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Dear Convener,

Today the Scottish Fiscal Commission has published its biennial [Statement of Data Needs](#). This statement is published on the recommendation of the predecessor Economy Committee in the last Parliament. It is designed to highlight improvements in data that would assist the Commission in preparing its forecasts and fiscal sustainability reports.

In this Statement we have made a number of recommendations to the Scottish Government that are intended to address gaps in the information available to assess how climate change would affect public finances in the long term. Improved data would allow us to better scrutinise and analyse spending trends and to assess the long-term fiscal implications of climate change.

I am happy to discuss any aspects of this Statement and I am looking forward to meeting the Committee on 10 September when I will be giving evidence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Roy".

Professor Graeme Roy