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Dear Michael,

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM ON THE UK ENERGY BILL

Thank you for accepting my invitation to give evidence to the Committee on the above on 24 January. As some months have now passed since both the UK Bill and the Scottish Government's LCM were introduced, I am writing to you to offer you the opportunity to provide further written information in advance of the session that might assist the Committee with its scrutiny. In this connection, I note paragraph 8 of the LCM which states:

“The Scottish Government will continue to work with BEIS to secure an approach to those provisions which require amendments. The Scottish Government may therefore lodge a supplementary legislative consent memorandum and motion later in the Bill's passage through the UK Parliament.”

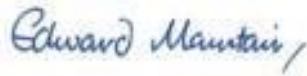
It would be helpful to receive an update on this. It may also assist the Committee of the Scottish Government were able to provide further detail on why the Scottish Government is recommending consent be withheld from the following areas of the Bill—

- **Part 1 (Licensing of Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage)**, Chapter 1 clauses 1-19, 26-27, 29, 31-35, Chapter 3 clause 41, Chapter 4 clause 46, Chapter 5 clause 50-52, Chapter 6 clause 53
- **Part 2 (Carbon Dioxide Capture, Storage Etc. and Hydrogen Production)**, Chapter 1 clauses 56-64, 68-81, Chapter 2 clauses 82-84, Chapter 3 clauses 88-91, Chapter 5 clauses 96-97,
- **Part 3 (New Technology)**, Chapter 1 clauses 98-107
- **Part 7 (Heat Networks)**, Chapter 1 clause 168-169
- Schedule 15: Part 5, paragraph 33
- **Part 11 (Oil and gas)**, clauses 225-227
- **Part 13 (General)**, clause 238

I further note you have suggested to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in [correspondence of 8 December 2022](#) you will be introducing a supplementary LCM to also propose consent is withheld on clause 172. An update on the intended timescales for the supplementary LCM, as well as details of any other areas you are intending to revise, would be helpful.

It would be helpful to have a response by **17 January 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

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