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By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee**

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Dear Mr Duthie

Reusable cup scheme at OVO Hydro

I am writing to seek information from Scottish Events Campus Ltd (SEC) regarding its approach to waste management at the OVO Hydro in Glasgow.

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is currently scrutinising the [Circular Economy \(Scotland\) Bill](#). The legislation seeks to introduce measures to make progress towards a circular economy in Scotland.

One of the key themes arising from scrutiny so far has been innovation. The Committee is keen to find out how organisations have been developing good practice in relation to sustainability and waste management. OVO Hydro's 'Stack Cups' initiative was mentioned as leading the way in terms of its innovative approach to reducing waste at concerts and other events taking place at this venue.

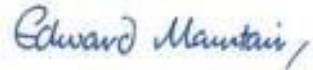
As such, at our meeting on 26 September, the Committee agreed to write to SEC seeking further details on OVO Hydro's Stack Cups initiative and how it operates. In particular, we are keen to find out more about—

- What is your current assessment of how many single-use cups have been prevented as a result of the scheme's introduction?
- What infrastructure was required for SEC to give the scheme full effect?
- Have you noticed a change in consumer behaviour as a result of the scheme?
- What have been the proceeds as a result of the scheme? What are the operating costs for the scheme and are these outlays fully covered by funds generated? If so, what is SEC's estimated savings as a result of introducing the scheme?

- How have you managed any associated risks relating to health and safety around the removal of single-use cups?
- Do you have any other comments on the scheme which may be helpful for us to know in terms of our scrutiny work?

On behalf of the Committee, I seek a response by 31 October. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener

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