

From: NAME REDACTED
Sent: 10 May 2023 16:01
To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
<MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>
Cc: NAMES REDACTED
Subject: RE: Briefing - Kinloch Castle - 12 May 2023

NAME REDACTED

Sorry for the delay in responding. We have everything for the brief and I've made those edits as requested. Full agenda below also.

Please note – update to dress code – outdoor warm and waterproof clothing.

And the PDF annex:



Rum_Report.pdf

Look forward to speaking with you at 15:30.

NAME REDACTED

ENTRIES REDACTED AS NOT IN SCOPE	
13:00 – 13:30	Minister to depart by 13:30 at the latest – Government car service to Mallaig.
16:30 estimate	Arrive at Mallaig: Overnight accommodation has been arranged: NAME AND ADDRESS REDACTED
Friday 12 May – Day Two	
08:15	Leave Marine Hotel Mallaig – walk to ferry terminal (2 mins). Meet NAME REDACTED (official support) and NatureScot opposite Western Isles Cruises office (town is very small).
08:30	Dep Mallaig– Western Isles Cruises – MV Larven
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From: NAME REDACTED **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Sent: 10 May 2023 13:52

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

Cc: NAMES REDACTED

Subject: RE: Briefing - Kinloch Castle - 12 May 2023

Thanks NAME REDACTED – Ms Slater would like to visit the NNR, please. (I'll be accompanying the Minister tomorrow and Friday.)

Grateful if you can have a quick word with NAME REDACTED please, I spoke to her earlier (I'm just going into another meeting) – can you recast the briefings as in the attached exemplar in sequence please and provide separate briefings for each engagement we're undertaking.

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

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Cc: NAMES REDACTED

Subject: Briefing - Kinloch Castle - 12 May 2023

NAME REDACTED

For Friday's visit I attach the briefing in advance of this afternoon's premeet. There are a few things to tidy up.

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We wanted to get the briefings to the Minister so she could consider in advance of the premeet. Following this well be able to tidy up and submit in full.



Rum_Report.pdf

NAME REDACTED| Environment and Forestry Sponsorship Hub | Future Environment Division | Scottish Government | CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED

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VISIT TO RUM NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Date and Time of Engagement	12 May 2023 13:30 – 14:30
Where	Isle of Rum
Key Message	Recognise importance of Nature Reserves and their contribution to the Biodiversity Crisis.
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAME REDACTED – Director of Green Economy, NatureScot NAME REDACTED Central Highland, NatureScot, CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED NAME REDACTED – Operations Manager, Central Highland, NatureScot - CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED
Why	A site visit to hear of the work of NatureScot and impact of the reserve on the Isle of Rum
Official Support Required	NAME REDACTED, Enfor Sponsorship Hub – CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED
Media Handling	REDACTED
Briefing contents	Annex A – National Nature Reserve Briefing

ANNEX A

Background – National Nature Reserve - Rum

Rum National Nature Reserve (NNR) lies about 25 kilometres from Mallaig off the west coast of Scotland. The reserve is just over 10,800ha, and harbours a wealth of wildlife, and dramatic scenery arising from the volcanic geological formations and is managed by NatureScot. There are 3.5 FTE staff employed by NatureScot plus a 2-year student placement and several volunteers.

In particular, Rum is renowned for its spectacular seabird colonies, which include one of the largest breeding colonies of Manx shearwaters in the world. Golden eagles and white-tailed sea eagles breed here, and soar over the crags and moorland. Red-throated divers nest on the edges of some of the smaller lochs. Much of the island is upland, with vast open areas of wet and dry heaths, blanket bog and species-rich grasslands, with important areas of scree and crevice vegetation, and small freshwater lochs. The rare slender green feather-moss grows in flushes in some of the upland areas, and is just one of a vast array of scarce mosses, liverworts and other plants that flourish on Rum.

