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Dear Clare,

**THE PROPOSED RETAINED EU LAW (REVOCATION AND REFORM) ACT 2023
(CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS 2024
EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

I am writing in relation to the protocol on obtaining the approval of the Scottish Parliament to proposals by the Scottish Ministers to consent to the making of UK secondary legislation affecting devolved areas arising from EU Exit.

That protocol, as agreed between the Scottish Government and the Parliament, accompanied the letter from the then Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Michael Russell MSP, to the Conveners of the Finance & Constitution and Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committees on 4 November 2020 and replaced the previous protocol that was put in place in 2018.

I attach a Type 2 notification which sets out the details of the SI which the UK Government propose to make and the reasons why I am content that Scottish devolved matters are to be included in this SI. In our exchanges of 16 and 30 January 2024 concerning the last REUL Act Consequential SI we agreed that that SI was “technical” and I indicated that I would consider notifying further technical SIs under Type 2 scrutiny procedure.

I would therefore be grateful if the Committee could note the notification accompanying this letter. Amongst other things the notification explains why, as an exceptional case, a SI is required to update the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/451).

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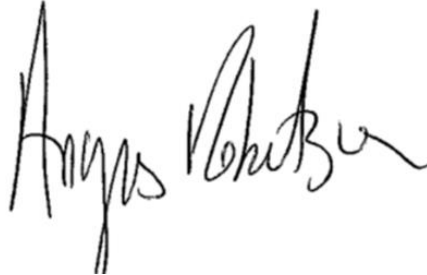
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Please note, we are yet to have sight of the final SIs and they are not available in the public domain at this stage. We will, in accordance with the protocol, advise you when the final SI is laid and advise you as to whether the final SI is in keeping with the terms of this notification.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Robertson', written in a cursive style.

ANGUS ROBERTSON

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