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Dear Edward

## **ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION FOR SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2024 to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero, and Energy regarding Policy and Explanatory Notes accompanying SSIs and, in particular, SSI 2024/42. I am replying as the Minister responsible for that SSI.

I acknowledge that the Explanatory Note on this SSI was too brief, and I agree with you about the importance of providing high-quality accompanying documents to support Parliamentary scrutiny of secondary legislation. I am pleased that, recognising this, we were able to amend the Explanatory Note by way of a correction slip, and provide you with a copy of the fuller Explanatory Note ahead of your Committee's consideration of the instrument.

I will ask my officials to bear these points in mind as we continue to work closely with your Committee on the development and scrutiny of legislation.

Kind regards

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