Everyone is welcome to visit the island and, as many do, stay for several days to discover for themselves its wildlife, its spectacular scenery, and that special island atmosphere. Rum has been an NNR for more than half a century and, in that time, has gained a reputation for supporting research and educational visits and we would like to do more. Rum is one of a suite of NNRs in Scotland. Scotland's NNRs are special places for nature, where some of the best examples of Scotland's wildlife are managed. Every NNR is carefully managed both for nature and for people, giving visitors the opportunity to experience our rich natural heritage.

Virtually the entire island is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) recognising the importance of the otter population and a wide range of upland, coastal and freshwater habitats.

Red deer densities are at or slightly below 10 deer per Km². NatureScot staff as well as a lease holder from Muck delivers the annual deer cull to protect biodiversity on the island. Rum has been the host to the longest running large mammal research project in the UK (Red Deer)

Rum is also designated a Special Protection Area (SPA) because of the internationally important breeding populations of Manx shearwaters, red-throated divers, and the

wide range of other breeding seabirds. Many of these features are also included in the island's designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The Earth science importance of the Reserve is also recognised with no less than seven Geological Conservation Review (GCR) sites, all of which are protected as designated features within the SSSI. On a wider scale, Rum is included within the Lochaber Geopark and also falls within The Small Isles National Scenic Area (NSA).

Rum's archaeological and built heritage has also been recognised, with 19 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM) and seven listed buildings, as well as a garden on the 'Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes'.

MEETING WITH ISLE OF RUM COMMUNITY

<i>Date and Time</i>	12 May 2023 – 08:30 – 15:45
<i>Where</i>	Isle of Rum
<i>Key Message</i>	Important that we find a sustainable future for Kinloch Castle, and that any sustainable future have the support of the community
<i>Who</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAME REDACTED– Director of Green Economy, NatureScot• NAME REDACTED Central Highland, NatureScot -07808126584• NAME REDACTED Operations Manager, Central Highland, NatureScot - CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED• Isle of Rum residents (as below)
<i>Why</i>	Since the recent potential buyer for Kinloch Castle has withdrawn his offer, it is evident that any future for the castle must involve the community. The trip is a fact finding/listening opportunity and will enable the community to share their views on what they believe the island needs, and where Kinloch Castle could fit into that.
<i>Official Support Required</i>	NAME REDACTED Enfor Sponsorship Hub – CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED
<i>Media Handling</i>	REDACTED
<i>Dress code</i>	Outdoor clothing for boat travel and visit to National Nature Reserve – waterproof coat and boots suggested.

<i>Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival (if at a non SG Building)</i>	Opposite Western Isles Cruises office. 2 minute walk from the hotel.
<i>Briefing contents</i>	Annex A – Agenda Annex B – Summary Page Annex C – Meeting Attendees Annex D - Kinloch Castle Annex E - Isle of Rum – Background information (attached separately)

Agenda

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12:45	Meet remaining residents
13:00	Meet IRCT Board (attendees TBC – 3 expected)
13:30	Visit to National Nature Reserve (please see separate briefing pack)
14:30	Depart Rum
15:45	Arrive Mallaig

Summary Page

Purpose and Background

- The purpose of this visit is to listen to the views of the community on the future for Rum and where Kinloch Castle may fit into that.
- We will be accompanied by NatureScot staff the entire day who will facilitate the visit.

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ANNEX C

Meeting attendees

Resident	Location	Time
NAME REDACTED	Lodge next to School	9.45am
NAME REDACTED	Lodge next to School	9.55am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	10.10am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	10.20am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	10.30am

NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	10.40am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	10.50am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	11am
NAME REDACTED NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	11.10am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	11.20am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	11.30am
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	11.40am
Lunch – 12 noon – 12:45pm		
NAME REDACTED	Community Hall	12:45pm

Kinloch Castle**Background**

- Kinloch Castle has been in the ownership of NatureScot (then Scottish Natural Heritage) since 1957.
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- The village of Kinloch is community owned, with the exception of the castle, which sits right in the middle of the community.
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SG views

