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**Sent:** 14 September 2017 15:16  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: IN CONFIDENCE: Montrose Beach  
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**From** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2017 13:01  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IN CONFIDENCE: Montrose Beach

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Good to speak with you yesterday. As requested please see attached review of the ABPmer (2017) Montrose Coastal Processes Report. I have undertaken this within my role with the Scottish Government, as such can [Redacted] please retain a copy within SG's corporate system.

I trust it is helpful, should you both, [Redacted] have any follow-up questions I'd be pleased to answer them.

Kind regards,

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## COASTAL EROSION AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

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### **We have completed Dynamic Coast Phase 1 – Scotland’s National Coastal Change Assessment**

- The NCCA shows that the switch to increased and faster erosion has already occurred and there are currently:
  - 100 residential and 100 non-residential properties, 140 septic tanks along with 53 km of roads, 9 km of rail lines and 22 km of water supply network and over 1,500 ha of cultural and natural heritage sites within 10m of the soft coast and at risk from erosion.
  - 7,000 residential and 2,300 non-residential properties, 700 septic tanks along with 500 km of roads, 58 km of rail lines and 300 km of water supply network and 8,800 ha of cultural and natural heritage sites within 50m of the soft coast and at risk from erosion.
- Before these trends accelerate further we have a window of opportunity to plan, mitigate and adapt in advance of greater impacts. This requires cross sector and integrated adaptation and mitigation planning
- The NCCA was led and managed by the Scottish Government and SNH and the research was carried out by the University of Glasgow. The research was funded by CREW (The Centre for Expertise in Water).

### **Dynamic Coast 2 January 2018 – December 2020**

- Dynamic Coast phase 2 will investigate the resilience of Scotland’s natural coastal defences (e.g. identifying where low dunes may breach), estimating how future climate change may exacerbate erosion on our soft (erodible) coast. It will include developing mitigation, adaptation & resilience plans at super sites, including St Andrews and Montrose.

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**Landowners are responsible for protecting their property from coastal erosion.**

- Local authorities have powers (but not obligations) under the Coast Protection Act 1949 to protect land from the sea. Local authorities can fund coast protection work under the 1949 Act from their general capital grant.
- Where there is an overlap with coastal flood risk and the works are included in the Local Flood Risk Management Plan flood risk capital monies may be available.
- Some local authorities (including Angus and Fife) have voluntary Shoreline Management Plans.

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18 May 2018

## COASTAL CHANGE/EROSION AND FLOOD RISK IN MONTROSE

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### **Background**

Coastal erosion, a natural process, has damaged the dune system thereby increasing flood risk. The coastline has retreated since 1980s and the rate is now 2m/yr, affecting the golf course, designed by Old Tom Morris and the fifth oldest golf course in the world.

It is estimated that between 35 and 40m of beach has eroded since the early 1990s and that the Montrose coastline could wear away by up to 80m over the next 50 years.

[Redacted]

MPA has a license from Marine Scotland to dredge in the harbour and deposit the sand in designated areas out at sea. This license expires in May 2018. MPA has applied for a new marine licence to dispose of dredged material and Scottish Ministers must have regard (among other things) to the practical availability of any alternative method of dealing with the material and the available evidence as it relates to alternative options. The application is being assessed by Marine Scotland prior to going for consultation with statutory and non-statutory consultees. As the application is live it is inappropriate for the Minister to comment on it specifically.

Landowners have responsibility for protecting their property from coastal erosion. Local authorities have powers (but not obligations) under the Coast Protection Act 1949 to protect land from the sea. Some local authorities (including Angus and Fife) have Shoreline Management Plans but these are not mandatory. Local authorities can use their Local Government Capital Grant to fund **coast protection**.

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18 May 2018

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 17:22  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: MEDIA QUERY: Montrose Port's dredging licence - Courier

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 17:14  
**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: MEDIA QUERY: Montrose Port's dredging licence - Courier

Thanks [Redacted]

I have removed the ref to Cab Sec, and rearranged some of the background. Thanks again for coming back for quickly.

[Redacted] any views before I put to the Min?

