with his Environmental Council today and with environmental NGOs on Wednesday.

Ms McAllan said:

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“Regrettably, the UK Government’s recent actions have only made that job harder still, not least when it comes to our homes and transport. While we are working to make our homes greener and easier to heat and reduce our reliance on petrol and diesel cars, the UK

Government is renegeing on its own commitments, creating huge uncertainty for businesses and households.

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“We will continue to work with stakeholders to produce a plan that is fair and just for everyone, and addresses the difficulties presented by the UK Government’s policy reversals. While it is regrettably not possible to do this by our own November deadline, we will progress in line with our statutory commitments.”

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 5:47 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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Subject: TO CLEAR - Proactive statement - delay to draft CCP

PO / Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition,

Please find below a proposed proactive statement to confirm the change of timeline for the draft CCP.

This would issue tomorrow, following the GIQ and the beginning of the First Minister's Environmental Council meeting.

We have proactively included examples in the comment about the UKG decisions which have impacted us. While we intend this line to also cover reactive purposes, policy has prepared an FMQ brief on the delay, which we will use as a basis for any further asks. We will consider any bids received on merit and in agreement with SpAds.

In addition, policy officials will be contacting relevant stakeholders directly, including direct emails to key contacts and an update through the Climate Policy Engagement Network, reaching around 100 stakeholders.

The following text has been agreed by policy, comms and SpAds – grateful if you can confirm Ms McAllan is content.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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Background

Legislation requires the plan to be finalised by 23 March 2025, with Parliament having 120 days to scrutinise a draft plan before this.

The UK Government has backtracked on a commitment to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030 and significantly delayed and weakened its planned phasing out of fossil fuel boilers and higher energy efficiency standards.

The Net Zero Secretary is meeting with the UK Government on 15 November, where she will again urge it to reconsider its position.

[Link to GIQ]

[REDACTED] | **Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)**

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e: [REDACTED]

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20. EIR Review- Cabinet Secretary Correspondence- Next Steps on Informing Decision on CCP- 1 Nov 23

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 1:14 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: CCP next steps

Hi [REDACTED]

Forwarding for info as discussed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Pronouns: She/her)

Strategic Policy Adviser : First Minister's Policy Unit
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:39 PM

To: Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: CCP next steps

Thanks Leanne, that's useful. I think that will work as long as officials can agree the scope of the work with you separately. (I don't think all of it is underway yet for the cover reasons mentioned below.)

I'll pass it onto PO.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Pronouns: She/her)

Strategic Policy Adviser : First Minister's Policy Unit

Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:15 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: CCP next steps

Thanks for this, [REDACTED]. I think I'd probably keep it a bit more high level rather than commissioning extra work which I think is already underway – how about something like this?

Leanne

The Cab Sec has noted the advice contained in both submissions, as recommended by officials. The Cab Sec understands that work is ongoing between SpAds, FMPU and portfolio colleagues to explore all options available to us and would welcome sight of advice on this as soon as possible in order to inform decision making and next steps.

Once FM has responded to the note on CCP timing, Ms McAllan also is content for a new date for CSC-CE to be found asap for Ministers to discuss updated timing of the plan and the latest set of advice notes from officials.

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 4:11 PM

To: Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: CCP next steps

Hi Leanne,

As [REDACTED] has just updated, last week we met with Kersti Berge and Phil Raines to discuss next steps in getting the cab sec the further briefing and analysis that she would like to see, as well as key process points.

Officials are able to carry out the rapid analysis required, and an email from Ms McAllan that clearly sets out the parameters of her instructions will be essential so that it is a formal commission.

Following the meeting, I drafted a possible response from Cab Sec to the briefing she received two weeks ago, which will cover the further steps discussed in both meetings (and officials have seen). I've discussed Cab Sec's recent feedback and the email choreography with PO this afternoon, and if you're content [REDACTED] will use parts of the draft email below alongside Cab Sec's feedback to go back to officials.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Following discussion with SpAds, FMPU and portfolio colleagues, Ms McAllan is content for the letter to go to DFM and FM on the delay of the CCP as amended with her changes.

In order to make the most of use of the delay and to inform Ministerial decisions, the Cabinet Secretary would also like urgent work to be undertaken which builds on the previous advice notes and submissions that:

Consider the implications that a change in UK government could have on UK climate policy impact in Scotland

Examines uncertainties relating to modelling and ensures the resulting range of future emissions are reflected in the forecasting

Details process points of any legislative implications

Lays out all potential paths of action to form a CCP whilst noting the official and SGLD position on each

Ms McAllan is aware that this advice would push the limits of possibilities and is grateful for officials quick work on this.

Once FM has signed off on the delay, Ms McAllan also is content for a new date for CSC-CE to be found asap for Ministers to discuss the issues arising from the delay and the latest set of advice notes from officials.

[REDACTED] (Pronouns: She/her)

Strategic Policy Adviser : First Minister's Policy Unit

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Tel: [REDACTED]

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21. EIR Review- Cabinet Secretary to FM Note Relating to Timing of CCP- 31 Oct 23

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:30 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: Note on Climate Change Plan

FMPO

DFMPO

Please find attached a note from Ms McAllan on the Climate Change Plan.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition - Màiri McAllan MSP | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Mob: [REDACTED] | Email: CabsecTNZJT@gov.scot

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22. EIR Review- Cabinet Secretary to FM Confirming Position on Timing of CCP- 31 Oct 23

31 October 2023

First Minister

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

I am writing to update you on the development of our next Climate Change Plan.

The Bute House Agreement commits the Scottish Government to a draft of the next Climate Change Plan being laid within the first half of the current Parliament (i.e. by the end of November 2023).

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

As you are aware, not least through meetings of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for the Climate Emergency (CSC-CE), developing a plan that conforms to our statutory duties while creating a just and fair path to Net Zero that does not penalise individuals and groups who are often least able to shoulder the costs has been challenging. These existing challenges have been exacerbated by the UK Government's recent retreat in its climate policy commitments, and the resulting impacts in Scotland.

Our targets are, rightly, stretching and, in the years to 2030 in particular, were always going to push us to the limits of our ambition. I am hugely grateful to CSC-CE colleagues and portfolios for their efforts and strong willingness to push policy as far as they have to narrow the gap between emissions and our statutory targets, and work is ongoing on options to continue to reduce this gap [REDACTED - out of scope]; there is a direct dependency of sufficient funding being made available through the budget and how far that work can take us.

