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Dear Edward,

**LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM (LCM) ON THE GREAT BRITISH ENERGY
BILL**

Thank you for your letter of 22nd May regarding the LCM process for the Great British Energy (GBE) Bill, now Act. I am grateful for you taking the time to set out the Scottish Parliament's experience of this process, and am sorry to hear that it was, at times, frustrating. The LCM process is complex, and this Government is committed to improving our ways of working with the Devolved Governments to ensure that we can deliver legislation across the UK with the support of the devolved legislatures.

On the passage of the GBE Act specifically, all provisions of the Act legislated in areas of devolved competence, meaning any amendments engaged the LCM process. During Lords passage, several concessionary amendments were required to ensure the successful delivery of the Act. As I am sure you can understand, we cannot always predict where parliamentarians will raise concerns and therefore what concessions will be needed during the final stages of a Bill. I have asked my team to remind colleagues across Whitehall of the importance of engaging as early as possible.

I am assured that the engagement between the Scottish Government and DESNZ was collaborative and constructive throughout the Act's passage, including at Ministerial level. I am grateful for all the work that went into scrutinising amendments and securing legislative consent from the Scottish Parliament in the time available.



I agree that there are still areas where we can improve. Since taking office, this Government has been committed to working closely with colleagues in the Devolved Governments to deliver the best outcomes for the whole of the UK. There is more work to do and we remain committed to delivering on our manifesto commitment to strengthen the Sewel convention and agree a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Devolved Governments.

I look forward to working with the Scottish Government and Governments across the UK to improve how we legislate in areas of devolved competence. I know that DESNZ is committed to working with the Scottish Government to deliver GBE across the UK, including through its headquarters in Aberdeen.

I am copying this letter to the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Energy Security and Net Zero for information.

Yours,
Henry