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Dear Convener,

The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023

I am writing to inform the Economy and Fair Work Committee of the Scottish Government's intention to lay the Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 in Parliament on 8 June 2023, for portfolio interest.

These regulations will prohibit the use of direct emissions heating systems (like gas boilers) in new buildings applying for a building warrant from 1 April 2024, and follow on from an initial commitment made within the Scottish Government's 2019-20 Programme for Government.

These regulations are a key precursor to those that will support Scotland's existing building stock to reach net zero. Not only will this first step help to ensure new homes and buildings are future-proofed by removing the need for retrofit, but the regulations will ensure we avoid locking-in further harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

The Scottish Government has undertaken extensive external engagement with a wide-range of stakeholders, including through two public consultations and an external working group, to ensure that the final regulations have the endorsement of a wide-range of stakeholders.

I hope that you find this helpful, and I have also enclosed an embargoed copy of the regulations for your consideration.

Kind regards,

PATRICK HARVIE

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