The early part of the next Plan period (2025-30) is especially challenging, with an estimated gap of over 8 megatonnes (Mt) of CO₂ compared to our 2025 statutory target (the approximate equivalent of the whole agriculture sector), stretching to around 12Mt in 2030.

I continue to explore options with officials, including (i) our asks of the UK Government for its contributions to our targets (given the UK Committee on Climate Change has been clear Scotland is dependent on UK Government action in reserved areas) and (ii) maximising what can be included in terms of technological advance. However, given the scale of the challenge and the current budgetary pressures, officials have concluded that it would not be possible to create a [REDACTED – 10(4)e] draft plan for the end of November.

While I will continue to explore every possibility for emissions reduction in order to produce a credible plan, I have very reluctantly agreed with this position on timing in light of the UK Government's recent decision to renege on key net zero policies and the detrimental impact that has on the delivery of climate ambition in Scotland. There has been engagement with Scottish Green Party Ministers and Special Advisers who understand the position and are in agreement that the November deadline cannot be met and continue to work with myself and officials to support the further development of policies to include in the plan.

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED - out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED - out of scope]

Given the above, I ask that you agree to the draft Climate Change Plan being delayed from November 2023. I would be happy to provide any further detail required or meet to discuss if helpful and, following your decision, I will update Cabinet as soon as possible.

Màiri McAllan

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

27. EIR Review- Email and Document on Handling Plan for CCP

Dear All,

I've made a first stab at the above handling plan. I would very much appreciate comments, thoughts and any points to close the gaps. It might be useful given the sensitivities to discuss this in person so unless I hear differently I will set up a short meeting to discuss given the next fortnightly has been cancelled due to leave plans.

The OFF SEN document can be found: [23-24 - CCP Engagement - Outline Plan - Official Sensitive CCP Timeline Delay Handling Plan details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (**she/her**) | Public Engagement & Behaviour Change | Climate Change Division
(Domestic) | Scottish Government

3F South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

t: [REDACTED]



**Announcement of Delay to Draft Climate Change Plan Publication
Handling Plan**

Timeline and key events

	Date	Intervention	Action
1.	03/11/23	Letter from Cabinet Secretary to First Minister agreeing to postponement of draft beyond Bute House Agreement. Copied to CSC members, Scottish Green Ministers, and all Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.	CCP Team to draft
2.	9/11/23	Send letter to Parliament advising of delay, with potential DFM or Cab Sec meeting with SGP in advance	CCP Team to draft
3.	24-25/10/23	Inform relevant internal sector teams	CCP Team through DD Network and Core Working Policy Group
4.	9/11/23	Inform Climate Change Committee to follow up informal progress update?	
5.		Make decision on discussion paper	
6.	9/11/23	Public Statement (if possible with Green Party Leaders given the Bute House Agreement implications)	Draft below
7.		Advise CCPAG and other key stakeholders and partners (concurrent with Public Statement)	
8.	[REDACTED – 10(4)e]		
9.			
0.		Discussion document drafted sharing the difficulty of the challenge and its extent for November	
1.		Engagement sessions held with key partners and stakeholders to set out the difficulties (including the targets) and to absorb feedback for feeding into final decision making process	

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

<u>[REDACTED – 10(4)e]</u>			

1. [REDACTED – 10(4)e]
- 2.

Top lines:

PUBLICATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN:

Scotland has some of the most challenging emissions reductions targets in the world and therefore creating a climate change plan that shows how we will meet each of these targets in a way that is fair to all was always going to be difficult. Due to the implications of the UK Government’s watering down of climate policy, that challenge has now got harder.

The delivery of our climate ambition is contingent on action by the UK Government and the Prime Minister’s astonishing policy reversals has had a serious impact on how we can plan to meet our emissions reductions targets.

In order to ensure that our Climate Change Plan to 2040 sets out a credible, fully costed pathway for our journey to Net Zero, we have come to the view that publishing the draft version of the next Climate Change Plan by the end of November is no longer feasible.

The Scottish Government still remains committed to tackling the twin crises of climate change and nature loss. Work on our next Climate Change Plan continues and our ambition and resolve to secure a net zero and climate resilient future by 2045 in a way that is fair and just for everyone is resolute.

This changed landscape presents new and challenging obstacles that need full consideration for planning next steps on Scotland’s decarbonisation journey to deliver a just transition to net zero. That is why our engagement with stakeholders and the public will continue to have a central role in the development of the our next Climate Change Plan.

[REDACTED - out of scope]

Suggested Public Statement

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan has announced that there will be a delay to the Scottish Government’s draft Climate Change Plan from the end of November.

More time is needed to ensure that a pathway to meeting future targets is just and fair to all; this has been made more difficult in light of the recent announcement by

the UK Government declaring that it will change its approach to meeting its 2050 net zero target through the rolling back of previously announced policies.

Ms McAllan said:

“The Scottish Government is fully committed to bringing forward a draft of the next Climate Change Plan which will set out our pathway to meeting our emissions reduction targets to 2040 in a way that is fair and just for everyone, and will put us firmly on a pathway to Net Zero by 2045.

Scotland’s year on year targets to 2040 were always ambitious and required Scotland to decarbonise faster than the UK as a whole. We have always been clear that meeting these targets is contingent, in part, on action by the UK government at a speed and scale in line with the global climate emergency. For example, using its reserved powers to accelerate the supply and installation of clean heating systems, and delivering on its commitment to public proposals to rebalance fuel prices so that running costs of zero emissions heating systems are lower than those of fossil fuel systems.

The unprecedented changes by the UK Government reneging on their net zero commitments, including the rolling back of policies already announced and accounted for, will have a knock-on effect. This, tied with the uncertain economic outlook for the UK as a whole and the constraints of devolution placed upon us, make this monumental task ever more difficult.

In order to ensure that our Climate Change Plan to 2040 sets out a credible, fully costed pathway for our journey to Net Zero, we have come to the view that publishing the Climate Change Plan update by the end of November is no longer feasible.

This changed landscape presents new and challenging obstacles that need full consideration for Scotland to decarbonise. I want to assure you that work on our next Climate Change Plan continues; our ambition and resolve to secure a net zero and climate resilient future in a way that is fair and just for everyone by 2045 is resolute.”

Suggested short public line

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan has announced that there will be a delay to the Scottish Government’s draft Climate Change Plan from the end of November.

In light of the recent announcement by the UK Government that it will change its approach to meeting its 2050 net zero target, and the rolling back of previously announced policies and the new change landscape, the Scottish Government is of a view that publishing the Climate Change Plan including a credible, fully costed pathway for our journey to Net Zero by the end of November is no longer feasible. We expect to publish it as soon as possible and by no later than the legislative requirement for a final plan by March 2025.

