

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 August 2023 19:44
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Clarification

Hi [REDACTED],

I think this is related to the point about making the best use of our offshore resources in a truly integrated way whilst unlocking CCUS and hydrogen opportunities in the North Sea. This is related to the work on the [REDACTED] that I think [REDACTED] has discussed with you.

Hope this helps,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 2:09 PM
To [REDACTED]
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Looping in [REDACTED] who may be able to assist in [REDACTED] absence

From: [REACTED]
Sent: 09 August 2023 13:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc [REDACTED]
Subject: Clarification

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope that you are well. Apologies if the question is not for you, but I am puzzling over some lines in the No 10 release from 31 May, which have also come through in the letter from Lord Callanan.

The press release says:

Future [oil and gas] licences will be critical to providing energy security options, unlocking carbon capture usage and storage and hydrogen opportunities – building truly integrated offshore energy hubs that make the best use of the established infrastructure.

And the letter from Lord Callanan says:

By adopting a more flexible application process, licences could also be offered near to currently licensed areas, unlocking carbon capture usage and storage and hydrogen opportunities, and building truly integrated offshore energy hubs that make the best use of established infrastructure.

It would be great if you could unpack what you mean by this. I understand the argument that new oil and gas exploration will provide a longer glide path for transition, especially for the supply chain. But this seems to be suggesting benefits to hydrogen and CCUS through co-location offshore. It would be helpful to understand what is intended here.

Many thanks

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I use she/her pronouns

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