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**From:** [Redacted]  
Change and Land Reform  
**Sent:** 12 July 2017 14:54  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: LETTER TO MARINE SCOTLAND

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for responding.  
As Ms Cunningham is only a copy recipient im happy for you to respond directly.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
2N.08 - St Andrews House - Regent Road – Edinburgh - EH1 3DG

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2017 14:41  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
**Subject:** Re: LETTER TO MARINE SCOTLAND

[Redacted]

I've received a copy of the letter too. I'm out the office today so can't do too much with it just now. When I get back are you happy for me to respond directly or will it need to be through MACCS?

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 July 2017 14:36  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** MS Marine Licensing  
**Subject:** FW: LETTER TO MARINE SCOTLAND

Hi [Redacted]

Just making sure you picked up this email that Ms Cunningham was copied into.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
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**From:** Cunningham R (Roseanna), MSP [<mailto:Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot>]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2017 09:33  
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**Subject:** Fwd: LETTER TO MARINE SCOTLAND

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**Subject:** LETTER TO MARINE SCOTLAND

Good Morning [Redacted]

Please find attached correspondence from Montrose Golf Links.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Montrose Golf Links

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 February 2018 12:11  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose dredging

[Redacted]

Please see below for the text of a recent letter we sent to Lewis Macdonald MSP regarding dredging at Montrose and the potential for the harbour to have to beneficially place some of the material to mitigate the erosion at Montrose golf course. As I mentioned I've got a meeting with all the stakeholders on Friday morning so I'll drop you a quick note after that meeting.

Cheers

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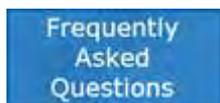
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**MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING: HUMZA YOUSAF**

<b>Engagement title</b>	Visit to Montrose Port	
<b>Engagement timing</b>	Date: 14 February 2018 Time: 10:30 – 11:30 - short tour of the port, followed by a presentation outlining current/future developments, and the challenges the port faces.	
<b>Venue and full address</b>	Montrose Port Authority, Harbour Office, South Quay, Ferryden, Montrose DD10 9SL	Port access from the roundabout on the A92 at the south end of the town.
<b>Background/Purpose</b> include invitation history	MACCS Diary Request Letter date: 25 October 2017 Letter reference: 2017/0039252 – Invitation from Port Chief executive to visit the port	
<b>Relevance to core script</b>	Engaging with key stakeholders	
<b>Annexes</b>	<p><b>Annex: A – summary of key issues and lines to take</b></p> <p><b>Annex: B - Background</b></p> <p><b>Annex C - Biographies</b></p>	
<b>Official Support</b> include mobile number(s)	Names: [Redacted]	

**SUMMARY PAGE**

**Purpose of meeting: You were invited to visit the port by the Chief executive,**  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

## **Background**

Montrose is a trust port, a statutory body governed by its own local legislation and managed by a board appointed on merit through an open and transparent appointment system.

The port is situated in a sheltered haven on the River South Esk, within a mile of open sea, and offers a cost-effective alternative for vessels using Scotland's East Coast. It has excellent road and rail links with speedy access to the heartland of Scotland and the main arteries in all directions.

Developed on both the north and south banks of the river, the port offers around 1000 metres of quayside, equipped to deal with a broad variety of commercial and oil related cargoes. Extensive storage facilities comprise both open ground for general storage or fabrication and repair work, and warehousing for long-term use or as transit sheds. High standard office accommodation and engineering workshops are also in close proximity to the quayside.

The main cargoes handled at the port include fertiliser, pulp and timber.

[Redacted]

### **Previous FFG award**

In 2010, MPA were awarded £3.2m FFG towards capital costs of £8.5m (for a quay wall, deck structure, services and fees) to provide water freight services moving a range of bulk commodities by sea rather than road from various locations in Scotland and England to domestic and export markets. The commitment was to move 1.4 million tonnes by sea rather than road achieving £6.6 million in Environmental Benefits and removing some 9 million HGV lorry miles from road (107,000 HGV trips). By March 2016, the EB commitment had been repaid 2 years early and we will continue to monitor performance annually until July 2019.

[Redacted]

### **COASTAL CHANGE/EROSION AND FLOOD RISK IN MONTROSE**

Coastal erosion is a natural process. It is affected by weather and tides and the actions of nature and man. Coastal erosion is contributing to flood risk in Montrose and the dune system which was protecting the town is damaged.