Question & Answers

UK GOVERNMENT DELAY TO NET ZERO COMMITMENTS

Let's not forget that until we become an independent nation it is not possible to achieve all of Scotland's ambitious goals without UK wide action. We have always called for higher ambition from the UK Government on the solutions for net zero that are currently reserved to Westminster.

- Instead, , the Prime Minister reneged on the UK's key net zero commitments, in an unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations.

As the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero has said, the Prime Minister's statement was an unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations.

- The measures laid out will be devastating for our environment, constitute complete economic illiteracy and will have serious implications for Scotland's own climate ambitions.
- It will also inflict further, serious damage to the UK's already diminished international reputation.
- This is an enormous turn of events, and we were blindsided by the UK Government. We need to take time to consider what it means for Scotland.
- A just transition to net zero can bring huge benefits for both Scotland and the UK - a greener, more biodiverse environment, cleaner air, new sources of economic vitality, greater energy security and healthier lives.
- The global race to secure good, green jobs is heating up and any backward step away from existing commitments would put at risk green jobs, inward investment and economic growth.
- I urge Rishi Sunak to do the right thing for our people, planet and economy – step up and demonstrate the climate leadership required at this crucial time.

We have always been clear that meeting Scotland's climate targets is contingent on action by the UK Government, and co-ordinated action across the UK is urgently required in a range of policy areas including transport, heat, energy and industry.

- Even if the UKG's 2050 net zero commitment remains the goal – which some commentators have questioned, these policy announcements will have implications for the UK economy and how the UK will achieve its Net Zero targets, in turn having a knock-on effect on Scotland's Net Zero journey.

This unforgivable betrayal of current and future generations, constituting complete economic illiteracy, will have serious implications for Scotland's climate ambitions.

- Scotland already had ambitions to decarbonise buildings faster than the UK as a whole (recognised by the CCC in its December 2022 Scottish progress report).
- However, our ambitious plans in Scotland need actions by the UK Government, including the use of its reserved powers to accelerate the supply and installation of clean heating systems.
- The UK Government also needs to urgently deliver on its commitment to publish proposals to rebalance fuel prices, so that running costs of zero emissions heating systems are lower than those of fossil fuel systems.

- We are considering the implications of yesterday’s remarkable series of U-turns, including the potentially harmful effects on jobs and investment in clean heat.
- Simon McWhirter, Deputy CE of the UK Green Building Council, said (20 Sept) **[QUOTE]:** *This will be a real blow to the green business, investment and quality jobs that must be at the heart of our country’s future as we rebuild. [...] rolling back plans to improve the energy efficiency of rented homes is also environmentally reckless and economically damaging. The last time the Government went down the path of slashing green measures it added billions to people’s energy bills.”*

28. EIR Review- Emails 3-6 November 2023- Internal communications relating to the formulation of the Government Inspired Question which announced CCP delay

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 11:41 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Cc: Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot> [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot> [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Subject: RE: URGENT: advice on announcing the delay of the draft CCP

Hi [REDACTED]

You will note from the attached that FM has confirmed he is content with the delay.

I have passed to Ms McAllan for her interests.

Grateful if her asks below can be taken forward and final wording provided for her clearance.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 7:31 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>
Cc: Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] all gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT: advice on announcing the delay of the draft CCP

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Hi [REDACTED]

The Cab Sec has noted and is generally content to move forward with the GIQ however, only once the FM has responded to the note to confirm he is content.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

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From [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 4:22 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; all gov.scot Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; [REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Subject: URGENT: advice on announcing the delay of the draft CCP

Cabinet Secretary/PO,

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]. The attached submission contains a proposed GIQ and answer, handling lines and offers a second option for the Cabinet Secretary to consider. If the Cabinet Secretary does wish to lodge a GIQ for Tuesday, I have attached separately a SCANCE to inform Cabinet for Tuesday morning.

SpAds have been engaged on this but have not been able to comment ahead of the advice being submitted. Given the timescale, I have marked this as urgent and would appreciate a response on Monday where possible to allow the GIQ and SCANCE to be progressed if this is the chosen option.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

Climate Change Plan Team Leader

Mon: 8-3 Tue: 8:30-5 Wed: 8-4 Thurs: 8-3 Friday: 8-4:30

I do not generally work outside of these hours

29. EIR Review- Emails 1-6 November 2023- Internal communications relating to FM decision on CCP delay

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 10:24 AM

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; first.minister@gov.scot

Subject: Re: Note on Climate Change Plan

Good morning,

FM is in agreement to the delay in the plan, and we should make it clear that understanding the impact of recent UK Government decisions is a factor in our need to delay. FM thinks the sooner we make this clear the better, considering the discussions due with NGOs and of course our attendance at Cop28.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 4:34:54 pm

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Note on Climate Change Plan

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Hi [REDACTED],

DFM is content for her part.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP

The Scottish Government

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 3:36 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Subject: Note on Climate Change Plan

Reissuing with expanded copy list at Cabinet Secretariat request. FMPO please use this email when the FM responds.

FMPO

DFMPO

Please find attached a note from Ms McAllan on the Climate Change Plan.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition - Màiri McAllan MSP | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Mob: [REDACTED] | Email: CabsecTNZJT@gov.scot

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30. EIR Review- Email 3 November 2023- Internal communications relating to decision on CCP delay

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 3:59 PM

To: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft Climate Change Plan.

Folks

Officials are working on GIQ for the delay of the draft CCP next Tuesday (7th) through a Government Inspired Question.

They are keen to get up the advice and handling plan tonight for Ms McAllan to consider over the weekend. They are waiting for comments from SPADS. I think [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are looking at it in Leanne absence.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition - Màiri McAllan MSP | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Mob: [REDACTED]
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31. EIR Review- Email 6 November 2023- Internal communications relating to Government Inspired Question announcing decision to delay CCP

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; ParlyClerk Scotland <ParlyClerkScotland@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZeroandRuralAffairs@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE - GIQ for announcing delay of the draft Climate Change Plan

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Hi [REDACTED]

I can confirm the Minister for Parliamentary Business is content with the GIQ, noting that might be a request for a ministerial statement from Opposition Parties.

