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Dear Edward,

I am writing to you with an update on Great British Energy. In accordance with section 5 of the Great British Energy Act 2025, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero must prepare a Statement of Strategic Priorities (SSP) for GB Energy and lay this in the UK Parliament.

The SSP requires GB Energy to produce a Strategic Plan within 6 months of the statement's publication. Publication of the SSP is currently anticipated in early September.

In the SSP, GB Energy has been set two overarching objectives:

- To drive clean energy deployment across the whole of the UK, as a strategic developer, investor, and owner of clean energy projects and
- To ensure that UK taxpayers, billpayers, communities, and the current energy workforce benefit from the clean energy transition - by increasing public ownership and community involvement in the development of clean energy projects, and by supporting jobs and economic growth across the UK

To allow GB Energy to operate flexibility, the SSP is technology-neutral but with a direction to support both nascent and established technologies. Key activities include:

- **Project Development and Investment** – GB Energy will own stakes in the projects it develops itself, as well as being a co-developer.
- **Supply Chain** – GB Energy will provide direct support including through providing capital grants to support the UK manufacturing of critical components in strategic renewable sectors.
- **Local and Community Energy** – GB Energy will support renewable generation led by local government and community energy groups - working with the devolved governments on matters of devolved competence.

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Section 5(5) stipulates that Scottish Ministers must provide consent to anything in the statement which concerns a matter provision about which would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, if contained in an Act of that Parliament.

I wrote to the Minister for Energy on behalf of Scottish Ministers, to provide this formal consent. I welcomed the strong collaborative partnerships already established between Scottish Government, Scottish public bodies and GB Energy, in keeping with the collaborative agreement jointly signed and published on 17 October 2024.

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