Erosion and flooding has caused the coastline to retreat since 1980s and the rate is now 2m/yr and affecting the town and 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 been lost to the sea since the early 1990s and that the Montrose coastline could wear away by up to 80m over the next 50 years. Storms at the end of 2013 took another 1.5m off the beach level, and 2m off the top edge of the dunes.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

MPA currently 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 April. If MPA applies for a new marine licence to dispose of dredged material, the 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. This aspect is the purpose of the assessment of the Best Practicable Environmental Option. Public consultation will also form part of the determination process.

Angus Council and the MPA are investigating whether the port dredged material could be used to recharge the beach.

### **The National Coastal Change Assessment**

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform launched the National Coastal Change Assessment (NCCA) in St Andrews last summer. The NCCA warns us to expect faster and more extensive erosion than we've been used to, increasingly affecting all asset types (buildings, infrastructure, cultural and natural heritage).

Before these trends accelerate further we have a window of opportunity to plan and adapt in advance of greater impacts. This requires cross sector and integrated adaptation and planning.

We have started NCCA2 which will use the latest monitoring techniques to map and categorise the resilience of our coasts and identify the links between erosion and flooding.

Montrose will be one of five case study sites chosen to develop mitigation and adaptation plans with stakeholders. These will help demonstrate the need for coordinated action across the public sector.

Who is responsible for managing coast protection?

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.

How is coast protection funded?

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.

### **Marine Licensing of Dredging**

Dredging and deposit activities are authorised on a case-by-case basis by licences granted under The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. Section 27(2) of the Act states that in

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considering an application for a licence to authorise an activity ... the Scottish Ministers must have regard (among other things) to the practical availability of any alternative method of dealing with the substance or object. Section 29(6) of the Act states that The Scottish Ministers must not grant a licence to carry on any activity which is contrary to international law.

The United Kingdom is a contracting party to The Convention for the Protection of The Marine Environment of The North-East Atlantic. Under this convention Contracting Parties are required to take all possible steps to protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities. Reducing adverse effects on the marine environment from dredging and deposit of dredged material can be accomplished through the following three activities:

1. Controlling and reducing sources of contamination;
2. Maximising the use of dredged material for beneficial purposes;
3. Minimising the volumes of sediment that must be dredged by using improved Best Environmental Practices.

The polluter pays principle is one of the central guiding principles of the OSPAR convention and requires that the costs of pollution prevention, control and reduction measures must be borne by the polluter. As such, through licensing under The Act and in accordance with Scotland's National Marine Plan, beneficial use of dredged material, in line with international protocols, is encouraged.

Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) understands that there are a number of views and publications relating to this issue.

Any application must be supported by full consideration of the options for the fate of the material and, in concluding their Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) for the use of dredged material, the applicant must provide a justified conclusion, based on the available evidence.

[Redacted]

Officials from MS-LOT have met with MPA and advised that future applications for dredging and deposit will need to fully consider the available information and make justified assessments of the practicability of beneficial use of dredged material in line with both their own findings and the above requirements.

**Biographies**  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 April 2018 17:14  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: PQ Reference: S5W-16070  
**Importance:** High

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Could I please have an update on the MS licence and also the transport Minister's recent visit to MPA to include in a background note.  
[Redacted]

Could I have a contribution by 2pm on Tuesday please?  
Thanks.  
Best wishes [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**Sent:** 20 April 2018 13:26  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** PQ Reference: S5W-16070

A PQ, reference S5W-16070 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: Liam Kerr
- Due at MPO: 26/04/2018
- Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform will meet all stakeholders, including the Montrose Port Authority, to discuss their concerns in relation to coastal erosion at Montrose, in light of the reported commitment she made at the public meeting of the Cabinet in Montrose on 15 August 2017.

Allocation notes:

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

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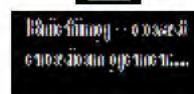
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 31 May 2018 11:43  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Briefing for Montrose  
**Importance:** High

Hi [Redacted]

I am providing some factual briefing for Defra for the coast erosion debate in the UK parliament on



12<sup>th</sup> June. The debate has been requested by [Redacted]

This is what I propose to send. Please let me have your comments by 1 June if possible. Can you please copy in [Redacted] as well?

Thanks.

Best wishes [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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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.’

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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.