Courier is asking about the dredging license Liam Kerr asked about in FMQs.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 16:58  
**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: MEDIA QUERY: Montrose Port’s dredging licence - Courier

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Please find proposed line and background below.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 15:20  
**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** MEDIA QUERY: Montrose Port's dredging licence - Courier

Hi [Redacted]

To see below we have been asked why Marine Scotland has refused to renew Montrose Port's dredging license after the issue was raised by [Redacted] at First Minister's Questions today.

I have started a line based on what was said in the chamber but would appreciate if you could come back to me as soon as possible with advise on what we can say.

[Redacted]

My number is below if you would prefer to discuss,  
Thanks

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 13:55  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Courier: Montrose Port

Hi [Redacted]

At FMQs today [Redacted] warned of "economic and social catastrophe" from Marine Scotland's decision not renew Montrose Port's dredging licence.

Scottish Conservative Mr [Redacted] said:

"Last week, contrary to expert marine consultant advice, Marine Scotland refused to renew the port's disposal licence.

"The next time there's a strong easterly (wind), or swell, the port will silt up, lose depth and potentially close due to inability to dredge.

“Will the First Minister instruct the cabinet secretary and Marine Scotland to immediately visit the port authority, to at the very least issue a temporary licence for 12 months, and prevent an economic and social catastrophe?”

Why has Marine Scotland refused to renew the licence?

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** FW: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION  
**Attachments:** Ms Gougeon MPA Dredge Brief 31082018.doc

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Just for info in case anything comes up.

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 03 September 2018 16:29  
To: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <[MinisterRANE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterRANE@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <[CabSecECCLR@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecECCLR@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy <[CabSecRE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecRE@gov.scot)>  
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Subject: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment

MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

Good afternoon, please find attached a briefing on the above application. Director of Marine Scotland, Graham Black and officials from MS-LOT would be happy to meet with Ms Gougeon to discuss further if that would be useful.

Best wishes

[Redacted] on behalf of the Director of Marine Scotland, Graham Black

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From: [Redacted]

Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT)  
Marine Planning and Policy (MPP)  
August 2018

Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment

**MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION**

**Purpose**

1. To advise the Minister of the issues and discussions to date.

**Priority**

2. Routine

**Background**

3. The Mean High Water Springs (“MHWS”) and Mean Low Water Springs (“MLWS”) at Montrose Beach and Annat Bank to the North Montrose Harbour have been in retreat for a number of years, threatening Montrose Golf Course and the Montrose beach front.
4. Traditionally, MPA has dredged and deposited the material at an established offshore disposal site in Lunan Bay to the South of Montrose.
5. MPA requires a marine licence for the deposit of dredged material at sea as it is a ‘licensable marine activity’ under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (the Act). However, it is an ‘exempt activity’ for a statutory harbour authority (such as MPA) to carry out the dredging. To qualify for the exemption, MPA requires Scottish Ministers approval under Article 26 of The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities)(Scottish Inshore Region) Order 2011.
6. When considering a deposit licence application, Scottish Ministers must have regard to the practical availability of any alternative method of dealing with the material. The applicant should undertake a Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) appraisal to support any application.
7. The OSPAR Convention, to which the UK is a signatory, has ‘Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Material at Sea’ stating that sediment is a valuable natural resource and beneficial use of dredged material should be pursued to the maximum extent practicable.
8. Scotland’s statutory National Marine Plan (SNMP) includes policies relevant to dredging and deposit, stating that ‘activities in the marine environment should be resilient to coastal change and flooding and not have unacceptable adverse impact on coastal processes or contribute to coastal flooding’ and ‘sustainable development of port and harbour facilities in support of other sectors should be supported in marine planning and decision making.’

9. SNMP also states that dredged material may be deposited at marine disposal sites or used for alternative purposes such as land reclamation or coastal nourishment, if suitable, to minimise seabed disposal.

### **Marine Licence Application**

10. Officials from MS-LOT have met with MPA on a number of occasions regarding future dredging requirements, repeatedly advising that any future applications would need to consider beneficial use of the dredge material.

