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Patricia Ferguson MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee

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Dear Patricia,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 19 November. As I stated during the session Scotland is at the very heart of Great British Energy's activities and I am grateful for the interest and engagement from the committee on our work.

I committed to follow up on Douglas McAllister MP's question (Q309), where he asked "will schools in my areas of deprivation in West Dunbartonshire benefit from this GB Energy investment the way they will in England?"

In response, I mentioned a project in his constituency that had received GBE funding, delivered through the Scottish Government's CARES programme. I can confirm that the funding was provided to Kilmaronock Community Trust, who received £88,516 for a Community Solar Installation at Gartochran Community Hall. Further details on the investments announced in September can be found at [Delivering renewable energy benefits to communities - gov.scot](#).

Regarding future investment in Mr McAllister's constituency, West Dunbartonshire, and across Scotland, as we outlined in our Strategic Plan on 4th December, GBE will support renewable generation by working with local authorities, regional partnerships, and community energy organisations and closely with the Scottish Government on matters within devolved competence.

The Local Power Plan will soon be published, which will provide further information on GBE's ambition to catalyse community and local energy across the UK. We will share this update with you and our dedicated Local Power team will happily arrange a meeting with Mr McAllister for a detailed discussion.

We will work closely with existing Scottish networks and partners to deliver tangible benefits for communities across Scotland, ensuring that GBE

I hope this is helpful context and I look forward to continuing to engage with the committee.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DMG', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan McGrail
CEO
Great British Energy