Please ensure that any letters or media are issued after the GIQ has been answered. **[REDACTED - out of scope]**

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business

M: [REDACTED] E: MinisterforPB@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: 06 November 2023 13:05

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; ParlyClerk Scotland <ParlyClerkScotland@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZeroandRuralAffairs@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

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Cab Sec TNZJT

Minister for Parliamentary Business,

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I have also updated the SCANCE to reflect timing.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Climate Change Plan Team Leader

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32. EIR Review- Email 6 November 2023- Internal communications relating to the formulation of the Government Inspired Question which announced CCP delay

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>

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Many thanks [REDACTED]

Ms McAllan is content, but asks that we remove the square brackets at the end of the GIQ.

Adding parly clerks also for sight.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:22 PM

To: TNZJT Portfolio Coordination Mailbox <TNZJTportfoliocoordinationteam@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: IMMEDIATE - GIQ for announcing delay of the draft Climate Change Plan

Hi both, forwarding on Cab Sec's cleared SCANCE on CCP delay.

Thanks again,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: 01312 [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:05 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; ParlyClerk Scotland <ParlyClerkScotland@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZeroandRuralAffairs@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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34. EIR Review- Off-Sen- Climate Change- CCP- delaying the draft CCP-
6 November

[REDACTED 10(4)e]

Delay of the draft Climate Change Plan

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

[REDACTED 10(4)e]

[REDACTED 10(4)e]

Reluctantly, the Scottish Government are to delay a draft of the Climate Change Plan beyond the Bute House Agreement date of the end of November. The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition will inform Parliament this morning through a Government Initiated Question that the unprecedented changes by the UK Government reneging on their net zero commitments, combined with the uncertain economic outlook for the UK as a whole and the constraints of devolution placed upon the Scottish Government, makes the challenging task of producing a draft Climate Change Plan that is just and fair by the end of November unachievable. Conversations with the UK Government will continue on 15 November.

Environmental Non-Government Organisations will be engaged on the matter by both the Cabinet Secretary and First Minister tomorrow (8 November).

Speaking Note

(The text in the box below is for the Minister to use to introduce the item or respond to any questions about the item at Cabinet. It should provide additional detail from the written note)

A copy of this should be sent to Cabinet Secretariat when complete

[A brief speaking note should still be provided for ‘taken as read’ items in case questions about the item are raised in Cabinet or in case your Cabinet Secretary decides to speak to the item after all]

Send to your Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretariat Inbox

It is regrettable that we’re having to move the timeframe for creating a draft Climate Change Plan from what was agreed as part of the Bute House Agreement. I’m determined that any transition to Net Zero must be fair and just, and therefore I’d rather use the time that we have available in statute to produce a plan that does not detriment those that can least afford to pay. I will continue to explore all avenues for emissions reductions policies with the Cabinet Sub-committee on the Climate Emergency and thank them for their on-going efforts in creating the future Scotland that we want and need.

Name of Official: [Redacted]

Number: [Redacted]

35. EIR Review Submission on GIQ advice- 6th November 23

From: [REDACTED]

DECC: Domestic Climate Change

06/11/2023

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

Minister for Parliamentary Business

GOVERNMENT INITIATED QUESTION (GIQ): UPDATE TO PARLIAMENT ON TIMING OF DRAFT CCP

Priority and Purpose

Immediate – the question needs to be lodged in Parliament later today (6 November) to allow the GIQ to be answered by 11:30 tomorrow, before FMEC at 12:15.

You have agreed to advise Parliament on the delay to the draft Climate Change Plan by GIQ and have asked for a revised question and answer.

Recommendation

Recommend that the Cabinet Secretary and Minister approve the proposed GIQ to provide Parliament with an update on the timing of the draft CCP.

Recommend that the Cabinet Secretary nominates an MSP colleague to ask the question in Parliament. SpAds suggestion is Jackie Dunbar (committee member).

Context

A draft of the Climate Change Plan was expected to be laid in Parliament by the end of November 2023 as it forms part of the Bute House Agreement, but this timescale is not determined by a specific statutory deadline. You had written to the FM who has agreed that it is not possible to lay a draft of the CCP within this timeframe.

[REDACT – 10(4)E]

Government Initiated Question

The proposed GIQ and proposed answer can be found in Annex A.

We require this GIQ to be lodged in the afternoon of Monday 6 November and answered at 11:30 on Tuesday 7 November.

Assessment of Options

Options to announce the delay had been presented to you on 3 November and this was your preferred option.

Bute House Agreement Implications

The SGP are aware of the need to delay the CCP. Officials have not had any confirmation in writing that the SGP are content beyond confirmation from SpAds.

Verity House Agreement Implications

No implications

Sensitivities

No further sensitivities

Quality Assurance

This Submission has been approved by Phil Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change

Conclusions and next Steps

The Cabinet Secretary and Minister are invited to approve the GIQ and proposed answer.

The Cabinet Secretary should nominate an MSP colleague to ask the question in Parliament. SpAds suggestion is Jackie Dunbar (committee member).

[REDACTED]

DECC: International Climate Change

[REDACTED]

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First Minister		X		
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Officials Copy List

Leanne Dobson

[REDACTED]

Annex A: Proposed GIQ

Proposed Government Inspired Question:

To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with the UK Government on climate policy and whether there is an update on the timing of the draft Climate Change Plan?

Proposed answer:

“The unprecedented changes by the UK Government reneging on their net zero commitments, including the rolling back of policies already announced and accounted for, have repercussions on our ability to produce a draft Climate Change Plan that is just and fair by the end of November. I am meeting with the UK Government again on 15 November to urge them to reconsider their position, and to stop putting party politics ahead of planetary health.

This, tied with the uncertain economic outlook for the UK as a whole and the constraints of devolution placed upon us, make this challenging task ever more difficult.

The Scottish Government are continuing to develop climate policies and are fully committed to bringing forward a draft of the next Climate Change Plan, covering the period 2025 to 2040, which is fair and just for everyone. It is regrettably not possible to do this by our own November deadline, but will progress in line with statutory deadlines, [aiming for quarter 3 2024].”

36. EIR Review- email exchange including final GIQ

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: GIQ on climate change plan

Hi both

Please find below the text of the GIQ and response on the climate change plan, which has now been published on the parliament website

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-22775>

Question reference: S6W-22775

Asked by: Jackie Dunbar, MSP for Aberdeen Donside, Scottish National Party

Current status: Initiated by the Scottish Government. Answered by Mairi McAllan on 7 November 2023

Question

To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with the UK Government on climate policy, and whether there it will provide an update on the timing of its draft Climate Change Plan.

Answer

The unprecedented changes by the UK Government reneging on their net zero commitments, including the rolling back of policies already announced and accounted for, have repercussions on our ability to produce a draft Climate Change Plan that is just and fair by the end of November. I am meeting with the UK Government again on 15 November to urge them to reconsider their position, and to stop putting party politics ahead of planetary health.