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Timeline

- 2013 - Options identified for the Castle's future at a number of stakeholder and consultation events held by NatureScot:
 - Retain status quo – retain museum tours; deliver conservation / repair plan gradually as funding allows
 - Implement conservation / repair plan (focused investment); retain museum and close off rear wing
 - Restoration to museum and visitor accommodation
 - Restoration / conversion to museum and residents housing
 - Restoration / conversion to museum and mixed residents / visitor accommodation
 - Conversion to housing / remove museum
 - Conversion to hotel / remove museum
 - Conversion to other uses
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PCard Number:	REDACTED
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Sent: 27 April 2023 18:45
To:
Subject: 11 May 2023 + 1 nts @ REDACTED
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REDACTED: Thursday, 11 May 2023		1	Double	1	Web Booking	1 night(s) at 145.00 GBP

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Other Information:



From: NAME REDACTED
Sent: 09 May 2023 15:46
To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Cc: REDACTED; REDACTED
Subject: RE: Letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to NAME REDACTED, Isle of Rum Community Trust

REDACTED

Thanks for this reply. I will get back with a reply from my Board shortly.

NAME REDACTED

REDACTED

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Isle of Rum Community Trust

CONTACT MOBILE REDACTED

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

From: REDACTED **On Behalf Of** MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot **Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:41 PM
To: development@isleofrum.com; MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: RE: Letter from Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to NAME REDACTED Isle of Rum Community Trust

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

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

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From: NAME REDACTED

Sent: 07 May 2023 00:58

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

Cc: 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

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Isle of Rum Community Trust

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

From: 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 On behalf of Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Sent: 31 March 2023 16:15
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED ; Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Subject: FW: Kinloch Castle Rum
Attachments: Lorna Slater, letter to, Kinloch Castle sale update 09mar23.pdf

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

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

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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: REDACTED ; REDACTED ; REDACTED
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.

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Isle of Rum Community Trust

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

From: NAME REDACTED

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

To: 'Lorna.Slater.msp@parliament.scot' <Lorna.Slater.msp@parliament.scot>; 'REDACTED

Cc: 'REDACTED

Subject: RE: Kinloch Castle Rum

Dear Lorna Slater,

Please find attached our latest update on above from NAME REDACTED of 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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Isle of Rum Community Trust

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



Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Lorna Slater MSP

7th May 2023

Dear Minister,

Ministerial visit to Isle of Rum planned for Friday 12th May 2023

We are delighted that you plan to visit Rum. We agree that this would be an excellent opportunity to progress the work to date on both the Castle and wider island issues. The last year has been a particularly busy one for the community and for the IRCT and whilst by no means our only challenge, the Castle has been a significant focus for our energies.

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IRCT will hold an AGM within the next few weeks to recruit new members to grow and strengthen our Board and also recruit a new Chair.

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Whilst we feel that much could still be made of your visit of great value for the community, it clearly comes at a particularly challenging moment for the IRCT. And as the principal representative body for the island community, it would be very disappointing if you were not able to meet with Board members whilst you were on Rum.

We fully appreciate that your own timetable must be incredibly busy and SENTENCE REACTED. And we stand very willing to continue to play our part in helping to make that happen. However, would it be possible, to ask if an alternative date could be found that would allow both a better representation of voices from across the community and also from a hopefully enlarged and rejuvenated IRCT Board? And/or the use of a zoom meeting as an interim or an additional option?

We hope that one of the above suggestions is possible, but we will make every effort to make a success, for our part, of whatever you propose.

Kindest regards

Sincerely

NAME REDACTED

On behalf of the IRCT Board.



Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Lorna Slater MSP

9th March 2023

Dear Lorna Slater,

Sale of Kinloch Castle, Isle of Rum

We are writing to update you on what is happening on Rum, from the community perspective.

Firstly, can we thank you and your officials for your support so far. NAME REDACTED has been very helpful and his department very positive to work with. The Land Commission has succeeded in bringing the parties together to work towards a sustainable solution. We have had some useful discussions chaired by Hamish Trench. And now also with NAME REDACTED at Historic Environment Scotland.

