



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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Scottish Government

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Dear Gillian

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill LCM

As you'll be aware, the Scottish Government lodged a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the above Bill on 25 September.

I note that this set out that the Scottish Government was reserving its position on consent in relation to clauses 2 to 11, 13, 14 and the schedule.

The LCM states that "a supplementary LCM will be required... when the Scottish Government has reached a position" and that we would receive this supplementary LCM "in due course".

Can you provide any update on the Scottish Government's position in relation to these clauses and any amendments currently being sought? If the Scottish Government has still not reached an initial position to begin its intergovernmental discussions on these clauses, could you update the Committee on when this position is likely to be established?

As you know, the LCM process exists to facilitate the Scottish Parliament giving consent (or not) to relevant UK Bills. It is therefore vital that the lead Committee has the information it needs to enable it to carry out its constitutional role of advising the Parliament on whether consent is appropriate. This includes the information specified in Rule 9B.3.3(c) and (d) of the Standing Orders (namely, the Scottish Government's explanation of why consent ought to be granted, or not as the case may be). The Committee requests this information in relation to clauses 2 to 11, 13, 14 and the schedule as soon as you're able to provide it.

I reflect on our previous experience with the Great British Energy Bill and would reiterate the point I raised with you then (see [letter of 3 December 2024](#)) that, whilst inter-governmental dialogue to try to resolve any differences is to be welcomed, the fact that it is ongoing should not become a barrier to the Committee receiving the information it needs to conduct effective scrutiny.

I would appreciate a response by 11 November.

Contact: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email netzerocommittee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

Yours sincerely,

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

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Convener