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To whom it may concern

Our response to the Scottish National Adaptation Plan consultation focuses on monitoring and evaluation and data. We reiterate the recommendations we made in our recent [Fiscal Sustainability Perspectives: Climate Change](#) publication.

The Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) welcomes the commitment to a monitoring and evaluation framework. We encourage the Scottish Government to publish data on investment and day to day spending by Scottish Government and other devolved public sector bodies on adaptation activity. We would also welcome the Scottish Government's greater use of effective monitoring and evaluation frameworks so that spend can be linked to the Scottish Government's objectives for adaptation. We appreciate the complexity in linking resources to impacts but highlight that monitoring and making that data publicly available supports transparency and accountability.

The Scottish National Adaptation Plan should set out policies to meet adaptation outcomes and the cost of implementing each policy. This should identify the cost for Scottish Government and the public sector as well as the private sector where appropriate. It should be done in a way which allows the spend on those policies and programmes to be identified in the Scottish Budget and consistently tracked over time.

Yours sincerely

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

Professor Graeme Roy