



The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Màiri,

Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Thank you for attending a meeting of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 27 June to give evidence on the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

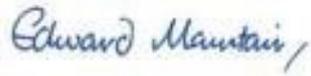
Following the conclusion of our evidence session, the Committee considered the Scottish Government's consent notification. The Committee is content to accept the Scottish Government's proposal to give consent to UK Ministers in making regulations on its behalf for this UK Statutory Instrument.

There has been a partial lack of transparency in the process relating to this particular instrument. While we understand the reasons for this, we further agreed to ask you for—

- An update in one year on progress in developing alternative chemicals, that would not be in breach of the Stockholm Convention for the specific use for which an exemption is sought;
- Details of any relevant Scottish Government protocols with the UK Government and Ministry of Defence on environmental management and compliance and habitat regulations; and
- Details on how these protocols could provide for parliamentary scrutiny of actions taken.

In relation to the last two points, the Committee would welcome a response by 25 July 2023. It would be helpful if, in your response, you could also indicate whether you agree to provide an update on the first point in a year's time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing slash at the end.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee