



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Stephen Gethins
Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister,

Environmental Standards Scotland report

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy.

As you may be aware I was recently elected Convener of the new Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The Committee has received a letter from Environmental Standards Scotland, with a copy of the report "[Scotland's regulatory alignment with EU and other International Environmental Standards](#)".

In light of the Scottish Government's commitment to align with EU law, where appropriate, and the role of the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee in scrutinising that policy, the Committee would like to ask whether you are aware of the report, and if so, what the Scottish Government's response is to the findings in the report.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Harvie MSP
Convener