11. MPA submitted an application for 246,000 tonnes of material p.a. for 3 yrs to be deposited at Lunan Bay, as they have historically done. This application was supported by a BPEO and a Coastal Process Assessment of Montrose and surrounding coastline.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2018 20:52  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fw: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

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Cc: Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox; Gray H (Helena); [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
Subject: RE: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted] has noted, if MS-LOT officials meet with MPA [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment

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**From:** [Redacted] on behalf of Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 14:29  
**To:** Public Engagement Unit  
**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
**Subject:** FW: Dredging Licence Montrose Port  
**Attachments:** 20180913141812.pdf

Hi,

One for MACCS please.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 18 September 2018 10:27  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox; Gray H (Helena); Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FMQs follow up - 13 September  
**Attachments:** FW: Dredging Licence Montrose Port

Colleagues

Further to Thursday's FMQs, a commitment was made in the Chamber for the Cabinet Secretary to engage with Montrose Port Authority on the dredging issue. We also received attached correspondence from Liam Kerr MSP last week, asking that contact be made directly with [Redacted] [Redacted] of MPA (who I presume is contactable on [nsg@montroseport.co.uk](mailto:nsg@montroseport.co.uk) <<mailto:nsg@montroseport.co.uk>> ?). We will look to now put in place arrangements for a meeting and will advise when a relevant date has been secured. Grateful if you can note that briefing for the meeting may be required at short notice.

Thanks.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
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**Subject:** Lines to clear - Montrose Port's dredging licence - Courier

Hi [Redacted]

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Thanks

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**From:** MS Marine Licensing  
**Sent:** 09 March 2018 12:01  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Port Authority - maintenance dredging - draft BPEO

Hi [Redacted]

Many thanks for your comments.

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, but I will file this for [Redacted] return.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2018 16:24  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose Port Authority - maintenance dredging - draft BPEO

For the attention of [Redacted]

Hello [Redacted]

Below are our comments on the Montrose Port Authority draft BPEO. I hope these are helpful, please let me know if you would like to discuss any of them.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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### General comments

It is good to see mention of the National Marine Plan for Scotland in section 3.1 and this could be followed up by examination of relevant policy in the plan. There could also be reference to the UK Marine Policy Statement, which at 3.6.4 promotes use of dredgings for beach nourishment, and at 3.6.8 says “the decision maker should give appropriate consideration to alternative uses of the sediment”.

It would be helpful if the consideration of alternatives followed a consistent structure. ‘Cost Implications’ are separately discussed just before the Conclusions (Section 7), but also feature in the ‘reasons to discount Beach Replenishment’ (p16 bullets 3, 4 and 5). Therefore they appear to be ‘double-argued’. To provide a clear, objective comparison of options, we advise that costs should be discussed only in a separate section.

### Section 6.2.2 Recycling: Beach nourishment/replenishment

Whilst it is not for the BPEO to fully develop and assess a beach replenishment proposal, there should be a more full and balanced consideration of this option in the BPEO. The following comments are provided to assist with this:

The argument that not all dredged sediment could be used for replenishment is not supported by enough detail. In that sense it is possible that the BPEO exaggerates when it states “any material contaminated with river mud” would be unsuitable for replenishment (6.2.2). We advise (section 6.2.2) that even the muddier proportion of dredgings could contribute somewhat to beach resilience, and we might not find their use unacceptable.

Two main issues should be explored:

- “local acceptability” of effects on amenity: has a threshold of acceptable proportion of fines for Montrose Beach been quantified in the past, or gauged through public consultation, or is the BPEO making assumptions based on situations elsewhere? Might the recent progress of dune erosion have made the presence of (some proportion of) fines a more acceptable idea?
- effect on performance: including fines could well alter the short-term gradient and behaviour of the replenished beach. Would any dis-benefit in terms of erosion protection be outweighed by the benefits of using a greater volume of sand overall? The finer proportion of any pumped sediment would very likely be mobilised by waves relatively quickly.

To test the argument about usability of the dredged sediment, the BPEO should investigate this mobilisation by reference to studies / experience elsewhere. The findings should then be applied to the issues above: might fines be less of an issue if their residence time on the beach was just a few months?

