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From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 July 2022 10:09

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: PQs due 8th July and FW: PQs for 12/07/22

Hi both– with my upcoming leave and Katriona’s ongoing absence next week would it be feasible to get initial drafts of below PQs and the others due at PO on 8th July for review/clearance by **Thursday lunchtime (or cop Wed if you can)**, so that ideally I could clear (or at least have fed back comments) and minimise cross cover needed next week for final clearance? If that feels feasible then as usual could you schedule a slot in calendar so I can protect necessary time?

Please do flag if that wont be possible.

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 2

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 July 2022 23:56

To: [redacted s.11(2)]gov.scot>

Subject: PQs - Incineration review

Hi [redacted s.11(2)],

Thanks for these, there are some tricky questions in these ones!

Apols I have a bunch of questions, and a couple of things to quickly run by SEPA and legal (I think we can get these to [redacted s.11(2)] without SEPA's clearance and just note we are waiting for a line from them). Could you send these over to me when you have tweaked them, please?

Incineration PQs - July 2022 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk) [Link to Document 3]

Thanks,

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 3: “Incineration PQs – July 2022 details” Extract – the rest of the document is out of scope so has been removed

S6W-09312 – Parliament Deadline 22nd July

To ask the Scottish Government, when the 2025 landfill ban comes into force in Scotland, whether residual waste will be exported to England to meet the capacity gap identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy and, if this is the case, whether it has identified which facilities in England this waste will go to, and, if it has, whether it will provide details of (a) the facilities involved and (b) how they will manage the exported waste.

- Liam McArthur

The recent independent review of the role of incineration found that while there may be a temporary under-capacity of residual waste treatment in Scotland in 2025, when the ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste comes into force, there is a risk of long-term overcapacity beginning from 2026 or 2027, if all or most of the incineration capacity in the pipeline is built. .

The review noted that export is one of the short-term options for the treatment of residual waste in order to bridge the expected capacity gap. However, we will continue to work closely with local authorities and commercial operators to support those that do not currently have solutions to treat their residual waste ahead of the forthcoming ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste in 2025, taking account of the recommendations of the independent review and ongoing assessment of residual waste requirements and available capacity.

S6W-09314 – Parliament Deadline 22nd July

To ask the Scottish Government how much residual waste it anticipates exporting to England in each year from 2025 onwards.

- Liam McArthur

The recent independent review of the role of incineration found that while there may be a temporary under-capacity of residual waste treatment in Scotland in 2025, when the ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste comes into force, there is a risk of long-term overcapacity beginning from 2026 or 2027, if all or most of the incineration capacity in the pipeline is built. .

The review noted that export is a feasible short-term option for the treatment of residual waste in order to bridge the expected capacity gap.. Scottish Government will continue to work with local authorities and commercial operators to ensure they have solutions in place to manage their residual waste in 2025 and beyond, taking account of the recommendations of the independent review and ongoing assessment of residual waste requirements and available capacity.

S6W-09315 – Parliament Deadline 22nd July

To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates meeting Scotland’s capacity gap on residual waste management resulting from the 2025 landfill ban, as identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy.

- **Liam McArthur**

The recent independent review of the role of incineration found that while there may be a temporary under-capacity of residual waste treatment in Scotland in 2025, when the ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste comes into force, there is a risk of long-term overcapacity beginning from 2026 or 2027, if all or most of the incineration capacity in the pipeline is built.

We are working closely with local authorities to support those that do not currently have solutions to the forthcoming ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste in 2025. The support includes facilitating collaborative procurement and providing technical, procurement and legal support for local authorities.

[redacted - out of scope]

Background note for S6W-09312, S6W-09314, S6W-09315 [redacted - out of scope]:

Mr McArthur (Scottish Liberal Democrats, Orkney Islands) has tabled 4 questions regarding the review of incineration, specifically the risk of a capacity gap in 2025 and whether Scotland will export waste to address this gap.

The Review found that there would likely be a capacity gap in 2025 following the introduction of the landfill ban. However, from 2027 onward there was a real risk of overcapacity, if all facilities with planning permission were built to schedule.

The Waste Markets Study in 2019 identified significant costs to local authorities of exporting waste to Northern England. However, since this study was undertaken there has been significant investment in residual waste infrastructure in Scotland.

Officials are continuing to work with local authorities who do not currently have arrangements in place for the landfill ban and are monitoring the development of infrastructure closely.

Document 4

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 July 2022 16:38

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs - Incineration review

Hi [redacted s.11(2)],

I've made these changes now – I've heard back from everyone except SEPA on the heat and energy networks, however expecting to hear from them tomorrow.

[redacted s.10(4)(e)]

[redacted s.11(2)] final deadline for getting them to her was midday tomorrow/ cop today. If you are happy with some of them but not others could you let me know, I'll send over those I can today.

