

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM - ENERGY BILL (UK LEGISLATION)

Introduction

1. Under Rule 9B.3.5, the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer any legislative consent memorandum (LCM) that has been lodged with the Parliament to the committee within whose remit the subject matter of the relevant provision falls.

Energy Prices Bill

2. The Energy Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on 6 July 2022. The LCM was lodged by Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, on 28 September 2022.

3. The LCM sets out that the main provisions of the Bill are under three key themes as follows:

- Leveraging investment in clean technologies;
- Reforming our energy system and protecting consumers; and,
- Maintaining the safety, security and resilience of the energy system across the UK.

4. The LCM indicates that the Scottish Government intends to lodge a motion seeking the Scottish Parliament's consent to some the UK Parliament legislating on devolved matters in respect of some, but not all, of the provisions in this Bill.

Designation of lead committee

5. The LCM engages the remit of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, which is to consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport. As the Bill related to energy, this remit is engaged.

6. Not other committee remit appears to be engaged.

7. The LCM will also be considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in regard to any provisions in the Bill conferring powers on the Scottish Ministers to make subordinate legislation.

Recommendation

8. The Bureau is invited to agree to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Energy Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to consider and report on it.

Parliamentary Business Team
November 2022