



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Gillian Martin MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy

7 January 2026

Dear Cabinet Secretary

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum

The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the above Bill at its meeting on 6 January 2026.

The Committee noted your letter to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, dated 31 December 2025, which stated:

“We [the Scottish Government] have also requested, and the UK Government has committed to, a range of underpinning intergovernmental ways of working and agreements across relevant clauses that impact on devolved matters. This commitment covers remaining clauses and provides assurance that devolved interests will be appropriately respected and protected in formalised and mutually agreed ways.”

The Committee would be grateful if the Scottish Government **could set out, in more detail, what ‘intergovernmental ways of working and agreements’ will look like under this commitment.**

The Committee requests a response by **30 January 2026**.

This letter is being copied to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee. Please also copy your response to them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart".

Stuart McMillan MSP
Convener