



The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Michael,

THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AND VARIATION OF CONSENT) (FEES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2022 (SSI 2022/310)

At its [meeting on 22 November 2022](#), the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee considered the Electricity (Applications for Consent and Variation of Consent) (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument but agreed to write to the Scottish Government regarding a point raised during the meeting.

The Committee seeks detail on the impact of the move to full-cost recovery and what associated impact this will have on resourcing the current applications system, noting concerns from industry stakeholders regarding timescales for determination of applications for consent.¹


The Committee therefore asks the Scottish Government—

- Will the Regulations make a significant difference to timescales for determination of applications?
- Will the Regulations sufficiently resource the decision-making structure and process?

I would be grateful for a response by 17 January 2023.

¹ [Official Report](#), Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, Scottish Parliament – 31st Meeting (Session 6), Tuesday 22 November 2022

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
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