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 5 – Extract – the rest of the document is out of scope so has been removed

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 07 July 2022 11:29

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs due 8th July and FW: PQs for 12/07/22

Hi [redacted s.11(2)],

Apologies I wasn't able to get this to you by COP yesterday, please find below the link to the draft responses and background notes for the PQs listed below. Please let me know if you would like me to make any changes before submitting them to PO.

Incineration PQs - July 2022 (A39033479) [Link to document 3]

Thank you,

[redacted s.11(2)]

S6W-09312

To ask the Scottish Government, when the 2025 landfill ban comes into force in Scotland, whether residual waste will be exported to England to meet the capacity gap identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy and, if this is the case, whether it has identified which facilities in England this waste will go to, and, if it has, whether it will provide details of (a) the facilities involved and (b) how they will manage the exported waste.

- Liam McArthur

S6W-09314

To ask the Scottish Government how much residual waste it anticipates exporting to England in each year from 2025 onwards.

- Liam McArthur

S6W-09315

To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates meeting Scotland's capacity gap on residual waste management resulting from the 2025 landfill ban, as identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy.

- Liam McArthur

Document 6

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 08 July 2022 10:25

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; Carmichael K (Katriona) <Katriona.Carmichael@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs due 8th July and FW: PQs for 12/07/22

[redacted s.11(2)] thanks and well done on these, some a quite tricky questions at this stage. [redacted s.10(4)(e)] I have had a chat with [redacted s.11(2)] on couple of them so he can walk through rationale/any queries.

Happy to clear on the basis of amends reflecting comments, let me know today if any major queries.

Thanks again

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 7

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 08 July 2022 16:49

To: Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: PQs for clearance

Good afternoon,

I understand that you are clearing parliamentary questions for Ms Slater while Harry Huyton is on leave. [redacted s.10(4)(e)]

Please let me know if you would like me to make any changes.

Kind regards,

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 8

From: Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>

Sent: 11 July 2022 11:27

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs for clearance

I have made some suggestions IF they need to be cleared this week. However, if the timescale allows I'd prefer they were cleared by Harry.

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Document 9

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 11 July 2022 15:54

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

Subject: PQs S6W-09310, S6W-09311, S6W-09312, S6W-09314 and S6W-09315

Dear [redacted s.11(2)],

I have uploaded PQs S6W-09310, S6W-09311, S6W-09312, S6W-09314 and S6W-09315 to the PQ tracker. As discussed on Friday, these were cleared by Gavin Corbett, however he has noted that, if possible, he would prefer it if Harry could clear these upon his return.

Kind regards,

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 10

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 11 July 2022 18:20

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

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

Subject: RE: PQs S6W-09310, S6W-09311, S6W-09312, S6W-09314 and S6W-09315

Hi [redacted s.11(2)]

Can you ensure Harry sees them o/r and let me know when he has cleared before I process them from the tracker for Ms Slater.

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 11

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 July 2022 10:50

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

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs S6W-09310, S6W-09311, S6W-09312, S6W-09314 and S6W-09315

Hi [redacted s.11(2)],

I will do so for these.

As I noted in my message to you yesterday, my team have a further 5 PQs due on the tracker today. Can you please confirm that you would like these to all be cleared by Harry before they are added to the tracker? This will mean they will not be added before Monday.

If so can you please let me know who we should flag this to, as we will get emails notifying us that we have missed the tracker's deadline.

The PQs in question are:

S6W-09424

S6W-09438

S6W-09440

S6W-09441

S6W-09439

Thank you,

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 12

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 12 July 2022 11:25

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs S6W-09310, S6W-09311, S6W-09312, S6W-09314 and S6W-09315

Hi [redacted s.11(2)] – all PQs should be cleared by Harry before going on the tracker please.

If you need to notify anyone perhaps it's ParlyClerk – I'm not sure about the emails you're referring to, sorry.

[redacted s.11(2)]

Document 13 - Extract – the rest of the document is out of scope so has been removed

From: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 15 July 2022 17:38

To: Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: PQs for clearance

Good afternoon Harry,

I hope this find you well and you had a good break.

Please find attached the following PQs from the Zero Waste Unit for Spad clearance:

S6W-09312

To ask the Scottish Government, when the 2025 landfill ban comes into force in Scotland, whether residual waste will be exported to England to meet the capacity gap identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy and, if this is the case, whether it has identified which facilities in England this waste will go to, and, if it has, whether it will provide details of (a) the facilities involved and (b) how they will manage the exported waste.

- Liam McArthur

S6W-09314

To ask the Scottish Government how much residual waste it anticipates exporting to England in each year from 2025 onwards.

- Liam McArthur

S6W-09315

To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates meeting Scotland's capacity gap on residual waste management resulting from the 2025 landfill ban, as identified in the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy.

- Liam McArthur

Document 14

From: Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>

Sent: 19 July 2022 09:41

To: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: PQs for clearance

Thanks charlotte, all good, a few amends attached

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