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Subject: RE: HSE request for consent to decision-making function for 2023 asulox EA

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for sending this through – the paper is really clear and helpfully set out which is much appreciated.

I wanted to let you know as early as possible that we will be unable to meet your deadline of 4 April. Please accept our apologies. A new First Minister for Scotland is expected to be announced next week and it may take some time after that for new Ministers/portfolio responsibilities to be assigned. We then go into recess from 1 April and Ministerial availability will depend on who is in post. It's a bit uncertain at the moment but hopefully I can give an update towards the end of next week re where things are.

I think mid-late April is our best guess for when we might be able to respond. I hope that won't cause too much disruption your end.

Also just to note that as you are aware, at the request of our current Minister, we'd been planning to seek advice from the ECP on the Asulox EA to present alongside the HSE assessment. We'll need to consider what might be feasible on that in the limited timeframe.

Look forward to speaking on Monday on the 4 Admins call.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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My usual working days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Please see the attached submission with apologies for the delay on my part. This seeks prior approval from administrations under the agency agreements for HSE to operate the decision-making function for an application for the emergency authorisation of asulox (active: asulam) for the control of bracken in 2023.

I would highlight that the detailed emergency registration report is embedded as a pdf in the submission.

As indicated in the submission we would be grateful for your responses **by close 4 April please**.

All the best

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