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[REDACTED] | Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)
Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e [REDACTED]

m: [REDACTED]

From: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Post cabinet media briefing

It does, much appreciated [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Post cabinet media briefing

Hi Julie

Please see below the cleared proactive statement for the delay to the draft CCP.

[REDACTED - 10(4)E]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Climate change plan update

Net Zero Secretary Mairi McAllan has updated the Scottish Parliament on the development of the Scottish Government's draft climate change plan, following a number of changes to UK Government policy positions aimed at achieving net zero.

The plan had been due to publish in initial draft form this month. Net Zero Secretary Mairi McAllan has informed the Scottish Parliament that, in part due to the repercussions of the UK Government's announcements, additional time will be required to prepare the plan for consideration by parliament.

The First Minister will discuss the implications of the date change with his Environmental Council today and with environmental NGOs on Wednesday.

Ms McAllan said:

“Scotland has some of the world's most ambitious climate change targets for emission reductions and we are already halfway to net zero. However, we have always been clear that the hardest part lies ahead.

“Regrettably, the UK Government's recent actions have only made that job harder still, not least when it comes to our homes and transport. While we are working to make our homes greener and easier to heat and reduce our reliance on petrol and diesel cars, the UK Government is renegeing on its own commitments, creating huge uncertainty for businesses and households.

“A fair and just transition will bring enormous benefits – a greener environment, cleaner air, new sources of economic vitality, greater energy security and healthier lives. That is why it is important that we take the time that is needed to get this plan right.

“We will continue to work with stakeholders to produce a plan that is fair and just for everyone, and addresses the difficulties presented by the UK Government's policy reversals. While it is regrettably not possible to do this by our own November deadline, we will progress in line with our statutory commitments.”

Background

Legislation requires the plan to be finalised by 23 March 2025, with Parliament having 120 days to scrutinise a draft plan before this.

The UK Government has backtracked on a commitment to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030 and significantly delayed and weakened its planned phasing out of fossil fuel boilers and higher energy efficiency standards.

The Net Zero Secretary is meeting with the UK Government on 15 November, where she will again urge it to reconsider its position.

[Link to GIQ]

[REDACTED] | **Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)**

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e: [REDACTED]

m: [REDACTED]

From: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:30 AM

To: Press Transport Scotland <media@transport.gov.scot>; Social Security Scotland Communications <Communications@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: Post cabinet media briefing

[REDACTED – out of scope]

[REDACTED – 10(4)e]

[REDACTED – out of scope]

39. EIR Review Letter to Climate Change Plan Advisory Group Members about CCP delay

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Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

Mairi McAllan MSP

T: 0300 244 4000

E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Climate Change Plan Advisory Group

—

8 November

Dear Climate Change Plan Advisory Group Members,

Yesterday I informed the Scottish Parliament that the initial publication of the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

Our commitment to publish in November is not a statutory one. Under the terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 9 (section 35(1)(a)) the deadline for Parliamentary laying of a final Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040 is by 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is, statutorily, not until the latter part of 2024.

While we had hoped to bring this forward to November 2023, this was always very challenging and has been made unachievable by the volatile economic circumstances the UK faces and the repercussions of the UK Government's recent announcements to roll back their net zero commitments. It is imperative that our Climate Change Plan is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to ensure this.

While it is regrettable that we were not able to meet our own hopes of a November deadline, we will progress development of the Plan in line with statutory deadlines, which require a final Plan to be published by March 2025, and look forward to continuing engagement with the Climate Change advisory group as we do so.

I would like to thank you for your time and effort in contributing to the draft Climate Change Plan to date. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us build our approach to the next iteration of the Climate Change Plan, and we will continue to use your input to develop policy ahead of the draft Climate Change Plan next year.

My officials will be in contact with future arrangements for the Climate Change Plan Advisory Group in due course.

Kind regards,

MAIRI MCALLAN

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40. EIR Review- Email chain on Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

[REDACTED] – as per teams, attached version with the “sitting” removed from the second paragraph

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:47 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Thanks very much [REDACTED] – please find attached letter ready for issue.

Thanks again for the flexibility on this!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7:55 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

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Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Good morning [REDACTED]

Please find attached the amended letter to the Climate Change Advisory Group based on the feedback below. Please let me know if any further changes will be needed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (She/her)

Policy officer | Policy and Implementation Unit | Domestic Climate Change Division | [Directorate for Energy and Climate Change](#) | [Scottish Government](#)



From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 5:51 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

[REDACTED]

Ms McAllan would like to make the same changes to this response as she made in the letter to the Climate Change Committee, as well as adding the below:

I would like to thank you for your time and effort in contributing to the draft Climate Change Plan to date. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us build our approach to the next iteration of the Climate Change Plan, and we will continue to use your input to develop policy ahead of the draft Climate Change Plan next year.' Etc.

Grateful if you could integrate this and we can look to issue

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Thanks [REDACTED] – given the scale of the correspondence involved, can we delegate this to you once Cab Sec clears the letter?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Hi [REDACTED],

It would be the entire group so that comes to 50+ people. I have included the full mailing list below:

Ameena Camps <Ameena.Camps@zerowastescotland.org.uk>; Artemis Pana <artemis@sra.scot>;
Becky Kenton- Lake <becky@stopclimatechaos.scot>; Cabinet Secretary TNZJT
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; Clare Reid
<Clare.Reid@scdi.org.uk>; Councillor Gail MacGregor <Gail.Macgregor@dumgal.gov.uk>; Craig
Hatton <chatton@north-ayrshire.gov.uk>; Daniel Paris <Dan@scotlink.org>; Dave Moxham
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Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; George Lewes <george.lewes@parliament.scot>; Gina
Hanrahan <GHanrahan@wwfscotland.org.uk>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Jaime Toney
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<john.crawford@glasgow.ac.uk>; Karen Turner <karen.turner@strath.ac.uk>; Kersti Berge
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<MinisterGSCB@gov.scot>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenant's Rights
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becky@stopclimatechaosscotland.org; Minister for Energy and the Environment
<MinisterEE@gov.scot>; Boyack S (Sarah), MSP <Sarah.Boyack.MSP@Parliament.scot>; Ewan Mearns
<Ewan.Mearns@scotent.co.uk>

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Policy Adviser

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:53 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Thanks [REDACTED], adding Leanne for her interests.

I have passed this to Cab Sec to approve.

