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Cabinet Secretary for the
Constitution, External Affairs and
Culture
Scottish Government
By email only

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Committee**
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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

I am writing to seek clarification in relation to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is keen to ascertain what role we will need to play in scrutinising future subordinate legislation coming from the Scottish Government should the Bill in its current form receive Royal Assent.

I note that in [your correspondence to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee](#) dated 12 December, you state that, should the Bill be passed “Scottish Government intends to lay secondary legislation to seek to ensure that laws are not lost at the end of 2023.” and that the Scottish Government “will discuss with the Parliament how best to ensure appropriate scrutiny”.

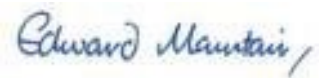
We are unclear about what practical implications this might have on our current work programme. I would be grateful if you could provide clarity on the following issues—

1. Will legislation be taken forward by the Scottish Government collectively under one piece of legislation, in a number of Orders covering different sectors, or by using a mixture of approaches?
2. Could you confirm the likely timing of any legislation coming before the Scottish Parliament should the current pace of the Bill’s passage through UK Parliament be maintained?
3. Could you confirm if the UK Government has indicated that it will exercise its proposed powers to delay the sunset date in relation to any laws within devolved areas? If so, does the Scottish Government plan to ask the UK Government to exercise these powers on Regulations within devolved areas on its behalf?

It would be helpful to receive a response addressing the points raised in this correspondence by 8 March 2023.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
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This letter is copied to Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.