The consideration of beach replenishment makes only one reference to the Coastal Process Assessment undertaken for MPA in 2017. The natural functioning of the coastal sub-cell is disrupted by the long-established removal of significant amounts of dredged sediment for disposal elsewhere, and by hard coastal defences. Beach nourishment using the dredged sediment would contribute to re-balancing the overall sediment budget. The BPEO stipulates a suitable location for replenishment, “to prevent short-term circulation of... material back to the Port” (p14). The BPEO should explain to what extent this point is supported by the 2017 study and/or the particle tracking study undertaken in 2016.

The BPEO’s arguments about the beach replenishment having little benefit (p16, especially bullet 4) should be backed up by analysis. As a minimum, this would require recognition of the potential financial and non-financial ‘savings’ resulting from replenishment, i.e. reduced damage from erosion, reduced flood risk etc. This option could also be desirable to various interests such as Angus Council and Montrose Golf Links Limited.

We consider that the results of the 2016 tracking study are not a strong enough basis to rule out the 'rainbow' method of replenishment and recommend that this method is discussed and costed as a wholly separate option. With reference to bullet 1 on p16, 'dredge efficiency' should be quantified. The BPEO should clearly state the times required to deliver one dredger-load to the beach by pumping and rainbowning, respectively, including travel time. This should then be compared to the time required to dispose of one load at the Lunan Bay site, including travel.

Section 7 states that the comparison of costs "assumes the... replenishment would not impact on the port operations" (p18), also "if the impact [of replenishment] on port operations could be put into cost terms" then replenishment costs would significantly increase. However, Footnote 2 to Table 2 seems to imply that such impacts may in fact have been costed in. Some re-wording is needed to clarify this. Footnote 3 appears to be missing after Table 2.

In terms of impacts to designated sites, Montrose Harbour forms the tidal channel of the immediately adjacent Montrose Basin SSSI & SPA; St Cyrus & Kinnaber Links SSSI is approx. 4km north. Both sites are part of the largely self-contained sediment transport system of Montrose Bay & the Basin. This means changes to sediment budget anywhere within this 'coastal sub-cell' could in theory affect these sites. Part of Rickle Craig – Scurdie Ness SSSI forms the southern edge of the sub-cell, only 1km east of the harbour entrance. As a rocky coastline, this SSSI has far less connectivity with the rest of the sub-cell.

As advised in our letter of 30 March 2015, and without prejudice to future advice on any detailed proposal:

St Cyrus & Kinnaber Links SSSI: Over recent centuries, or longer, the Montrose Bay coastline has evolved by erosion and longshore transport of sand from the south to the north. The net accretion within the SSSI has increased the extent of the dune habitat interest, and contributed to loss from the saltmarsh interest. Beach nourishment sediment at Montrose could be transported into the SSSI and be involved in further such change. This would arguably be a more 'natural' process, reintegrating sediment of the Montrose harbour area into the Bay system, than sea disposal. More practically, any northward transport of nourishment sediment would probably displace that of eroded sediment, rather than being additional to it. Careful consideration would be required of the type of sediment to ensure that it did not alter the habitats, for example, through enrichment. On this basis we don't anticipate at this stage that any effects of Montrose beach nourishment on this SSSI would amount to negative impacts.

Rickle Craig – Scurdie Ness SSSI: The dredged harbour channel interrupts sediment input from the sandy coast of Montrose Bay. The Scurdie Ness headland, with its exposure to waves and strong tidal currents, is a barrier to sediment being transported southward within the SSSI. Any redistribution of sediment from the beach nourishment, to the SSSI coastline, would fall well within the natural variation in the levels/extents of the shingly beaches. Therefore although the SSSI's geological interests, and potentially its habitat interests, are sensitive to increased coastal sedimentation, we do not anticipate any effect of beach nourishment on them.

In addition:

Montrose Basin SSSI & SPA: Removal of dredged sediment from Montrose harbour may depress the natural concentration of sediment into the Basin by marine action. This in turn may affect the designated habitats and the bird interests they support. Any such effects would be unchanged if dredged sediment were used for beach nourishment rather than disposed of elsewhere. However regular removal of dredgings dates back to at least 1973. It will therefore have been accepted within the baseline conditions of the SSSI since designation in 1973, and subsequently of the SPA.

