



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

19 December 2024

Dear Secretary of State

Great British Energy Bill

I am writing to extend an invitation to the UK Government to provide evidence to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee regarding the Great British Energy Bill. Specifically, the session would be an opportunity for the UK Government to set out why, in its view, the Scottish Parliament should consent to any aspects of the Bill which—

- alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers or the devolved competence of the Scottish Parliament, or
- legislate in areas devolved to the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Government lodged a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Bill on 8 August. This stated that while the Scottish Government broadly supports the Bill's ambitions, it was not yet in a position to take a definitive position on consent. The LCM sets out a commitment to provide a more detailed supplementary LCM in due course but this has not yet been received. I wrote to the Scottish Government earlier this month making clear that I consider that the provision of this more detailed information to now be overdue. I am now hopeful of movement from the Scottish Government on this in the near future. If so, this additional information will of course be shared with your office.

Under the Scottish Parliament's standing orders, the Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee, as designated lead Committee for this matter, must report to the Scottish Parliament on whether legislative consent in respect of the GB Energy Bill should be provided. It would be of great assistance to the Committee in this role if you or another Member of your Ministerial team were to accept this invitation to give evidence.

It would be helpful if this session could take place in sufficient time for the Committee to be able to agree a short report before the final amending stage in the House of Lords. You will be more aware than we are of when this is likely to be.

The Committee normally meets on Tuesday morning, and we would be happy to accommodate a UK Minister and supporting officials either in person or online at our

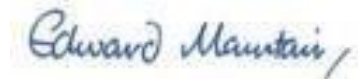
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meetings on 14 or 21 January. If these slots are not convenient, we would be happy to work with you and your officials to find an alternative time.

For information, the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy will be giving evidence on this matter on 7 January.

I would be grateful for a response by 6 January.

Yours sincerely,

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

Edward Mountain MSP

Convener

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