



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin,
Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Scottish Government

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Great British Energy Bill

Four months have passed since the Scottish Government laid a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Great British Energy Bill. I note that this set out a holding position, indicating (without going into detail) that the Scottish Government considered several provisions of the Bill to pertain to devolved matters and that the Scottish Government was not yet in a position to make any recommendation to the Scottish Parliament regarding consent. The LCM stated that a supplementary LCM would be submitted following further discussions with the UK Government.

I note that the Bill is currently at the Committee stage in the second house at Westminster. Time is therefore running out for the Committee to engage with the Bill. As you know, the LCM process exists to facilitate the Scottish Parliament giving consent (or not) to relevant UK Bills. Whilst inter-governmental dialogue to try to resolve differences is to be welcomed, the fact that it is ongoing should not become a barrier to the laying of a LCM in sufficient time, and including sufficient detail, to enable the lead Committee to carry out its constitutional role of advising the Parliament on whether consent is appropriate.

I would welcome sight of the substantive LCM as soon as reasonably possible. Failing this, could you provide any details at this point on which elements of the Bill are currently being discussed between the governments, delaying the lodging of the supplementary LCM?

I would appreciate a response by 11 December.

Yours sincerely,

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