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Dear James

**Notice of the publication of the ‘Island Communities Impact Assessment on the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill’ and ‘Latest estimates of Fuel Poverty and Extreme Fuel Poverty under the proposed new definition’.**

I am pleased to be sharing with you the publication today of the first ever Island Community Impact Assessment (ICIA) and the data analysis document: “Latest estimates of Fuel Poverty and Extreme Fuel Poverty under the proposed new definition.”

The ICIA has identified 8 Actions which the Scottish Government commits to in order to support our aim of reducing fuel poverty within island communities in the context of this Bill. As I promised, this has been completed before the guidance was in place and before the legislation required us to because of the vital importance of this issue.

We are also publishing additional data analysis containing further analytical information about the new definition of fuel poverty and how the changes will impact local fuel poverty levels.

Both of these documents will support consideration of Stage 3 of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) Bill and can be found on the Scottish Government’s website under: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/>

Kind regards

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