

From: [NAME REDACTED](#)
To: [NAME REDACTED](#) [NAME](#)
Cc: [REDACTED](#)
Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum
Date: 19 April 2023 15:53:57
Attachments: [RE Ministers visit to Rum.msg](#)

NAME REDACTED we can pick up tomorrow. Copy of NS visit proposal attached.

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023
Sent: 19 April 2023 15:17
To: NAME REDACTED Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023 <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>
Cc: NAME REDACTED
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

Thank you for this email, I hope you are well.

We have discussed the below with the Minister.

TWO SENTENCES REDACTED

Thursday, 11 May

FOUR SENTENCES REDACTED

Friday, 12 May

SEVEN SENTENCES REDACTED

I hope the above will help you to look into what visits may be possible.

Many thanks and kind regards

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED - Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Green Skills,
Circular Economy and Biodiversity – Lorna Slater MSP

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 04 April 2023 16:55

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023

<MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: NAMES REDACTED _____

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

The ferry timetable looks like it takes c.3 hours (except on Fridays which seems to have a more direct route) to get there and then you would get 3 hours on the island and need to get the ferry back. Seems like its part of a route rather than a direct connection: [Small Isles: Mallaig - Eigg - Muck - Rum - Canna | Island breakdown | CalMac Ferries](#)

SENTENCE REDACTED

Our recommendation would be

- Day 1 – travel PLACE NAME REDACTED to Mallaig – 4 hours – build in some rural visits along they way (eg even via Loch Lomond for example or another part of the Ministers portfolio).
- Day 2 – head to ferry.60 min meeting with IRCT and others. 90 min meeting/tour/engagements with NatureScot ferry back to Mallaig

The day can end here (with a 4 hour drive back to PLACE NAME REDACTED that night or the following day) or the Minister could remain in the local area and do some additional rural visits on Day 3 before heading back to PLACE NAME REDACTED

Travel days – a Monday would give 3 hours on the island. A Wednesday 4.5.

Alternatively, Friday has a later ferry and the Minister theoretically could travel there for the day and back but it would be a long day with 75% of it spent travelling. On reflection this seems like the most efficient of days but it would be a tiring trip without at least 1 overnight stay (likely the Friday night in Mallaig and travel back on the Saturday). There are no ferries on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

This is just an idea of timings however. We need to engage stakeholders to make this work in practicality.

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SENTENCE REDACTED

Can I ask therefore, is there an urgent timing issue that we are not aware of?
SENTENCE REDACTED

Let us know the Minister's thoughts on timings.

Happy to build in any additional visits as requested.

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED- On Behalf Of Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023

Sent: 04 April 2023 16:01

To: NAME REDACTED

Cc: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023

<MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED _____

Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

Thanks NAME REDACTED Ms Slater will want to write to them this week – can you give us a rough indication of the travel options (departing PLACE NAME REDACTED for Rum during the course of tomorrow and we'll see what's possible with the diary.

Many thanks

NAME REDACTED - Private Secretary to the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity - Lorna Slater MSP

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 04 April 2023 14:13

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot> **Cc:** NAMES REDACTED _____

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle Rum

NAME REDACTED

PARAGRAPH REDACTED

With this in mind I sent IRCT an email this morning indicating they would get a delayed response and they are happy to wait until we get in touch with them in the coming weeks.

There is an ask from NAMES REDACTED that Ms Slater visit Rum end April/ beginning may. We are happy to facilitate this. It will be a wider visit touching on the NNR on Rum etc and anything else we can fit in that would be relevant to Ms Slater's portfolio. The

aspiration from NAME REDACTED is that this visit take place end April/ beginning may but we recognise diaries can be a challenge to manage, particularly for such a rural visit.

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NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED on Behalf Of Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023
Sent: 04 April 2023 13:42
To: NAME REDACTED
Cc: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

Can you come back to me on this today please so we can process through MiCase or acknowledge.

Helpful also to have an update on the request attached today.

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From: NAME REDACTED On Behalf Of Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023
Sent: 31 March 2023 16:15
To: NAME REDACTED
Cc: NAME REDACTED [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023](mailto:MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot)
<MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

NAME REDACTED

Let me know if you would like PO to acknowledge this or if it requires to go to MiCase, please.