In the meantime, in terms of practical considerations, how many individuals will we be reaching out to?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Deputy Private Secretary**

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot | Telephone: [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:44 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Good morning [REDACTED],

Not a problem at all, here is the body of the email we have drafted for the Cabinet Secretary (in black). Please do let us know if you would like us to tweak the language. This email will need to issue at 13:00, following the announcement of the CCP delay via the Government Inspired Question being answered and published on the SG website at around 12:30.

Dear Climate Change Plan Advisory Group Members,

Today I informed the Scottish Parliament that the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed. (Please see link to statement: **[REDACTED – Out of Scope]**)

This was a decision that I, and indeed the First Minister, have not taken lightly and is in part due to the repercussions of the UK Government's announcements. It is imperative for the Scottish

Government to make a plan that is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to do so.

I would like to thank you for your time and effort in contributing to the draft Climate Change Plan to date. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us build our approach to the next iteration of the Climate Change Plan, and we will continue to use your input to develop policy ahead of the draft Climate Change Plan next year.

My officials will be in contact with future arrangements for the Climate Change Plan Advisory Group in due course.

Kind regards,

MAIRI MCALLAN

Once the link has been published on the SG website, I'll send this to yourself via MS Teams to include.

Much appreciated,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Policy Adviser

Climate Change Plan Team | Policy and Implementation Unit

Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Hi [REDACTED]

The Cab Sec has said she would like a letter drafted in her name .

We could do a generic one which Ms McAllan clears which could be issued to all members.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: 06 November 2023 18:34

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: Communication of CCP delay to CCPAG

Good Evening PO,

Ahead of the announcement tomorrow of the delay to the Climate Change Plan, we are preparing written communications to each of the strategy/governance groups which have contributed to the development of the Plan.

The Climate Change Plan Advisory Group (CCPAG) is a key group in this and one which the Cabinet Secretary has chaired over its lifetime. We wanted to get your steer if you felt that the communication of its delay should come from the Cabinet Secretary herself or if you are content for officials to email the group directly on her behalf?

Grateful if you could please let us know as soon as possible so we can prepare wording.

Much appreciated,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Policy Adviser

Climate Change Plan Team | Policy and Implementation Unit

Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government

Email: [REDACTED] @gov.scot



41. EIR Review- Email to Just Transition Commission co-Chairs

From: [REDACTED]

To: Just Transition Commission justtransitioncommission@gov.scot

Dear Just Transition Commission co-Chairs,

Yesterday the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition informed the Scottish Parliament that the initial publication of the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

The Scottish Government's commitment to publish in November is not a statutory one. Under the terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 9 (section 35(1)(a)) the deadline for laying in Parliament of a final Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040 is by 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). The deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is not until the latter part of 2024.

While the aim was to bring the draft Plan forward to November 2023, this was always very challenging and has been made unachievable by the volatile economic circumstances the UK faces and the repercussions of the UK Government's recent announcements to roll back their net zero commitments. It is imperative that the Climate Change Plan is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to ensure this.

The development of the Plan will progress in line with statutory deadlines, which require a final Plan to be published by March 2025.

Kind regards,

The Climate Change Plan team

Climate Change Plan Team | Policy and Implementation Unit

Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government





42. EIR Review- Email to CCC about the CCP delay

Scottish Government: Update on the next Climate Change Plan

To: private.office@theccc.org.uk; Chris.Stark@theccc.org.uk

Cc: Simona.Battipaglia@theccc.org.uk; Emily.Nurse@theccc.org.uk; David.Joffe@theccc.org.uk; James.Tarlton@theccc.org.uk

Dear Professor Forster,

Please find attached letter on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition regarding the next Climate Change Plan.

Kind regards,

Climate Change Plan Team

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45. EIR Review – email to other devolved administrations 7th November

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@economy-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@economy-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@economy-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@economy-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@economy-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales>; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.wales; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: Scottish Government: Update on the draft Climate Change Plan

Good Afternoon All,

Please find link to the Scottish Parliament website with a written response from the Scottish Government regarding the next Climate Change Plan: Written question and answer: S6W-22775 | Scottish Parliament Website.

We look forward to discussing this further at the Net Zero Inter-Ministerial Group next Wednesday.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]>

Senior Policy Adviser

Climate Change Plan Team | Policy and Implementation Unit

Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government

Email: <[REDACTED]>



46. EIR Review – PQ response to S6W-23354

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:15 PM

To: Mairi Mcallan <Mairi.Mcallan2@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: Due 14/12 - S6W-23354 - Maurice Golden - Climate Change Plan

Ms McAllan,

PQ attached, content to clear?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: s0678a@gov.scot <s0678a@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:03 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: PQ Reference: S6W-23354

The PQ S6W-23354 has been sent to you by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED – Out of Scope]

[This information is already available in the public domain]

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

WRITTEN ANSWER

14 December 2023

Index Heading: Economy

Maurice Golden (North East Region) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a list of any meetings over the last 12 months during which the next Draft Climate Change Plan was discussed, including a list of the attendees at each meeting.

Mairi McAllan: The Scottish Government has discussions regarding the draft Climate Change Plan regularly and when required. Cabinet meets weekly and discusses climate change and net zero matters on a regular basis; for example it discussed the draft Climate Change Plan on 7 November 2023. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on Climate Emergency discussed the draft Climate Change Plan on 6 December 2022, 31 January 2023, 14 March 2023 and on 20 June 2023. The draft Climate Change Plan has also been discussed between the Deputy First Minister and with members of the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group at their liaison meetings on 2 February 2023, 19 July 2023, 28 September 2023 and 23 November 2023.

47. EIR Review- Media Monitoring of CCP Delay Reaction

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Hello,

Ms McAllan has noted.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:58 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;[REDACTED]@gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Media monitoring summary for CCP delay

Private Office,

Media monitoring for Climate Change Plan delay announcement

Please find attached, for the Cabinet Secretary's information, a summary of the media and stakeholder responses following Tuesday's announcement on the delay of the draft CCP.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (She/her)

Policy officer | Policy and Implementation Unit | Domestic Climate Change Division |
Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | [Scottish Government](#)

M: [REDACTED]



Climate Change Plan Delay Announcement.

SUMMARY OF MEDIA COVERAGE

Background

On 7 of November The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition has informed the Scottish Parliament that the draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed to provide more time to deal with current challenges including the unprecedented changes by the UK Government reneging on their net zero commitments, including the rolling back of policies already announced and accounted for, which has repercussions on our ability to produce a draft Climate Change Plan that is just and fair by the end of November. ([link](#) to GIQ)

The Scottish Government had set their own non-statutory deadline of November 2023 to create a draft Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040.

