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RE: Great British Energy Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum

Dear Edward,

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 2025, regarding consideration of clause 6 of the Great British Energy Bill and the legislative consent memorandum.

As the UK Minister for Energy indicated at his committee appearance on 21 January, the UK Government has said that clause 6 would be used in limited circumstances, such as a health and safety risk or a national security issue. The Scottish Government has not received any additional assurances outwith those provided by Minister Shanks to the committee.

When I appeared before the Committee on 7 January, I confirmed I had written to the UK Minister for Energy on 16 December to seek confirmation that the Scottish Government is included as an organisation to be consulted under clause 6. I received a response from the minister on 23 January, with assurances that consultation with the Scottish Government will be included under clause 6, when giving direction to Great British Energy that is related to a matter which is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

I hope that the information shared in this letter has been useful but please contact me or my officials should you require anything further.



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