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From: NAME REDACTED on behalf of [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity](#)
To: NAME REDACTED; [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity](#)
Cc: [NAMES REDACTED](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to NAME REDACTED Isle of Rum Community Trust
Date: 09 May 2023 15:40:00

Good afternoon

Ms Slater asked me to pass on her thanks for your letter.

Unfortunately it's not possible to offer an alternative date for Ms Slater to visit Rum at this stage, arrangements have been progressed for the visit on Friday, however the Minister would be pleased to offer a meeting (via Teams) on Friday 30 May at 15:00, the dial in details are below. Our officials, copied in for ease, will be happy to liaise with you on the format for the meeting, in due course.

Kind regards

NAME REDACTED - Private Secretary to the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity - Lorna Slater MSP

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Microsoft Teams meeting

[MEETING LINKS REDACTED](#)

From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 07 May 2023 00:58

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to NAME REDACTED Isle of Rum Community Trust

Please find attached a reply to your letter regarding the above visit.

Thank you

Kindest regards

[NAME REDACTED](#)

Isle of Rum Community Trust

CONTACT MOBILE REDACTED

Registered Office: Kinloch, Isle of Rum PH43 4RR Charity SC039637 Company SC321870

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 5:49 PM

To: [NAME REDACTED](#)

Cc: MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot

Subject: Letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to NAME REDACTED Isle of Rum Community Trust

Good afternoon

Please find attached a letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, which I hope is helpful.

Kind regards

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From: NAME REDACTED behalf of [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity](#)
To: [NAME REDACTED](#)
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum
Date: 10 May 2023 08:15:44

Great, thank you.

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From: NAME REDACTED
Sent: 10 May 2023 08:13
To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>;
NAMES REDACTED
Cc: NAMES REDACTED
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum

Morning NAMES REDACTED

Thanks for feeding this back.

Yes that's what we are proposing in place of the IRCT visit – all in hand.

Yes the briefing will contain all that. Will aim to have it with you in advance of premeet this afternoon.

If theres anything else that comes to mind just let us know

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Sent: 10 May 2023 08:09
To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>;
NAME SREDACTED _____
Cc: NAMES REDACTED _____
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum _____

Morning NAME REDACTED

During Ms Slater's attendance at the NatureScot Conference yesterday they suggested that she should try to get to the NatureSot reserve whilst on Rum – if that's possible without lengthening the programme. Helpful if the revised programme can include departure times tomorrow, overnight stay at PLACE NAME REDACTED Mallaig, departure time from the hotel to the charter also, please.

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From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 09 May 2023 16:12

To: NAME REDACTED; [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity](mailto:MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot) <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED

Cc: NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch [Castle: Rum](#)

Great, thanks NAME REDACTED – have sent the scheduler on to NAME REDACTED now.

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from:NAME REDACTED **Sent:** 09 May 2023 16:09

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>;
NAMES REDACTED _____
Cc: NAMES REDACTED _____
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

If it might be valuable, NAME REDACTED who is cc'd here can attend the pre-meet from a policy perspective on the REDACTED events.

Just in case you want to include him in the invite.

Kind regards

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Sent: 09 May 2023 15:31
To: NAME REDACTED; [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>](mailto:MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot); NAME REDACTED
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED _____
Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum _____

Thanks NAME REDACTED— I've included NAME REDACTED in the pre-meet so the Minister can discuss the whole programme. _____

I'll acknowledge receipt of IRCT's letter to Ms Slater and confirm the visit is going ahead and offer a date for a Teams meeting with the Minister (on 30 May).

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From: REDACTED

Sent: 09 May 2023 15:00

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>;
NAME REDACTED

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero
<DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum _____

NAME REDACTED _____

We have been closely engaged with island colleagues on this throughout. For a premeet we would recommend NAME REDACTED myself and NAME REDACTED ideally tomorrow afternoon after we have sent you the final agenda etc. I assume we will discuss only Rum so NAME REDACTED wont be required re NAME REDACTED.

We don't believe a response from the Minister to NAME REDACTED to be necessary so if you are content to offer a time for a teams call (suggest in a couple weeks) we can relay back to them as discussed below. I don't think it needs to go on micase either as we are already in contact with NAME REDACTED so can just email or phone them and keep that relationship going with officials if you are content with this approach.

