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Dear Presiding Officer

## **ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF PUBLIC BODIES (OVERSEAS MATTERS) BILL**

I am writing to let you know that the Scottish Government is considering a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) in respect of the UK Government's Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill.

Scottish Parliament Standing Orders provide that an LCM should normally be lodged with the Scottish Parliament two working weeks after the introduction of a relevant Bill in Westminster. In the case of this Bill the deadline would be 3 July 2023.

The purpose of the Bill is to prevent public bodies from being influenced by political or moral disapproval of foreign states when taking certain economic decisions.

We are analysing the Bill – the implications of which need some working through – and will lodge an LCM as soon as possible after the start of Summer recess. My officials will keep in contact with yours regarding anticipated timescales for its lodging.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, and Claire Baker MSP, Convener of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

Kind regards

  
**GEORGE ADAM**

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