

**Pwyllgor Newid Hinsawdd,
yr Amgylchedd a Seilwaith**

**Climate Change, Environment,
and Infrastructure Committee**

Julie James MS
Minister for Climate Change

18 November 2022

Dear Minister,

Climate change: climate adaptation and carbon budgets

At the start of the Sixth Senedd, the Committee agreed to undertake work to assess progress towards delivery of the Welsh Government's climate adaptation plan, *Prosperity for All: A Climate Conscious Wales* (the Plan). In doing so, we were mindful that the Welsh Government had committed to publishing its first progress report on the Plan in spring 2022. We agreed it would be sensible to await publication of the report before scheduling this work. As far as we understand, the report has still not been published.

The Committee is in the process of finalising its work programme for spring term 2023. **Please could you confirm when the report will be published so that we can plan our work accordingly, and explain why the report has been delayed.**

During a Ministerial scrutiny session back in October 2021, your official told us work was underway to assess whether the Plan would need to be updated to take account of the Climate Change Committee's advice on the UK's third Climate Change Risk Assessment. She suggested we and/or the Senedd would be informed of a decision in due course. **Please could you clarify whether you intend to make changes to the current Plan in light of the CCC's advice and, if so, when.**

On a related matter, the Committee intends to consider the delivery of the first carbon budget (2016 to 2020), informed by the Welsh Government's final statement for the budgetary period. To meet the requirement of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, this statement must be laid before the 31 December 2022. **Please can you confirm that you will be in a position to meet this requirement.**

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I should be grateful if you would provide a response to this letter as soon as possible, and by **16 December** at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.