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Thank you for your letter of 27 March on behalf of the Cross Party Group on Crofting regarding recent discussions around the Scottish Government's interchange policy.

I am happy to clarify that the Scottish Government policy on secondments is a little more flexible than as set out in your letter.

Scottish Government business areas normally reimburse organisations for inward secondees. However on occasion, and given particular circumstances, other organisation can and do pay the full cost of secondees, for example NFU Scotland. The reverse can also be the case, as can be occasions where costs are shared equally by other organisations and the relevant Scottish Government business area.

The objective is to have an interchange policy that is responsive to the needs of the organisation and flexible enough to ensure decisions can be made on a case by case basis.

I hope this helps, and I look forward to further opportunities to engage with the CPGoC and, more broadly, the crofting community as a whole.

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