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Dear Rob

PUBLICATION OF SCOTLAND'S CARBON FOOTPRINT: 1998-2012

I am writing to inform you of the publication of an Official Statistics release today providing estimates of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions on a consumption basis for the period 1998-2012. Consumption emissions are those associated with the spending of Scottish residents on goods and services, wherever in the world these emissions arise, together with emissions directly generated by Scottish households.

The statistics update and replace those published in September 2013 which covered the period 1998-2010 and, as required by section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, a copy will be laid in the Scottish Parliament. The data will also inform National Indicator 47: "Reduce Scotland's Carbon Footprint".

With kind regards

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