



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Minister of State
Department for Business and Trade
UK Government
By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**
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Dear Minister,

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

I am writing to seek clarification in relation to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee of the Scottish Parliament is keen to ascertain what role we will need to play in scrutinising future regulations coming from the Scottish Government should the Bill in its current form receive Royal Assent. At present, we have concerns about what practical implications this might have on our current work programme.

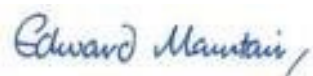
Whilst I recognise that much of the secondary legislation in relation to the Bill would be brought forward by the Scottish Government, I am seeking your view on what role, if any, the Scottish Parliament will need to play in scrutinising legislation extending to devolved matters which are made by the Secretary of State to preserve or replace REUL, or to delay the sunset date. As such, I would be grateful if you could set out in further detail how the UK Government expects the legislative process for this will operate in practice.

Furthermore, could you confirm if the UK Government has any plans to exercise its proposed powers to delay the sunset date in relation to any laws within devolved areas? If so, what representations have been made with the Scottish Government to discuss what Regulations they require the UK Government to postpone the sunset date for?

It would be helpful to receive a response addressing the points raised in this correspondence by 8 March 2023.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

This letter is copied to Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee of the Scottish Parliament.