



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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

**24 November 2025**

Dear Gillian,

### **The Control of Mercury (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

At its meeting on 18 November, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee considered the Scottish Government's consent notification for the following UK statutory instrument–

Control of Mercury (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Further to our scrutiny of this notification, the Committee agreed that it is content for the Scottish Government to give consent to UK Ministers making regulations in a devolved area in relation to this SI.

However, the Committee notes that the EU has gone further than required by the Minamata Convention on Mercury, phasing out additional mercury-added products. Is alignment with the EU something the Scottish Government is working towards in this respect? If so, can you provide an indication of timescales for alignment? Is this a matter that is being discussed on a 4-nation basis?

I would be grateful for a response by Friday 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP  
Convener  
**Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**