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By email only.

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Dear Pete,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October, regarding the Scottish Affairs Committee's inquiry into the impact of rising cost of living on the rural communities of Scotland.

As previously covered in my letter of 6 September, unavoidable diary pressures meant that I was unable to attend the SAC meeting on 11 September. Your letter makes reference to 'a Transport Minister' being able to attend. I believe this may be a reference to my colleague, Fiona Hyslop, who is the Minister for Transport.

The confusion may have arisen as I understand that Ms. Hyslop was in London on 11th September, however, I am unclear why you have the impression that Ms. Hyslop would have been attending as this was not something my letter of 6 September suggested, or offered.

Yours sincerely,

MAIRI GOUGEON