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Hello,

I understand you are gathering feedback on our level of carbon emissions, for which thank you. I'm referencing Neasa Hourican's feedback below, and would like to emphasise my own concern about this matter and the need to cut emissions by 7.6% or aim for a better result than that, given the inequity of emission contributions globally.

Kind regards,

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"The United Nations Environment Programme annually publishes an "emissions gap" report, which considers the gap between how much countries are planning to cut emissions and what is required to keep global heating to 1.5C, the goal of the Paris Agreement. This report has stated that we need to "cut global emissions by 7.6 percent every year for the next decade to meet 1.5°C Paris target". Therefore it is imperative that we work from the base of 7% (or indeed 7.6%) in developing our nationally agreed carbon budgets. Given that rich countries have polluted more than developing countries and have greater capacity to make carbon savings it is incumbent on wealthier countries like Ireland that we not only meet our base targets but operate in a manner that may exceed those targets. A number of academics in the state have outlined that given the level of emissions Ireland produces per capita even the 7.6% emissions reduction does not signify doing our 'fair share' and indeed a more careful nuanced accounting might a produced a target above 10%."

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