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Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE Urgent Question - Offshore Wind Stats

Thanks [REDACTED] Callum – Cab Sec has cleared below

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Have added floating GW figure (over 17GW) and sorry just another tweak to be clear that it's developer ambitions/potential for those floating projects.

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To be honest I think it is both or either and don't think that is an issue.

Couple tweaks. Can we also fill in the gw for floating wind?

Thanks

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Callum/all

Some edits below in red.

Also on the part highlighted in yellow – assume you mean developments as in the media/parliamentary updates? Developments could read as physical offshore wind developments.

Thanks

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Spads would suggest the below – could it be fact checked and then sent to Mr Robertson for clearance.

Thanks,  
Callum

Presiding Officer,

Presiding officer, it is a matter of fact, and I hope not of party political disagreement, that Scotland is exceptionally well endowed with renewable energy potential.

As renewable technologies, licensing rounds and completed schemes develop at home and abroad, so does the statistical context.

An example of this is that last year's Scotwind licensing was the world's largest ever leasing round for floating offshore wind with developer ambitions at over 17GW.

The statistic the member highlights has been used by both the UK and the Scottish Governments, but is now considered to be overtaken by developments. That is why I am no longer using the statistics.

The Scottish Government has committed to provide parliament with updated statistics in due course. I am confident that it will confirm that Scotland is well placed to be a significant European leader in renewable energy production and hope the member will join me in using them to promote Scotland at home and abroad.

Follow-Up

I, the Scottish and UK Governments are no longer using the statistics that have been overtaken by developments.

However, I think it is really important not to inadvertently create the impression that Scotland is not a nation with significant renewable resources. It has immense natural resources.

When projects which are awaiting construction, under construction or already operational are added to this the current reported potential pipeline (subject to change), the total potential capacity reaches over 40GW – the equivalent to produce enough electricity annually to power every home in Scotland for 17 years, or every home in the UK for over a year and a half.

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[REDACTED]- In previous FMQs and topical briefs, the 25% figure was quoted by UK Govt documents. Can you dig this out.

Thanks

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John

These are the current FMQ lines on the issue:

#### OFFSHORE WIND / RENEWABLE ENERGY STATISTICS

Ministers became aware of the report by These Islands on 8 November.

- We are now working to produce an updated figure for Scotland's offshore wind potential, which will be published in due course.

It is clear that Scotland has huge potential for offshore wind and will play a significant role in the future of global wind energy

- Scotland's enormous potential for offshore wind has not changed; in fact we have made big progress in recent years.

- Subject to planning and consenting decisions and finding a route to market, we have a current reported potential pipeline (subject to change) of over 38 GW of offshore wind projects.
- When projects which are awaiting construction, under construction or already operational are added to this the total potential capacity reaches over 40GW – the equivalent to produce enough electricity annually to power every home in Scotland for 17 years, or every home in the UK for over a year and a half.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Can we also have previous briefing on this subject including FMQ briefs/lines.  
Thanks

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Hi Callum

Original email chain attached.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for this.

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REDACTED **Sections 30(b)(i) and 30(b)(ii)**

Please let me know if Cabinet Secretary has any further comments.

Many thanks  
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Morning [REDACTED]

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Thanks

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Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,  
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PLACE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION - DRAFT

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Many thanks  
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Can I get the note that went to Mr Robertson on 28 Oct please?

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Hi [REDACTED]

**Sections 30(b)(i) and 30(b)(ii)**

SpAds may have a view on how the Minister should respond.

Thanks

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Importance: High

Hi All

To note below – grateful for draft response asap – have asked Parly Business for  
1700 slot

Thanks,

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Subject: Urgent Question - Offshore Wind Stats  
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

An urgent question has been selected to be answered today:

Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the constitution secretary reportedly referred to the statistic that Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind resources at a meeting with European delegates on 4 October and in newspaper columns of 17 and 18 October 2022, in light of an email indicating that officials had advised that the statistic was inaccurate on 28 September 2022.

Can you please confirm that Mr Robertson will answer and let us know your preferred time as soon as possible? Options are 1420 or 1700.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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