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Dear Richard

Rural affairs and environment portfolio European priorities

In its latest agreed work programme, the Committee agreed to write to you for an update on the Scottish Government's European priorities and plans for EU engagement.

The Committee last agreed its EU priorities last year and wrote¹ to you on 11 March 2013. You responded² on 22 April 2013 providing the Committee with additional information on a number of issues contained in the Committee's list of priorities and issues of interest.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an update on the Scottish Government's EU priorities in the rural affairs and environment portfolio, together with details of progress on the issues previously identified in the Committee's letter to you in March 2013, and your response in April 2013.

¹ Scottish Parliament Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, EU priorities. 11 March 2013. Available at:
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_RuralAffairsClimateChangeandEnvironmentCommittee/General%20Documents/2013.03.11_-_RACCE_Convener_to_Cabinet_Secretary_re_CWP_engagement_2013.pdf.

² Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary regarding the Committee's EU priorities. 22 April 2013. Available at:
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_RuralAffairsClimateChangeandEnvironmentCommittee/General%20Documents/2013.04.22_-_Letter_from_the_Cabinet_Secretary_on_the_European_Commission_Work_Programme_2013.pdf.

I would grateful if you could provide us with this information by **the end of August 2014**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Rob Gibson MSP
Convener

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

Cc. Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Environment and Climate Change