What has become clear over the last 3 months is that a new future for Kinloch Castle is possible. We are very keen to be given the time and opportunity to explore what this future could look like.

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We have made huge progress in a very short period of time. SENTENCE REDACTED. Your support and encouragement has been pivotal to this. We are very grateful for the offer of financial support via the Islands Policy Unit, however it has proved incredibly challenging to spend meaningfully within such a constrained time period (to end of financial year). We would like to use this or other SG support to instead 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.

We would like therefore to use the SG resource on offer to do this. It is likely to take 6 months 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 and its community.

With best wishes

Sincerely

NAME REDACTED

Isle of Rum Community Trust

T: 0300 244 4000
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

NAME REDACTED
Isle of Rum Community Trust

2 May 2023

Dear NAME REDACTED

Thank you for your email of 31 March following up your original letter of 9 March regarding progress and next steps on Kinloch Castle.

I know that officials in the Sponsorship Hub have been in contact with NAME REDACTED while recent changes to Ministerial responsibilities have been confirmed and I am grateful for your patience.

I am also keen to build on work to date, and widen the scope of our considerations on the best way forward for the island of Rum and the potential role of Kinloch Castle.

I will be visiting Rum on Friday 12 May with colleagues from NatureScot. I would like to use my visit to take soundings from the local community and engage further with the Isle of Rum Community Trust (IRCT) and Rum Community Association on potential options going forward. I have asked my officials to pull together a programme and colleagues will be in touch shortly to confirm arrangements.

Clearly, the governance work that IRCT has been progressing recently both in relation to the castle and wider community aspirations is of critical importance moving forward. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts on this work as well as any other opportunities or suggestions you might have on how we work together going forward.

In the meantime, I would encourage continued engagement with NatureScot, who I know are keen to co-ordinate discussions with the Scottish Land Commission (SLC) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

Kind regards



LORNA SLATER

From: NAME REDACTED
To: NAME REDACTED
Subject: RE: Ministers visit to Rum
Date: 14 April 2023 14:10:51
Attachments: [Draft - Ms Slater visit to Rum.docx](#)

No problems NAME REDACTED

See attached a doc with 3 options. We will organise a charter so we are not dependant on the ferry which limits time on the island.

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED

NatureScot | Achantoul, Grampian Road, Aviemore, PH22 1QD | CONTACT DETAILS
REDACTED

nature.scot | [@nature_scot](https://twitter.com/nature_scot) | *Scotland's Nature Agency* | *Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba*

From: NAME REDACTED **Sent:** 14 April
2023 13:11 **To:** NAME REDACTED

Subject: Ministers visit to Rum
Importance: High

Hi NAME REDACTED

Sorry to hassle but just wanted to check on progress in working up what a visit to Rum might look like. Both NAMES REDACTED have been on leave this week but suspect we'll be back on full speed next week – SENTENCE REDACTED

Many thanks and happy to talk if easier.

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED: Environment & Forestry Directorate Sponsorship Hub | Scottish
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Thoiribh an aire airson adhbharan gnothaich, 's dòcha gun tèid sùil a chumail air puist-dealain a' tighinn a-steach agus a' dol a-mach bho NàdarAlba.

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.

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: 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.

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:** 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](mailto:MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot) <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 <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 _____

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.

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: 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

CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED
Registered office: Kinloch, Isle of Rum PH43 4RR Charity SC039637 Company SC321870

From: NAME REDACTED
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 6:28 PM
To: 'Lorna.Slater.msp@parliament.scot' <Lorna.Slater.msp@parliament.scot>;
NAME REDACTED
Cc: 'NAMES REDACTED'
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.

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED

NAME REDACTED

Isle of Rum Community Trust

CONTACT DETAILS REDACTED

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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 details 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

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

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

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,
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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 the 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.

SENTENCE REDACTED

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

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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.

SENTENCE REDACTED

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 <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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