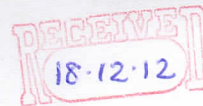


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Dear Lord Lindsay

Thank you for letter of 16 November providing a copy of the letter you wrote to DECC Ministers on the issue of Greenhouse Gas reporting, and for your continued efforts to secure inclusion of peatland in national greenhouse gas emission reporting, under the Kyoto Protocol.

As you will be aware the Scottish Government has long recognised the importance of our peatlands for the multiple benefits which they provide. In October I was able to announce that the Government, as part of the Green Stimulus package, had identified £1.7m over the next 3 years to support additional peatland restoration work.

There are a number of pieces of work around greenhouse gas reporting and my officials are engaged in each of them. We will be contributing to the UK response to the United Nations and our ambitions are not only using the opportunities here to contribute to meeting our own Climate Change targets but to use these opportunities to promote international ambition.

Indeed, I took the opportunity to discuss the international importance of peatlands and wetlands with NGOs represented at last week's COP 18 in Doha.

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