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Dear Alun Ffred

Thank you once again for your consideration of the Environment (Wales) Bill during Stage 2.

During the Stage 2 proceedings on 26 November, I made a commitment to provide further information on what I would anticipate would be included in the final statement for Carbon Budgets.

The Environment Bill will require the Welsh Ministers to lay before the National Assembly a final statement for each five year budgetary period within two years of the last year of the budget period.

A final statement must state, in respect of each greenhouse gas, the total amount of Welsh emissions, Welsh removals and net Welsh emissions for the budgetary period. This would include information on emissions of greenhouse gases from sources in Wales and any removals of these gases due to land use or land-use changes as well as from any forestry activities in Wales. This information may also include emissions from international aviation and shipping when the power under section 35 is applied.

It will also include the total amount of carbon units that have been credited to or debited from the net Welsh emissions account for the period, and give details of the number and type of those units. This would therefore include information on the trading of any carbon units in schemes such as the EU Emission Trading Scheme.

It must also state the final amount of the net Welsh emissions account for the period and whether the Welsh Ministers have decided to carry an amount back or forward under section 40 of the Bill so as to increase or reduce the carbon budget for the period, and if so the amount carried back or forward.

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The statement must include the final amount of the carbon budget for the period, whether the carbon budget for the period has been met and any reasons why the reasons why the carbon budget has or has not been met. In particular, it must include the Welsh Ministers' assessment of the extent to which their proposals and policies for meeting the carbon budget for the period have been carried out.

Finally, I made a commitment during the Stage 2 debate to consider further a number of the amendments which were tabled by Committee members at Stage 2; I will work with members ahead of Stage 3 to bring forward amendments for consideration.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl".

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