



The Scottish Parliament  
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Dear John

**Legislative Consent: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation**

I am writing to notify you that, on 25 January 2023, the Scottish Parliament agreed not to consent to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill, which is currently under consideration at Westminster.

Given the Bill is of interest to all parts of the UK, I am also writing to Simon Burton, Clerk of the Parliaments, Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd and Lesley Hogg, Clerk/ Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Assembly, to inform them of the Scottish Parliament's decision.

I attach the associated Memorandum and extract of the Minutes of Proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

**DAVID MCGILL**  
Clerk/Chief Executive

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Parliamentary Year 2, No. 68, Session 6**

**Meeting of the Parliament**

**Wednesday 25 January 2023**

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**5. Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-07615—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 December 2022; agrees not to give consent to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to restrict the geographical application of clause 42, or to otherwise make it a requirement for it to seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
25 January 2023