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**Subject:** Draft Montrose rejection letter  
**Attachments:** RE: Montrose Port Authority - maintenance dredging - draft BPEO; Assessment of CP in Montrose Bay\_v5.pdf

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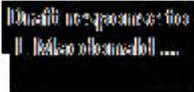


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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 January 2018 10:44  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Port Authority's Licence to Dredge

Draft response attached



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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 12 January 2018 10:10  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Port Authority's Licence to Dredge

Morning,

Can you have a think about this one please? [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Can we then have a chat about it to begin drafting a response?

Thanks

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 11 January 2018 17:35  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Port Authority's Licence to Dredge

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[Redacted]

Thank you [Redacted] will do this, he has been cc'd here.

[Redacted]

NOTE NEW TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS

[Redacted]

Marine Scotland - Marine Planning and Policy

Scottish Government : Marine Laboratory : 375 Victoria Road : Aberdeen AB11 9DB

[Redacted]

Switchboard: 0131 244 2500

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Web: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/marinescotland>

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 11 January 2018 14:39  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox  
**Subject:** Montrose Port Authority's Licence to Dredge

Hi [Redacted]

Please see the attached letter dated 12 December from Lewis Macdonald MSP which Graham passed to me yesterday. I would be grateful if you could arrange for someone provide me with a draft response for me to send out in Graham's name please.

Happy to discuss.

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Kind regards

[Redacted]

**marinescotland**

Scottish Government | 1B-South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 13:23  
**To:** Gray H (Helena)  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Ports Authority - PQ Reference: S5O-02387  
**Attachments:** Ms Gougeon MPA Dredge Brief 31082018.doc

[Redacted]

Many thanks for the swift response. I refer to the recent submission by your division to [Redacted] entitled

**MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION**

and would be grateful for any updates.

Thanks for offer to contribute, much appreciated. I need material for the answer, suppl. Q& A and background notes.

Back from leave tomorrow, and will be available to speak to [Redacted] or [Redacted].

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Flood Risk Management Team | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay ( Area 3H South) | Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | Scotland | UK | [Redacted]

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**From:** Gray H (Helena)  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 12:36  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Montrose Ports Authority - PQ Reference: S5O-02387

[Redacted] I don't think this is for my division to lead on as I suspect the PQ is focusing more on coastal erosion type issues, but we have had contact with them in relation to a license application. [Redacted] and [Redacted] copied will be able to give you some lines for the background note.

Thanks  
Helena.

**Helena Gray, Deputy Director**  
Marine Scotland – Marine Planning and Policy  
Scottish Government | Area 1A South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ  
Telephone: [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 11:07  
**To:** Gray H (Helena)  
**Subject:** Montrose Ports Authority - PQ Reference: S5O-02387

Dear Helena

I am contacting you in [Redacted]'s absence. I have been allocated the below PQ, which I gather might be related to dealings your division has with MPA. [Redacted]  
the PQ is due with private office on Tuesday.

I am on leave today, but please could we speak tomorrow about handling? [Redacted]

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Flood Risk Management Team | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay ( Area 3H South) | Edinburgh EH6  
6QQ | Scotland | UK | 📧 [Redacted]

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**From:** [pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) <[pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 13 September 2018 10:16

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** PQ Reference: S5O-02387

A PQ, reference S5O-02387 has been allocated to you as lead action officer. This PQ may be reached by clicking on the link below.

Your PQ Tracker Home Page is at:-

[Redacted]

- MSP: Mike Rumbles
- Due at MPO: 18/09/2018
- Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government when the environment secretary last met representatives of Montrose Port Authority, and when she next plans to meet the authority.

Allocation notes: Hello [Redacted], Please note that the PO deadline is 18/09/18. Regards, [Redacted]

The user guidance for the PQ Tracker system may be found here:-

[Redacted]

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

**WRITTEN ANSWER**

**26 April 2018**

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## **BACKGROUND NOTE FOR S5W-16070**

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[Redacted]

Contact Name: [Redacted]  
Ext: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 16 May 2018 19:38  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: WRITTEN PQ Answers  
**Attachments:** s5w-16070.docx; s5w-16070\_backgroundnote.docx

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for the chat earlier. Here is a copy of the latest PQ. Sorry meant to forward it on to both you and [Redacted]. Thanks for your help.