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 09 May 2023 14:48

To: NAME REDACTED; Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>; NAME REDACTED

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero
<DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot> NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

Confirming that Ms Slater is content to go ahead as proposed – grateful for an updated itinerary by noon tomorrow. Note that I’ve extended the copy list to Islands officials – grateful if the team can liaise with them on the programme, please.

We’ll schedule in a pre-meet with officials – let us know who is best to attend, including Islands colleagues.

Please provide a draft response for the Minister to the NAME REDACTED asap tomorrow.

Sharing the attached email to Ms Slater which we can send to MiCase for processing.

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 09 May 2023 13:52

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>; NAME REDACTED

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot> NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum

NAME REDACTED

We have spoken with NatureScot and on reflection, we would recommend going ahead with the visit.

NatureScot has indicated that there is still significant interest from the community in engaging with the Minister. SENTENCE REDACTED.

1 hour of the visit was held for a visit with IRCT. We would now propose this hour be used to visit the National Nature Reserve with the rest of the agenda as previously proposed and a separate teams meeting with the IRCT held sometime over the next month when a new chair is appointed. Any IRCT members will also be free to engage Ms Slater during the open surgery as planned.

We would also recommend continuing with the NAME REDACTED engagements (regardless of the Rum visits) as these have now been confirmed.

We would seek the Ministers approval to proceed as above.

NAME REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 07 May 2023 10:56

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSECB@gov.scot>; NAME REDACTED

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED _____

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum _____

Hi NAME REDACTED _____

Please see attached response from IRCT advising that they would not be available on Friday to meet with Minister on Rum. Grateful for advice on the impact of this on planned itinerary and their suggestion of virtual meeting.

Thanks,

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED | Private Secretary

Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade – Richard Lochhead
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From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 02 May 2023 18:31

To: NAME REDACTED Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle: Rum _____

NAME REDACTED _____

The signed letter that issued is attached for records.

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 28 April 2023 17:49

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands <CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Nature Division <DDND@gov.scot>; NAMES REDACTED

Subject: Kinloch Castle: Rum

NAME REDACTED

Please find attached submission and draft letter for the Minister to send to the IRCT. I have also attached the previous correspondence for easy of reference and emerging itinerary for the visit to Rum. We have cleared with NAME REDACTED.

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED | Environment & Forestry Directorate Sponsorship Hub | Scottish Government | CONTACT NUMBERS REDACTED

From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023
Sent: 04 April 2023 13:42
To: NAME REDACTED
Cc: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

Hi NAME REDACTED

Can you come back to me on this today please so we can process through MiCase or acknowledge.

Helpful also to have an update on the request attached today.

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From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023

Sent: 31 March 2023 16:15

To: NAME REDACTED

Cc: NAME REDACTED; [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity2023](#)
<MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

NAME REDACTED

Let me know if you would like PO to acknowledge this or if it requires to go to MiCase, please.

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 31 March 2023 14:10

To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: NAME SREDACTED

Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum

Dear Lorna Slater,

just in case this letter and request got lost in the understandable busyness of last 3 weeks (and apologies for having sent this to your msp and not Ministerial address).

Kinloch castle situation has obviously moved on, but the need for a solution and our outstanding request for ongoing support is still, we hope, relevant.

The key points in final paragraphs are:

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...We would like ...SG support to ...further investigations into a broader approach to the Castle's future, including the possibility of alternative outcomes to restoration. This would include employing a Project Manager and bringing in specialist resource to fully explore what could be possible.

As IRCT we will continue to commit significant time and our own staff resource to ensuring we create a sustainable future for Rum.

... It is likely to take 6 months [at least] to complete and, if approved, we would look to appoint someone early in the next financial year.

Your flexibility and support to do this would be very much appreciated.

We assure you of our continued engagement in the process of securing a sustainable future for Rum

Thank you again for considering our request.

Regardless, we hope also to continue our meetings with SLC and others (NS, HES, etc) in pursuing a positive outcome.

Thank you.

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED

Isle of Rum Community Trust

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Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 6:28 PM

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Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle Rum

Dear Lorna Slater,

Please find attached our latest update on above from NAME REDACTED IRCT.

You will, I imagine, have seen today's piece in the National.

<https://www.thenational.scot/comment/23372720.rums-kinloch-castle-not-sold-one-rich-man/>

Apologies that our attached letter did not reach you first, but hopefully the press story adds some further level of urgency to our update and to our request for further support as attached.

Thank you.

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