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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November. I welcome the committee's attention to these matters.

A [progress report](#) on our current climate change adaptation plan, [Prosperity for All: A Climate Conscious Wales](#), was published on 7 December. This has involved considerable input by officials working across government and as such I am afraid has taken longer than originally anticipated. The report sets out the actions taken to date as well as considering further measures which may be required, in the light of the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) third climate risk independent assessment. In addition, we have commissioned the CCC to undertake an independent assessment of progress and future priorities for climate change adaptation in Wales, which will be published in summer 2023.

We do not intend to publish an update to our current adaptation plan. Policy officials are working to address the specific areas of risk raised by the CCC and we have set out the additional steps being taken within the Climate Conscious Wales progress report. My officials are also working to develop an improved and updated strategic approach for our next national plan, which we are planning to publish in autumn 2024. This will be informed by the CCC's latest climate risk advice and their forthcoming independent progress report on Wales.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I can also confirm that, in accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, the full Net Welsh Emissions Account upon which our legal targets are based has also been published. The Account will be set out in our legislative [Final Statement](#) for the first Carbon Budget period, transparently showing the analysis of data, the final carbon accounting choices and progress in relation to our first Plan [Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales](#).

The Statement will also take a broader view, providing the first assessment of the emissions not just generated in Wales, but generated by Wales through the goods and services we consume. Only by considering this broader picture and shouldering our global responsibility can we truly protect our precious world for future generations.

I hope this update is helpful and would be happy to address any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



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