[Redacted]

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Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT)  
Marine Planning and Policy (MPP)  
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Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform			y		
Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy					y

Director Marine Scotland  
 Helena Gray – Marine Scotland  
 [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 31 August 2018 11:50  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Port Authority - Brief re Dredging  
**Attachments:** [Redacted] MPA Dredge Brief 31082018.doc

Graham

Please find attached a briefing for [Redacted] in relation to Montrose Port Authority. The process for responding to this has become a little confused. [Redacted] had independently produced a brief as we felt it would be useful for [Redacted] and others, my understanding is that, at the same time, [Redacted] PO also approached you direct. For this reason, Helena thinks this briefing should come from yourself rather than MS-LOT.

I have put a few lines below for a suggested cover email.

Sorry for the tardiness of this (it's been a busy week with one thing and another) but we need to get this to [Redacted] PO today or by Monday at the latest to ensure [Redacted] can review on Tuesday.

Let me know if you need any other info.

Thanks

[Redacted]

Please find attached a briefing in relation to the Montrose Port Authority (MPA) application to dispose of material associated with dredging at Montrose. [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2018 16:16  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: MONTROSE PORT AUTHORITY (MPA) – MARINE LICENCE FOR DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL – ISSUES ARISING FROM BEACH EROSION

FYI – I will take a look at [Redacted] draft email and then hopefully we can get response sent to MPA tomorrow.

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment  
**Sent:** [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted] Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment  
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[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]

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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

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 01 August 2018 11:11  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for the briefing you provided for the UK parliament debate. Much appreciated.

[Redacted]

Can I please have an update on the MPA's licence application so that I can keep the briefing up to date? Thanks.  
Best wishes [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 01 June 2018 10:25  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for Montrose



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Happy for you to delete the highlighted line.

I've added a couple of other comments regarding Scotland's National Marine Plan and UK Marine Policy Statement for context [Redacted]

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 31 May 2018 11:43  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
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**Importance:** High

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 10 August 2018 11:53  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose Port

[Redacted]

Keen to get this brief out - I'm away next week but [Redacted] will pick up with you.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 06 August 2018 11:33  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Port

FYI – Said to David we will lead on preparing a brief.

[Redacted] – I know you are already working on something so can you let me know when that will be ready? Depending on timeline for that document we might want to produce a quick summary for Graham before then.

[Redacted]

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**From:** Gray H (Helena)  
**Sent:** 06 August 2018 11:11  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Port

[Redacted]

Would you be able to pull together a factual briefing setting out that the issues are? I think this possibly sits across the policy/LOT divide so happy for you to balance as you see fit.

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:** Black G (Graham) **On Behalf Of** Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox  
**Sent:** 03 August 2018 11:48

**To:** Gray H (Helena)  
**Subject:** FW: Montrose Port

Helena,

[Redacted]

I have responded to the Minister to say we would let her have a brief note on the issue ( and its history) and that we will initiate a meeting. [Redacted]

Graham

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 01 June 2018 10:08  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for Montrose

Hi [Redacted]

I don't have anything to add.

Cheers

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Please note that I am not in the office on Friday afternoons.

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**From:** Black G (Graham) on behalf of Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox  
**Sent:** 03 September 2018 15:41  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** (MARLAB); Gray H (Helena)  
RE: Montrose Port Authority - Brief re Dredging

[Redacted]

Thanks for this. Happy for you to issue – but I suggest you offer a meeting, involving myself, one of your team, and Ms Gougeon if she think that would be helpful,

Graham

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 August 2018 14:22  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Draft Ministerial Briefing on Montrose  
**Attachments:** Minister RANE - Montrose dredging - briefing document - 27 August 2018.doc

[Redacted]

Please find briefing attached, let me know if you need any more details.

Cheers

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 May 2018 16:06  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** draft Montrose recommendation  
**Attachments:** draft recommendation on Montrose.docx

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Please find attached a draft recommendation on the Montrose. Given the Cab Sec has visited Montrose and had meetings with both MPA and the Golf club I've not given details on the overall background.

Grateful for any comments

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**Cc:**  
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**Importance:** High

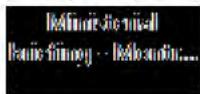
Hi

Ms Cunningham is meeting with Angus Council, Montrose Port Authority and the Montrose Golf Links before attending the cabinet meeting in Montrose on 15<sup>th</sup> August. I am preparing briefing to go up by noon on Monday.