Summary of Scottish media coverage

[The National](#) and [The Scotsman](#) published articles on the delay of the draft Climate Change Plan and included tweets that were made by the CCC Chief Executive :

CCC Chief Executive: "This is very disappointing if it's confirmed. We agreed to push back @theCCCuk annual Scottish Progress Report to review the Scottish Government's new climate plan - due at the end of this year. Not sure why the PM's September speech on Net Zero would require delay by the Scottish Government. We looked at it in detail - the biggest policy changes were about English buildings. And not aware of anything in the King's speech that would require a delay to the Scottish plan...I think there are impacts for Scotland from the change in the date of the phase out of sales of petrol and diesel cars and vans (albeit minor). Potentially positive impacts from a UK-wide strategy to accelerate grid infrastructure etc. But these are reasons to go faster. Sadly I'm not sure either of our governments is doing the necessary at the moment"

[The Herald](#) published an article on the delay of the draft Climate Change Plan . Key messages to note:

Gina Hanrahan, head of policy at WWF Scotland : "It's now almost certain that 2023 will be the hottest year on record with accelerating climate impacts and extreme weather being felt everywhere. We need the Scottish Government to be treating this like the emergency that it is – and delaying the climate change plan is not the answer. Early action helps build resilience, reduce the costs of the transition and protect the vulnerable – that's why we need a sense of urgency from the climate change plan alongside transformational policies to slash emissions and energy bills – like the long-awaited heat in buildings bill."

Mike Robinson, the chairman of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland: "There is no time to delay action to reduce emissions and deliver a transition to a greener, healthier, fairer world. Scotland has been a climate leader, with relatively ambitious climate targets but, having missed 8 of the last 12 annual targets, a huge step up in action is needed. The new climate change plan is a crucial document that must contain bold, ambitious new policies across all sectors, including agriculture, transport and heating, and the Scottish Government must do as much as it can, as quickly and fairly as it can, if we are to have any chance of reducing our impact and showing true climate leadership. Clearly, the UK Government is responsible for some reserved matters that influence emissions and recent changes in UK policy have been incredibly disappointing. Both governments should more clearly set out what their policies mean for emissions – and how they interact. Both the UK and Scottish Governments can, and should, be more ambitious and act like we are in the emergency situation they have both declared."

At the moment Scottish media coverage refers to CCC Chief Executive's posts on X formerly known as twitter.

Stakeholder / political reactions

CCC Chief Executive: “This is very disappointing if it’s confirmed. We agreed to push back @theCCCUk annual Scottish Progress Report to review the Scottish Government’s new climate plan - due at the end of this year. Not sure why the PM’s September speech on Net Zero would require delay by the Scottish Government. We looked at it in detail - the biggest policy changes were about English buildings. And not aware of anything in the King’s speech that would require a delay to the Scottish plan...I think there are impacts for Scotland from the change in the date of the phase out of sales of petrol and diesel cars and vans (albeit minor). Potentially positive impacts from a UK-wide strategy to accelerate grid infrastructure etc. But these are reasons to go faster. Sadly I’m not sure either of our governments is doing the necessary at the moment”

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Stop Climate Chaos Scotland: “There is no time to delay action to reduce emissions and deliver a transition to a greener, healthier, fairer world. Scotland has been a climate leader, with relatively ambitious climate targets but, having missed 8 of the last 12 annual targets, a huge step up in action is needed. The new climate change plan is a crucial document that must contain bold, ambitious new policies across all sectors, including agriculture, transport and heating, and the Scottish Government must do as much as it can, as quickly and fairly as it can, if we are to have any chance of reducing our impact and showing true climate leadership. Clearly, the UK Government is responsible for some reserved matters that influence emissions and recent changes in UK policy have been incredibly disappointing. Both governments should more clearly set out what their policies mean for emissions – and how they interact. Both the UK and Scottish Governments can, and should, be more ambitious and act like we are in the emergency situation they have both declared.”

Douglas Lumsden MSP: “If the SNP do delay their climate change update, it will be no great surprise. They have continually missed the targets that they set for themselves and concentrated on rhetoric rather than action. Achieving real net zero targets will need a serious government that implements practical and sensible measures, not the SNP’s grandstanding and failure to deliver.”

Sarah Boyack MSP: “This is just the latest in a series of missed deadlines and broken promises from the SNP. The SNP has been dragging its heels on its climate change plan for far too long. We don’t need any further delay, we need real action and leadership so Scotland can reach its net zero targets. The article also notes that Edward Mountain,

convener of the Net Zero Committee, has written to Ms McAllan, asking for “clarity” over the plan being published.”

Scottish Labour Party: “Action on Climate change is urgent- but we have two failing governments who are missing deadlines and breaking promises”

Dr Doug Parr Chief Scientist and Policy director for Greenpeace UK: There's definitely a UK govt element to this, but not good enough for Scottish govt to keep delaying plans for climate action on transport, housing, agriculture which are v devolved

Jamie Livingstone, head of Oxfam Scotland, said: “News that the Scottish Government is now delaying its Climate Change Plan is deeply troubling. Instead of kicking the climate can ever further down the road, we need to see our political leaders, both in Westminster and the Scottish Parliament, focus on how to quickly and fairly decarbonise our economy: funded by making the biggest and richest polluters pay for their damage while protecting the pockets of the poorest households. Every fraction of a degree of warming makes a difference; and every delay in cleaning up our act costs lives.”

Edward Mountain, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, MSP: “So clearly SNP government is not being honest on delays to their CCP...everyone knew in August it was going to be late. The worst kept secret in the Scottish Parliament this summer”

Maurice Golden Scottish Conservative MSP: “ It seems the SNP & Greens are delaying their next climate change plan. A deeply disappointing move that they are predictably trying to blame on the UK Gov. If only they'd put the same effort into actual climate action.”

