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By email only

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport  
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Dear Mr Dodson

**Reusable cup scheme at Murrayfield**

I am writing to seek information from the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) regarding its approach to waste management at Murrayfield.

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is currently scrutinising the [Circular Economy \(Scotland\) Bill](#). The legislation seeks to introduce measures to improve recycling and waste management in Scotland.

One of the key themes arising from scrutiny so far has been innovation. The Committee is keen to find out how organisations have been developing good practice in relation to sustainability and waste management. SRU's reusable cup scheme was mentioned as leading the way in terms of its innovative approach to reducing waste at sporting matches and concerts at Murrayfield.

As such, at our meeting on 26 September, the Committee agreed to write to SRU seeking further details on its reusable cups scheme and how it operates. In particular, we are keen to find out more about—

- What is your current assessment of how many single-use cups have been prevented as a result of the scheme's introduction?
- What infrastructure was required for SRU to give the scheme full effect?
- Have you noticed a change in consumer behaviour as a result of the scheme?
- What have been the proceeds as a result of the scheme? How is any funding resulting from the scheme used?
- How have you managed any associated risks relating to health and safety around the removal of single-use cups?

- Do you have any other comments on the scheme which may be helpful for us to know in terms of our scrutiny work?

On behalf of the Committee, I seek a response by 31 October. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP  
Convener

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