Could you please have a look at the draft and let me know if there is anything you would like to add/change and get back to me by 11am on Monday?

Thanks.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2018 09:33  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose  
**Attachments:** u414847\_11-01-2018\_14-31-33.pdf

Dear [Redacted]

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas & New Year.

We've just been passed this letter which Graham Black received and I'm drafting a reply at the moment and wanted to check a couple of things with you.

[Redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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## **CABINET MEETING MONTROSE, 15 AUGUST 2017**

### **COASTAL CHANGE/EROSION AND FLOOD RISK IN MONTROSE - BRIEFING**

[Redacted]

#### **Background - coastal erosion and flooding in Montrose**

Coastal erosion is a natural process. It is affected by weather and tides and the actions of nature and man.

Coastal erosion is contributing to flood risk in Montrose and the dune system which was protecting the town is damaged.

Erosion and flooding has caused the coastline to retreat since 1980s and the rate is now 2m/yr and affecting the town and 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 been lost to the sea since the early 1990s and that the Montrose coastline could wear away by up to 80m over the next 50 years. Storms at the end of 2013 took another 1.5m off the beach level, and 2m off the top edge of the dunes.

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There has been interest from MSPs, MPs, councilors and media because the erosion affects Montrose golf links. The course first began to show the effects of coastal erosion about 20 years ago when the 6<sup>th</sup> tee disappeared. Since then the erosion has continued despite work to halt the dunes being washed away.

[Redacted]

MPA currently has a license from Marine Scotland to dredge in the harbour and deposit the sand in designated areas out at sea. Angus Council and the MPA are investigating whether the port dredged material could be used to recharge the beach.

### **Who is responsible for managing coast protection?**

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.

### **How is coast protection funded?**

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.

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Managing Flood Risk Team

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2017 12:23  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose bay erosion issues

thanks [Redacted]

you will have seen that we are now awaiting feedback from Cab Sec whether she want to undertake this engagement. we will use the information you added in case the visit goes ahead.

[Redacted]

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

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2017 11:13  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose bay erosion issues

Morning,

We've made a little addition to the briefing, hope it's acceptable. Let us know how it goes and we're happy to chat over the evidence needs for future licences with you if you wish.

Regards

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 August 2017 16:42  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose bay erosion issues

Hi [Redacted]

We are content for the visit to go ahead. [Redacted]

[Redacted] so will provide some something light to cover the facts in an update to the briefing tomorrow.

Thanks

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 August 2017 13:53  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose bay erosion issues

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted] is not working this pm, so a quick response from me.

I attach the [Redacted] briefing that [Redacted] produced for the Montrose cabinet. If the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> goes ahead we would look to provide very light briefing. The attached already mentioned the licensing aspects, and I guess we would only need to expand on that slightly.

[Redacted] will speak to [Redacted] tomorrow, and all being well we can put final advice up to Cab Sec shortly afterwards.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 August 2017 13:46  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Montrose bay erosion issues

Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, this should be fine but if you're happy to wait until tomorrow, [Redacted] (who is closer to the ins and outs) will be back and can confirm. If it goes ahead we will provide something for a briefing. If you wish to share with us any draft, we can add to in the context of what you may have already compiled.

Thanks

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 August 2017 09:58  
**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Montrose bay erosion issues  
**Importance:** High

Hi [Redacted]

Please see email below. Both [Redacted] and [Redacted] are out of the office [Redacted] so I wonder is there is anyone who can help with this

enquiry this morning?

Thanks.

Best wishes [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 August 2017 09:54  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** MS Marine Licensing  
**Subject:** Montrose bay erosion issues  
**Importance:** High

Hi [Redacted]

The Cabinet meeting will be in Montrose on 15<sup>th</sup> August and one of the topics of interest is the erosion issues in Montrose.

We have been asked to consider whether Ms Cunningham should undertake a visit to the beach that day – possibly before the Cabinet meeting to help inform discussions at Cabinet.

Angus Council are happy to arrange a visit and suggest that we invite the Montrose Ports Authority (MPA) and the Golf Links.

I am aware that there are discussions between the MPA and Marine Scotland at the moment over the dredging licence.

Before we go back to PO can you please let me know if Marine Scotland are content for this visit to go ahead.

Thanks.