Climate Change Policy & Implementation Unit

November 2023

ANNEX A – LINKS TO MEDIA COVERAGE ON THE DELAY OF THE DRAFT CCP

BBC: [Watchdog criticises Scottish climate report delay - BBC News](#)

HOLYROOD: [Scottish Government postpones climate change plan blaming UK Government 'backtracking' \(holyrood.com\)](#)

OXFAM PRESS RELEASE: [Climate action delays cost lives – Oxfam Scotland \(oxfamapps.org\)](#)

THE HERALD:

[SNP-Green Government poised to delay climate change plan | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)](#)

[Government advisers criticise SNP delaying crunch climate change plan | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)](#)

SCOTTISH DAILY EXPRESS: [SNP Government's Rishi Sunak excuse to delay climate change policy torn apart by expert - Scottish Daily Express](#)

INEWS: [Scottish Government confirms 'very disappointing' delay to climate change plan \(inews.co.uk\)](#)

THE SCOTSMAN: [Climate change Scotland: Watchdog 'disappointed' after Scottish Government ministers delay draft climate change plan \(scotsman.com\)](#)

The NATIONAL: [Scottish Government delays publication of new climate change plan | The National](#)

53. EIR Review- Email to Private Office regarding Conveners Letter

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[REDACTED]

The below has now issued and been cleared by the Cab Sec.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 4:15 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Hi [REDACTED],

The whole of the last paragraph is new, following Ms McAllan's suggested inclusions.

Please see version with tracked changes.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 4:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
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[REDACTED]

Can you please flag where changes have been made.

Thanks,

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Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 9:53 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Subject: RE: Note from MinfPB to CabSecTNZJT - Conveners Group

Good Afternoon PO,

Following the Cabinet Secretary's comments, we have updated the letter and reattach for her consideration.

Please do let us know if this letter require further revisions.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Gavin Corbett
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Subject: RE: Note from MinFPB to CabSecTNZJT - Conveners Group

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thanks for this,

Ms McAllan has made some comments in track in the attached document – would it be possible to have a version that incorporates these for Ms McAllan to consider?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 2:59 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;

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Subject: RE: Note from MinFPB to CabSecTNZJT - Conveners Group

Good Afternoon PO/ Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition,

In response to the below note from the Minister for Parliamentary Business and the particular queries from Edward Mountain MSP **[REDACTED – out of scope]**, we have prepared a letter from the Cabinet Secretary to Liam McArthur MSP, Chair of the Conveners Group. I would be very grateful for the Cabinet Secretary's views and, if content, could Private Office please issue this letter to the Conveners Group, copied to the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Much appreciated,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED] [@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)



From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 5:15 PM

To: Philip Raines <Philip.Raines@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Catriona Laing <Catriona.Laing@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Note from MinfPB to CabSecTNZJT - Conveners Group

Hi Phil,

Please see below note from Mr Adam following a meeting with the Conveners Group.

Grateful if advice and a letter can be drafted addressing the conveners requests for an update.

Thanks

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[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 2:53 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>
Subject: Note from MinfPB to CabSecTNZJT - Conveners Group

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Please see below note from Mr Adam to the Cab Sec.

Cabinet Secretary

On Wednesday 15 November, I attended the Conveners Group for a private session. This was one of my regular slots with the Group to discuss matters of interest across Committees which relate to my role as Minister for Parliamentary Business.

During the session, the draft Climate Change Plan and **[REDACTED - out of scope]**. I agreed to follow up with you so the Conveners could receive an update on these matters from the relevant Cabinet Secretary.

In particular, Edward Mountain was seeking an update on timings for the publication of the draft Climate Change Plan. **[REDACTED – out of scope]**

I would be grateful if you could provide an update on these matters to the Conveners Group in due course.

Kind regards,

GA

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (she/her)

Private Secretary to the [Minister for Parliamentary Business](#) – George Adam MSP

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54. EIR – Review – Letter to the Convener

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xx December 2023

Dear Liam,

I am writing in response to correspondence from the Minister for Parliamentary Business on 27 November, this was following a private session he had held with the Convener's Group. The Minister flagged two queries during this session from Edward Mountain MSP **[REDACTED – out of scope]** which I include responses to below.

In response to Mr Mountain's query regarding the draft Climate Change Plan (CCP), Mr Mountain will be aware from previous correspondence that we regrettably made the decision to delay the draft plan being laid before Parliament in November 2023.

The Scottish Government are continuing to develop climate policies and are fully committed to bringing forward a draft of the next Climate Change Plan, covering the period 2025 to 2040, which ensures our transition to net zero is fair and just for everyone. Whilst it was regrettably not possible to produce a draft by our own November deadline, we will progress in line with statutory deadlines.

Under the terms of section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act the deadline for laying a final Plan in Parliament covering the period 2025 to 2040 is 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the legal deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is not until the latter part of 2024. I will keep Parliament informed of our progress and hope to firm up dates for laying the draft next year.

[REDACTED – out of scope]

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Yours sincerely,

MAIRI MCALLAN

58. EIR Review- Letter to CCC about CCP delay

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Professor Piers Forster

Climate Change Committee

1 Victoria Street

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7 November 2023

Dear Professor Forster,

I write to advise that I have today informed the Scottish Parliament that initial publication of draft Climate Change Plan has been postponed.

Under the terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (section 35(1)(a)) the deadline for Parliamentary laying of a final Plan covering the period 2025 to 2040 is by 23 March 2025. Also under the terms of the Act, we must allow 120 sitting days for Parliamentary scrutiny of a draft (of which no fewer than 60 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess). Therefore, the deadline for laying a draft of our Plan is, statutorily, not until the later part of 2024.

While we had hoped to bring this forward to November 2023, this was always very challenging and has been made unachievable by the volatile economic circumstances the UK faces and the repercussions of the UK Government's recent announcements to roll back their net zero commitments. It is imperative that our Climate Change Plan is just and fair, and we will take the time allowed to us in statute to ensure this.

I am aware that the Committee was planning to publish its 2023 Scottish Progress Report in early 2024 to include consideration of the draft Climate Change Plan in the report, and that the delay to the draft will have implications for this. My officials are in regular touch with the Committee's secretariat and will be happy to discuss further the best way to manage the delay for the Committee's forthcoming reports.

While it is regrettable that we were not able to meet our own hopes of a November deadline, we will progress development of the Plan in line with statutory deadlines, and look forward to continuing engagement with the Committee as we do so.

Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact my officials.

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MAIRI MCALLAN

59. EIR Review- CSC-CE Paper on CCP Development

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[REDACTED - out of scope]

Background and Update

On 7 November, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition announced in Parliament that the Scottish Government would no longer aim to publish a draft Climate Change Plan in November. That commitment was a political one, set out in the Bute House Agreement. It was not a statutory requirement, which requires the final version of the next Climate Change Plan to be published in March 2025, and the draft Plan to be laid in Parliament by September 2024.

The decision was taken highly reluctantly and reflected the outcome of significant and continuing work across the SG to explore options to meet the challenging targets of the next Plan, particularly for its early period (2025-30).

[REDACTED - out of scope]