



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin  
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy  
Scottish Government

**18 March 2026**

Dear Gillian,

### **Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) (Scotland) Regulations 2026**

The Committee considered the Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 at its meeting on 17 March 2026. As you'll be aware, the Regulations introduce a ban on the supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic by persons acting in the course of a business in Scotland, with exceptions.

Despite agreeing not to make any recommendations in relation to the Regulations, the Committee agreed to write to seek clarity from the Scottish Government on the following two points:

#### **Monitoring of the SSI**

The Committee is keen to understand how the implementation and enforcement of the Regulations will be monitored. This is a significant change and the way the Regulations are implemented and enforced will be important. With that in mind, the Committee would welcome a response on:

- **What monitoring is planned and how will the effectiveness of the ban be measured?**

#### **UK-wide approach and timing differences**

The Committee also noted that, although this is part of a UK-wide approach, the Regulations will come into force at different times in different parts of the UK. Respective legislation will come into force in Wales in December 2026 and in England and Northern Ireland in May 2027, while the Regulations will come into force in Scotland in August 2027. Therefore, the Committee would also welcome a response on:

- **Whether the Scottish Government consider there to be any challenges with Scotland's later date and products being moved and dumped in**

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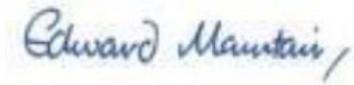
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**Scotland during the gap between implementation periods in the other nations and the ban coming into force in Scotland?**

- **If the Scottish Government does see this as a risk, how do they propose to mitigate or address it?**

I would be grateful for your response to these specific comments. Given that we are now very close to dissolution, please do so by 23 March 2026.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

**Edward Mountain MSP  
Convener**