Best wishes [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2017 16:05  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: more Ministerial correspondence

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for this. [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Do you want to see the reviews from [Redacted] (SNH) and [Redacted] (Glasgow University) of the Port's recent report? [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Best wishes [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2017 09:44  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: more Ministerial correspondence

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/angus-mearns/502005/port-exonerated-over-dredging-link-to-montrose-coastal-erosion-crisis/>

The Courier today. [Redacted]  
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Regards,

[Redacted]

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**Review of:****ABPmer (2017) Coastal Processes Assessment, Montrose and surrounding coastline. ABPmer Report No. R.2848. ABPmer on behalf of Montrose Port Authority.**

As a desk-based report this represents a fair summary of the work that has been done in the past on the changes seen in Montrose Bay. My comments below focus on the way which the evidence has been interpreted and this affects its reliability for addressing the questions presented by erosion within Montrose bay. These questions are laid out as aims within the report as:

1. To provide an up to date understanding of the processes operating on this stretch of coast and contributing to the ongoing retreat of the golf course frontage.
2. To establish whether there is a potential relationship between channel dredging and erosion at the golf course frontage.
3. To establish whether sediment feed would be an option for future management.

**Aim1.**

The report does a good job in summarising the hydrodynamic context in terms of tidal current and adds detail to an, as yet, incomplete wave climate. However, the latter is not backed up by detailed wave refraction analysis that would identify any putative north or south potential for longshore currents and any potential for directional sediment transit. The short-term sediment tracer experiment by Partrac shows sediment transit both to the north and south that may be seasonally driven, with northerly movement in winter (the season when highest waves and erosion occur at Montrose) and southerly movement under NE waves (arguably a secondary wave approach direction, given the wind and wave rose data in the ABPmer report). Any southerly sediment movement appears to have historically accumulated on Annat Bank, whose southern flank is controlled by the exit of the river South Esk. Crucially, only directions rather than quantities are detailed in the Partrac report. In the ABPmer report the longshore transit question is qualified by a suggestion that sediment transits on/offshore have not been quantified in published work. However, despite not being quantified in the ABPmer report either, weight is given to the importance of loss of sediment to below wave closure depth as a partial explanation of ongoing upper foreshore erosion. Part of this limb of the argument lies in the behaviour over time of MLWS since upper foreshore loss would be expected to be reflected in lower foreshore gain as well as losses to closure depth in the nearshore. Available on Digimap, a cursory look at MLWS movement shows landward migration of MLWS from 1903 to 2013 to match and sometimes exceed MHSW landward movement, particularly over recent decades and especially in the south close to the Annat Bank which forms the northern limit of the dredge channel (the chrono-sequence implications of which are expanded under Aim 2 below). Reduction in the extent of Annat Bank is one of the reasons that the southern part of the bay has required coastal defences to be inserted at GKN, South Links and the Faulds. Once inserted, these defences have very likely further contributed to beach lowering and further sediment losses along this part of the frontage that will have affected the adjacent intertidal both north and south. A

defendable interpretation is that sediment losses to closure depth and beyond certainly occur, but they are secondary to alongshore sediment transits, a transit that is dominated by northward movement. It is widely recognised that northward movement dominates along the golf course frontage and beyond leading to erosion in the south and substantial accretion in the north at St Cyrus. Over recent years there is now leakage of sediment beyond St Cyrus that has not been recognised or reported on previously. My interpretation is that this leakage results from sediment eroded from the south to accumulating at the north end of Montrose Bay. This allows the beach to advance seaward with enhanced lower foreshore and nearshore elevations allowing sediment to increasingly escape to the north. An indicative time-series sediment budget analysis matching the beach and dune volumes lost in the south against the beach and dune volumes gained in the north would help quantify any unaccounted-for losses (ie to the nearshore and southward into the dredge channel).

Aim 1 of this report is thus only partially addressed and leaves a series of unanswered questions relating to wave climate, the status of MLWS and Annat Bank and their relationships to the adjacent intertidal areas both to the north and south.

**Aim 2.**

Given the above, the report fails to make a convincing argument in disproving any linkage between erosion around the golf course frontage and the dredging removal of sediment in the south. Much is based on the existence of a net southerly sediment transit into the dredge area. That this transit occurs is evidenced by the Annat Bank on the northern side of the exit of the South Esk and the dredged channel. The area of Annat Bank (south of the Pavilion) historically has been much larger and extended further seawards than is now the case and is now about 12% of its 1903 extent (Table 1) with a concomitant reduction in its volume.

