

**FOI – 202300355004 – REDACTED**

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 December 2022 18:18  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** DG Regulation <DG.Regulation@Statistics.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: OSR meeting request - renewables data

Thanks [REDACTED], that's a very helpful update.

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Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. This is what I have from the energy stats team in response to your queries:

For the first point, awareness of the use of the statistic has been raised with senior staff in the Scottish Government with specific advice not to use the statistic going forwards. This has been fed back to all Directorate for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) staff via Directors alongside strong advise to consult with Office of the Chief Economist (OCEA) statisticians regularly for updates to lines. As has been stated in Parliament, we are currently undertaking a further examination of our records to identify any further instances of its use. Finally, OCEA unit heads now have to sign off all published documents produced by colleagues in DECC to add an extra level of scrutiny on statistics use.

On the second point, analysts in OCEA are developing options for the development of a replacement statistic. This is being taken forwards in partnership with colleagues in policy and Marine Scotland. A paper outlining the options will be sent to Scottish Ministers in due course.

I hope this is helpful. Happy to answer any questions.

[REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]. Here is the published letter:  
<https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/response-from-sir-robert-chote-to-alex-cole-hamilton-msp-scottish-renewable-energy-statistics/>

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Thanks for this [REDACTED],

I've chased up the energy stats team for the detail of the questions asked. Will get back to you asap.

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

The attached letter has been sent to Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP this evening and will be published here on the UK Statistics Authority website tomorrow morning.

As [REDACTED] said below, we are keen to understand more about

- What steps Scottish Government are taking to avoid further use of the claim referenced below
- What plans are in place to develop data on Scotland's offshore wind potential in comparison to Europe

Happy for you to update via email as I know diaries are tight in the pre-Christmas period!

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
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Thanks [REDACTED],

And I see [REDACTED] is copied in here, he will be your main contact on this for follow ups

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Just a quick note following up [REDACTED] email below to let you know that we will probably publish our response to the MSP on this case tomorrow. We can send you a copy once it is published if that would be helpful.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** RE: OSR meeting request - renewables data

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to follow up on our discussion yesterday. As I said, we are keen to understand more about the following

- What steps Scottish Government are taking to avoid further use of the claim referenced below
- What plans are in place to develop data on Scotland's offshore wind potential in comparison to Europe

I appreciate when we talked that diaries were difficult in the next few weeks for us to have a follow up discussion in person on these issues. As such, I have looped in OSR's casework team to this email and I would be grateful if you could update by return email.

Many thanks

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Hi

Just following up on this and sorry for not being free when you called earlier. I am free until 2pm and then at 4.30pm if this suits.

Please let me know.

Best wishes

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**Subject:** OSR meeting request - renewables data

Hi [REDACTED]

I wanted to let you know that we have been looking into a concern raised with us from an MSP. This has been covered in the media - "Alex Cole-Hamilton contacts stats authority over SNP wind power claim".

We will be publishing a reply letter later in the week, and would like to talk to you about the issues that have been raised with us and also to better understand what steps are being taken by the Scottish Government on these data.

Can we have a call on this – please let me know when work best. I have nothing that I can't move if later today suits, otherwise please let me know times that suit tomorrow.

Best wishes

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