I have asked [Redacted] for an update on the science bit highlighted in yellow. I will send on any update I get.

Hopefully some of the information will be useful in your Ministerial submission. Please let me know if you need more.

I have arranged to meet [Redacted] from the Crown Estate on Friday so I will let you know what he says.

Best wishes [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) [<mailto:pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 26 April 2018 16:18  
**To:** [Redacted] )  
**Subject:** WRITTEN PQ Answers

Please find attached, the answers to the WRITTEN PQs processed on 26/04/2018:-



[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2018 14:38  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Bay  
**Attachments:** Montrose Aerial Photos.obr

[Redacted]

Please find attached a link to the aerial photography. The first 2 digits of the name of each photo indicate the year it was taken. The application for the next dredge has been delayed as the prevailing weather conditions have impacted the ability for MPA to collect samples in support of their application. MS-LOT would support the use of material for dune recharge, and this activity is unlikely to need a marine licence as it will likely take place above mean high water springs.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2018 13:35  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Bay

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks – it would be good to see the photos. I understand that [Redacted] (Angus Council) and [Redacted] (Glasgow Uni) took part in the filming. I have alerted comms just in case. I had a chat with [Redacted] at the Council at an event recently and it's not impossible that the council would agree to meet some of MPA's extra costs if the material was taken to the beach. Sounds possible for the future maybe. Also there has been some discussion that maybe the material would be best used building the dunes rather than on the beach.....something we picked up on a site visit in the NL last month.

Best wishes [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2018 12:25  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Bay

Dear [Redacted]

For info, I've got copies of the photos if you want to see them.

Regards

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 March 2018 12:17  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose Bay

Hi [Redacted]

BBC Landward have been in and around Montrose doing some filming of the coastline/erosion issues, etc, and they asked me if I could lay my hands on old photos of the coastline. I contacted a [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] and [Redacted] provided some interesting aerial shots. I have sent these to you via WeTransfer.

The photos, in the main, are dated with the first two numbers of a file name being the year in which the photo was taken. You can clearly see Annat Bank in the early photos '74, '75. Sadly, Annat Bank is no more – well not as it was back in the 70's. The photographs also let you see the amount of ground/dunes lost between MGLL's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tees and if you overlaid the last photograph from [Redacted] with what we have now, there is significantly more loss in the same area.

[Redacted] is in Montrose next Tuesday to be filmed/interviewed for the Landward program, which I am led to believe will be aired on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – but will confirm this with the Producer and keep you posted.

Yours,

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 March 2018 12:58  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Call off contract  
**Attachments:** Call off contract tender for assessment of MPA BPEO and CPA - draft.obr

Hi [Redacted]

Please can you take forward putting this through the framework. [Redacted] considers this may be appropriate as a direct award?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2018 12:30  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Call off contract

[Redacted]

I've drafted a tender for some work under the call off contract, I'd be grateful if this could be put out to tender. [Redacted] knows the background for this case if you need any further details.

Cheers

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2018 16:01  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION  
**Attachments:** Ms Gougeon MPA Dredge Brief 31082018.doc

[Redacted]

Just for info in case anything comes up.

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[Redacted]  
From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 03 September 2018 16:29  
To: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <[MinisterRANE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterRANE@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <[CabSecECCLR@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecECCLR@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy <[CabSecRE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecRE@gov.scot)>  
Cc: Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox <[Directormarinescotland@gov.scot](mailto:Directormarinescotland@gov.scot)>; Gray H (Helena) <[Helena.Grav@gov.scot](mailto:Helena.Grav@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]  
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Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment

MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

Good afternoon, please find attached a briefing on the above application. Director of Marine Scotland, Graham Black and officials from MS-LOT would be happy to meet with Ms Gougeon to discuss further if that would be useful.

Best wishes

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Email: [Redacted]

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