Year	Extent (m <sup>2</sup> )	%
1903	394,000	100%
1971	267,000	18%
2013	48,000	12%

Table 1 Areas of Annat Bank, south of Pavilion (excluding intertidal area seawards of Traill Drive).

The migration landward of MLWS at Annat Bank has been dramatic, particularly over recent decades, yet is not remarked upon at all in the ABPmer report. Its shrinkage would certainly affect wave refraction patterns, exposing the foreshore immediately to the north to enhanced wave energy and leading to beach lowering (exacerbated by insertion of coastal defences in response). Immediately to the south lies the channel where dredging to maintain a depth of 5.5m below CD has required annual removal of 20,000-100,00 cubic metres of sediment since 1984, to date a total of more than 1.5 million cubic metres of sediment. Since the Annat Bank has historically intercepted southward moving sediment, its shrinkage over recent decades means that more of this sediment now reaches the channel and requires to be dredged to maintain depths. If, as seems probable, the shrinkage of the Annat Bank is related in part to the removal of sediment dredged from the adjacent channel, its shrinkage is matched by, and affects, adjacent beach lowering immediately to the north. It follows that such a local sediment deficit will negatively affect the volume of sediment available to beach areas to the north and

contribute to ongoing erosion. My interpretation is that the evidence suggesting that a functional linkage exists between dredging and erosion further north is much stronger than the case for no linkage between the two.

Aim 2 of the report is not achieved, in my view.

### **Aim 3.**

The report seeks to establish whether sediment feed using maintenance dredgings would be a viable option for future management. In this regard, the report is more positive and identifies a potential benefit in using dredgings to enhance beach volumes to the north of the Faulds and begin to address the erosion problem there. However, if beach lowering adjacent to the Faulds is a contributor to erosion further north along the golf course frontage then any beach feeding programme might profitably be started at, or south of, this point to allow sediment to extend north (there is an under-represented risk to the shore to the south of the Faulds where the ports other neighbours would benefit from, and may demand, sediment feed). This accepts that there will be a minor amount of sediment that will move south, as indicated by the Partrac tracer study, may accumulate on the Annat Bank and, in the short term, enter the dredged channel. However, over the medium term, partial regrowth of the Annat Bank may be anticipated that will in time reduce any sediment leakage into the dredged channel. As far as the Montrose Bay sediment budget is concerned, the main attributable sediment losses are to sediment loss from flushing of the S. Esk exit and dredging of its channel in the south and sediment leakage in the north. It follows that these two loss areas are potential recycling sources for natural Montrose Bay sediments. The reintroduction of dredged sediment into the Montrose Bay system would be of clear benefit and likely to reduce the rate of erosion north from the Annat Bank, benefiting the Faulds and golf course frontages. So too would recycling of sediment lost northward at St Cyrus. The exact location and volumes of sediment won from this source would require careful consideration, but might centre on the subtidal sediment-rich areas beyond the NNR & SSSI boundary.

Aim 3 of the report is delivered but could have been more fully articulated in the context of the sediment budget of the whole of Montrose Bay. In my view, the ABPmer report focuses more on constructing a case to reduce the impact of sediment delivery back to the dredged channel rather than emphasising the wider benefits of recharging the intertidal foreshores to the north of the dredged channel (including the GSK frontage).

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2017 15:07  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** ABPmer review...sorry for delay been on leave.  
**Attachments:** Review of ABPmer Montrose report 13 Sept.docx

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**Subject:** RE: Montrose Harbour Dredging  
**Attachments:** Maccs - Montrose and Scottish water and flood re - October 2017.doc; maccs 21 sept.doc; MACCS: Case 2017/0026665 completed.; Re: more Ministerial correspondence; ABPmer review...sorry for delay been on leave.

Hi [Redacted]

I'm out of the office on Monday ..so maybe Wednesday after 11am?

For information here is a copy of the latest MACCS case sent to PO this week and some recent replies about Montrose. [Redacted]

Hope this is useful.  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 October 2017 16:58  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Montrose Harbour Dredging

[Redacted]

I'm attending a meeting next Thursday with Montrose Port Authority to discuss a proposed capital dredge in the harbour. [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

I'd be grateful if we could have a quick chat before the meeting to discuss the wider issue of erosion in the area. I'm out the office for the next 2 days and on Tuesday morning but should be free the rest of the time.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

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