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## **SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL BILL**

I am writing in relation to the UK Government's Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill, which was introduced into the UK Parliament on 14 May 2025. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet the target date for lodging an LCM set in Standing Orders. Although earlier incomplete versions of the Bill were shared the final version was only shared with officials on 13 May 2025 and introduced on 14 May 2025.

The Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill cuts across devolved and reserved matters.

The Bill enables the Secretary of State ("SoS") to fund financial assistance, by way of a levy imposed on suppliers of aviation fuel in the UK, to a designated counterparty (a company limited by shares, with shares held by a Minister of the Crown) so that the counterparty may, at the direction of the SoS, enter into revenue certainty contracts with sustainable aviation fuel ("SAF") providers. (SAF are fuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from aviation over the lifecycle when compared to standard jet fuel.) This is intended to reduce revenue risk in relation to the production of SAF, and support SAF production in the UK.

The UK Government considers that legislative consent of the Scottish Parliament is required for a number of provisions in the Bill which extend to Scotland, namely clauses 1–5, 10, 12 to 19.

UK Government officials have also recently stated that clause 11(2) is devolved.

Scottish Government officials have had little opportunity to engage with their counterparts in the UKG on the details of the Bill, with sight of the full Bill and accompanying documents only being provided on 13 May 2025.

We anticipate that we will be in a position to lodge an LCM week commencing 16 June 2025. My officials will keep in contact with yours regarding anticipated timescales for lodging the memorandum.

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I am copying this letter to Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, and Edward Mountain MSP, Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie', with a large, stylized flourish above it.

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