

# THE JUST TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP

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Roseanna Cunningham MSP,  
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Dear Ms Cunningham,

## **The Just Transition Commission's recommendations and the Programme for Government**

We are writing to enquire about the Scottish Government's response to recommendations made by the Just Transition Commission in its Interim Report in February and its recent Advice on a Green Recovery in July. We urge you to incorporate its recommendations for immediate action into the upcoming Programme for Government.

The Interim Report noted the need for immediate, decisive action while its Advice on a Green Recovery stressed that the Scottish Government "should make clear declarations of policy intent" for each of their recommendations. The Just Transition Commission has been clear that the Scottish Government should take their proposals forward immediately, prior to the publication of their final report. In light of this, we have been disappointed by the absence of measures which will deliver a just transition in the Government's recent response to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery. We would like to know the Government's response to the Just Transition Commission's proposals in both of these reports and what specific actions are being taken in relation to any of them.

In particular, for recovery plans to respond to the climate emergency, supporting delivery of climate targets through a just transition, we believe that it is necessary that the proposals made by the Commission under the following headings are reflected in this Programme for Government:

1. Boost investment in warmer homes
2. Back buses and support the supply chain
3. Maintain and create new jobs for oil and gas workers
4. Help the rural economy by helping Scotland's nature
5. Align skills development – for young and old – with the net-zero transition
6. Give a clear sense of direction and attach conditions to funding

The delivery of a Just Transition across Scotland's economy will require comprehensive and long-term planning within each sector with the involvement of workers through trade unions, environmental groups and local communities. As the Just Transition Commission highlighted "clear transition plans need to be developed for individual sectors if Scotland is to capture the economic and social opportunities on offer from the move to a net-zero economy". We strongly agree with this and would urge that the 'clear sector policy plans and pathways to net zero' promised in the revision of the Climate Change Plan will set out the nature, scale and mechanisms of those investments. The forthcoming Programme for Government should also commit to this.

The Just Transition Partnership is committed to working with the Government in making just transition a reality in Scotland and has developed an extensive set of proposals for this. We would be pleased to meet you and have the opportunity to present these proposals to you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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for the Just Transition Partnership

cc Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture