

## **EIR – 202300380216 – Emails**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>RE: Parliamentary Statement - Vision for Scotland's Future Energy Statement</b>
<b>From</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>To</b>	Minister for Energy and the Environment; [REDACTED]; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<b>Cc</b>	Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade; DG Economy; DG Net Zero; Kersti Berge; Ragne Low; [REDACTED] (multiple); Callum McCaig; Leanne Dobson; Harry Huyton; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; [REDACTED]
<b>Sent</b>	28 September 2023 4:16
<b>Attachments</b>	OUT OF SCOPE <<Updated Briefing - Ms Martin Parliamentary Statement - 28 September 2023.docx>> OUT OF SCOPE

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached:

- The updated briefing – this has been updated by OCEA so it includes the most recent renewable energy stats.
- The updated statement – the line Ms Martin added has been reviewed and slightly amended by the O&G policy team and cleared by SpAds.
- The potential questions and suggested answers

Thanks to policy colleagues in copy for input with the questions.

Happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: Parliamentary statement</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low; [REDACTED]
Cc	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	26 September 2023 13:02

Thanks [REDACTED] & [REDACTED],

I will make that change and caveat the Scotland stats section.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:52 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple) **Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

Cheers, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has also suggested a small change to the main line on the 25% wind stat

Current:

**Mr Gray wrote to Convenor of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (on 21 Sept) setting out the results if the analytical work done to replace the metric that “Scotland has 25% of Europe’s offshore wind and tidal potential”**

It should now read:

**Mr Gray wrote to Convenor of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (on 21 Sept) setting out analytical work done to provide new metrics on Scotland’s renewable energy potential, fulfilling a previous undertaking to Parliament.**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:48 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) **Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

Thanks [REDACTED],

We will highlight in the briefing that although the stats that are in there will not be ‘wrong’ as it were they may well be updated on Thursday am,

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:01 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

Thanks, [REDACTED]. I'll put them in the FMQ note too. If any concerns, I'll revise.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 9:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

Hi [REDACTED], yes I'm happy with those lines, [REDACTED] may wish to check.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 4:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

[REDACTED]— here is the brief (I see that you are in the erdm doc). Grateful if you could add it to the section that has “renewables statistics”. Will fit naturally next to that. [REDACTED]and Ragne – grateful if you could have a quick look at the lines on Tues morning, related to replacing the 25% wind power metric, to confirm that you are happy. They are the defensive lines developed last week, with a few small tweaks.

[REPLACING THE METRIC \(A45344834\)](#)

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 4:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary statement

Hi [REDACTED]— sorry, I don't know where it came from. I think it would have come from policy colleagues, since we tend not to be so close to spending numbers. (Ps I'll just put the 25% lines in the brief if still time) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Subject	<b>RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Cc	Offshore Wind Hub; Director of Offshore Wind
Sent	26 September 2023 12:42

Yes, will do , thanks.

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) **Cc:** Offshore Wind Hub <OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics

[REDACTED]

Thanks – I’ve made some suggested changes to the framing. Mostly to focus on what we have done, rather than focussing on the fact we are replacing a previously used figure.

So instead of the top line being:

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It would now read:

**Mr Gray wrote to Convenor of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (on 21 Sept) setting out analytical work done to provide new metrics on Scotland’s renewable energy potential, fulfilling a previous undertaking to Parliament.**

[REDACTED] - this is how I would suggest we frame this in any briefing going forward – if you are content you might want to update the briefing for the debate too?

Happy to chat through further if helpful.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:05 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) **Cc:** Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics

Hi [REDACTED] ,

We just spoke and you are going to have a look at the framing of this in the FMQ:

[DECC - Energy FMQ - 26 September 2023 details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:54 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) **Cc:** Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] ; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] – it would be good to see how you plan to frame this in your FMQ. I think its important that we look forward and be positive about the new overarching renewables figure we will be using rather than focussing on the figure being replaced. So - for example – rather than focussing on the fact a letter has been issued to let the committee know we are replacing a previous figure, the issues box would say something more like what [REDACTED] has suggested:

**22 September – New metric on scale and potential of renewables and wind power in Scotland (reactive)**

Happy to chat through if helpful.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:43 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED] Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FMQ lines re replacement metrics

[REDACTED]

Just following up our teams conversation with your request for background to the issue of updated renewables metrics:

**[Redacted under 10(4)e internal communication]**

[REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Cc	Offshore Wind Hub; Director of Offshore Wind
Sent	26 September 2023 12:09

Thanks for confirming, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] – thanks for sending through, I will have a look now.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** Offshore Wind Hub <OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot>; Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FMQ lines re replacement metrics

Thanks, both.

Hi [REDACTED]– the note from Mr Gray to committee was 21/9 not 22/9.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	Kevin Pringle; [REDACTED]; Ragne Low; [REDACTED]; Kersti Berge; Kathy Johnston; Director of Offshore Wind; Callum McCaig
Cc	DG Net Zero; Director of Marine; Offshore Wind Hub; Gary Gillespie; Mike Palmer; Andrew Hogg [REDACTED] (multiple); Harry Huyton; Leanne Dobson; Colin McAllister; [REDACTED] (multiple); Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; [REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti
Sent	22 September 2023 14:25

Done. Thanks Kevin.

**From:** Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 2:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]; Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** Re: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power

Can you say “broader than the EU and the European Economic Area” etc?

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 2:21:37 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]; Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Callum McCaig <[Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot](mailto:Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** DG Net Zero <[DGNetZero@gov.scot](mailto:DGNetZero@gov.scot)>; Director of Marine <[directormarine@gov.scot](mailto:directormarine@gov.scot)>; Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; Gary Gillespie <[Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot](mailto:Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot)>; Mike Palmer <[Mike.Palmer@gov.scot](mailto:Mike.Palmer@gov.scot)>; Andrew Hogg <[Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Harry Huyton <[Harry.Huyton@gov.scot](mailto:Harry.Huyton@gov.scot)>; Leanne Dobson <[Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot](mailto:Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot)>; Colin McAllister <[Colin.McAllister@gov.scot](mailto:Colin.McAllister@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <[CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Julie Grant <[Julie.Grant@gov.scot](mailto:Julie.Grant@gov.scot)>; Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>

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Hi [REDACTED]— you many want to say ‘metrics’ rather than ‘statistics’, since we’ve used and combined currently existing statistics.

Also, if you want the link to the IRENA doc, which sets out the countries, it’s here [Renewable Energy Capacity Statistics 2023 \(azureedge.net\)](https://www.azureedge.net)

[REDACTED]





Subject	<b>RE: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED]
Sent	22 September 2023 14:22

Thanks [REDACTED], I'll incorporate both those suggestions.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 2:22 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

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[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 2:14 PM

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Thanks all,

To avoid any confusion over figures and to expedite clearance, I'll forward the below to Cab Sec at 14:20 unless any further urgent thoughts.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We have completed work to provide new statistics on Scotland’s renewable energy potential, fulfilling a previous undertaking to Parliament.

“These figures make clear Scotland has more than doubled its renewable electricity generation over the last decade, including possessing approximately 7% of Europe’s installed offshore wind capacity.

“We are committed to ensuring Scotland continues to capitalise in a sustainable way on its natural resources to underpin the just transition to net zero, providing jobs, benefiting communities and supporting economic growth.”

## Background

The definition of Europe used by the International Renewable Energy Agency is broader than the European Union, and encompasses 47 countries.

## To deploy only if asked about correcting the record:

“On 15 November last year Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity Minister Lorna Slater informed Parliament that although Scottish ministers understood the previous statistic to be accurate, it had come to our attention it was not and she undertook to update Parliament when new analysis was complete. This we have now done.

“We are considering whether it is necessary to update any legacy documents.”

**From:** Kevin Pringle <[Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot](mailto:Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 1:57 PM

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Hi [REDACTED], thanks and agree.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 1:38:26 PM

**To:** Kevin Pringle <[Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot](mailto:Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot)>; Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Callum McCaig <[Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot](mailto:Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot)>

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Thanks Kevin.

[REDACTED]- - we would just need to be careful that the way we define Europe is the same as the definition of Europe the 7% figure was based on.

OCEA colleagues would prob need to confirm.

[REDACTED]

**From:**Kevin Pringle <[Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot](mailto:Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot)>

**Sent:**Friday, September 22, 2023 1:24:17 pm

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Or even including in the quote, as the geography covered is an equally significant factor in the equation as the renewables capacity in Scotland.

**From:** Kevin Pringle <[Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot](mailto:Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot)>

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I think our lines would benefit by saying in notes that the definition of Europe here is significantly broader than the EU or even the EEA, and encompasses 47 countries.

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Thanks, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Content with those lines from an onshore renewables perspective.

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All,

The letter is now live on the Scottish Parliament website - [SG - Gaelic - Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy \(parliament.scot\)](https://www.parliament.scot/SG-Gaelic-Cabinet-Secretary-for-Wellbeing-Economy-Fair-Work-and-Energy)

To flag, DFM is undertaking a visit at 1.30pm today, and there is a possibility this could be raised.

Starter reactive line below – grateful for views/amends.

Given previous calls for the official report to be corrected, there's also a draft line to take if questioned on this point.

**Officials**, are we in a position to answer: In terms of the definition of Europe used, is it possible to get Scotland's % share of the European population covered by the energy stats?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We have completed work to provide new statistics on Scotland’s renewable energy potential, fulfilling a previous undertaking to parliament.

“These statistics make clear Scotland has more than doubled its renewable electricity generation over the last decade, including possessing *approximately* 7% of Europe’s installed offshore wind capacity.

“We are committed to ensuring Scotland continues to capitalise in a sustainable way on its natural resources to underpin the just transition to net zero, providing jobs, benefiting communities and supporting economic growth.”

***If asked:***

“On 15 November last year Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity Minister Lorna Slater informed Parliament that although Scottish ministers understood the previous statistic to be accurate, it had come to our attention it was not and she undertook to update Parliament when new analysis was complete. This we have now done.

“We are considering whether it is necessary to update any legacy documents.”

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Adding other colleagues for awareness

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Thanks, [REDACTED]. Yes, SG has committed several times to updating Parliament/publishing updated metrics in due course. More detail is below.

Paras 6 and 11 in the brief refer, excerpts here:

- Para 6

The history of the previous statistic and the process for revising it has been the subject of a high number of Freedom of Information (FOI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) requests and Parliamentary Questions (PQs) since late 2022, and other correspondence regarding when Ministers became aware of the need to revise the previous statistic and any implications for Ministerial correction of the Official Record (see Annex C for timeline). Consequently, and due to EIR regulation 10.4.d: Material in the course of completion, the Scottish Government is committed to publishing the outcome of revising the previous statistic 'within a reasonable timeframe'.

- Para 11

Media lines issued at the time committed the Scottish Government to revising the statistic, informing Parliament when it had been updated, and consider whether any legacy documents should be updated once this work had been completed.

Some other relevant points:

- Ms Slater said on 15 Nov 22 (from the Official Record):

### [Lorna Slater](#)

At the time when they cited it, Scottish ministers understood that statistic to be accurate. Now that it has come to our attention that it is not, we are working to update the statistics on how our offshore wind potential compares with that of other countries. We will update the Parliament once that is done and, at that point, we will consider how any legacy documents might need to be updated. The key point, however, is that Scotland's enormous potential for offshore wind has not changed. [Interruption.]

- The note from Mr Matheson to FM on 8 March noted that "We are committed to updating the Scottish Parliament when the analytic work is complete."
- SG have also answered a few SPQs:
  - May 23, which included:

Work commenced in December 2022 to develop alternative metrics for Scotland's offshore wind potential and the outcome of this work will be published in due course. [Written question and answer: S6W-17912 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

- March 23:

The Scottish Government has accepted that this statistic relating to Scotland's offshore wind potential needs revising. In response to the issues raised in the UK Statistics Authority's letter, dated 7 December 2022, the Scottish Government has engaged directly with the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) setting out the steps that have been taken to ensure the statistic is not used further, and provided an update on the analytical work that is underway to produce a replacement statistic, which will be published in due course.

[Written question and answer: S6W-15645 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Cab Sec has commented that the narrative works well and the stats are both useful and impressive. However, Cab Sec is not sure we need to draw further attention to the issue with a letter to committee unless we committed to publicise our update.

Grateful if officials could confirm whether there was a commitment to make the update public.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <[CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot)>; Minister for Energy and the Environment <[MinisterEE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterEE@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <[MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot)>; DG Net Zero <[DGNetZero@gov.scot](mailto:DGNetZero@gov.scot)>; Director of Marine <[directormarine@gov.scot](mailto:directormarine@gov.scot)>; Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; Gary Gillespie <[Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot](mailto:Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot)>; Mike Palmer <[Mike.Palmer@gov.scot](mailto:Mike.Palmer@gov.scot)>; Andrew Hogg <[Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot)>; Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; Julie Grant <[Julie.Grant@gov.scot](mailto:Julie.Grant@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Harry Huyton <[Harry.Huyton@gov.scot](mailto:Harry.Huyton@gov.scot)>; Leanne Dobson <[Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot](mailto:Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot)>; Callum McCaig

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Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

<[CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power

Please find attached routine briefing on proposed publication of new metrics on the scale and potential of renewables and wind power in Scotland.

[Submission CabSec WEFWE - Renewables and Wind Power in Scotland \(A44213746\)](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  @ScotGovOCEA

Subject	<b>RE: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	Kevin Pringle; Ragne Low; [REDACTED]; Kersti Berge; Kathy Johnston; Director of Offshore Wind; Callum McCaig
Cc	DG Net Zero; Director of Marine; Offshore Wind Hub; Gary Gillespie; Mike Palmer; Andrew Hogg; [REDACTED] (multiple); Harry Huyton; Leanne Dobson; Colin McAllister; [REDACTED]; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; [REDACTED] (multiple); Julie Grant; Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	22 September 2023 13:22

Thanks, all. I've updated as below. Are you content for Wellbeing Economy Sec to clear, or should others be copied?

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We have completed work to provide new statistics on Scotland’s renewable energy potential, fulfilling a previous undertaking to parliament.

“These statistics make clear Scotland has more than doubled its renewable electricity generation over the last decade, including possessing approximately 7% of Europe’s installed offshore wind capacity.

“We are committed to ensuring Scotland continues to capitalise in a sustainable way on its natural resources to underpin the just transition to net zero, providing jobs, benefiting communities and supporting economic growth.”

## Background

The definition of Europe used by the International Renewable Energy Agency is broader than the European Union, and encompasses 47 countries.

***If asked:***

“On 15 November last year Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity Minister Lorna Slater informed Parliament that although Scottish ministers understood the previous statistic to be accurate, it had come to our attention it was not and she undertook to update Parliament when new analysis was complete. This we have now done.

“We are considering whether it is necessary to update any legacy documents.”

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Re: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
<b>From</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>To</b>	Frances Pacitti; Ragne Low; [REDACTED] (multiple); Kersti Berge; Kathy Johnston; Director of Offshore Wind; Kevin Pringle; Callum McCaig
<b>Cc</b>	DG Net Zero; Director of Marine; Offshore Wind Hub; Gary Gillespie; Mike Palmer; Andrew Hogg; [REDACTED] (multiple); Harry Huyton; Leanne Dobson; Colin McAllister; [REDACTED] (multiple); Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; [REDACTED] (multiple); Julie Grant
<b>Sent</b>	22 September 2023 13:21

[REDACTED]

We spoke. I can confirm the offshore wind reference looks fine to me and you confirmed the figure used was a direct lift from the recent document produced on this issue.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 1:13:23 PM

**To:** Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Kersti Berge <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

**Cc:** DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Marine <directormarine@gov.scot>; Offshore Wind Hub <OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Mike Palmer <Mike.Palmer@gov.scot>; Andrew Hogg <Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot> [REDACTED] (multiple); Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple); Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: reactive lines to take - publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power

[REDACTED]

We spoke. No longer my remit, but I am comfortable with these lines from an offshore wind perspective (I have not checked dates etc and assume those to be accurate).

[REDACTED] or someone else from OWD might wish to come in for completeness.

Fran

Subject	<b>FW: proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED]
Sent	21 September 2023 15:24

Hi [REDACTED]— would you be able to look at this tomorrow please? Think it's just a matter of getting the list of irena countries that are used in the Europe comparison, then digging out the UN population numbers for each country and comparing with Scotland's population for that year (need to check, but think it's 2022)...for Sotland, I think you use the mid-year estimate for 22 , though it's a long time since I looked at that kind of thing.  
Hope that's OK with you. If an issue, please let me know. Cheers!

[REDACTED]  @ScotGovOCEA

Subject	<b>RE: proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	Kersti Berge
Cc	Ragne Low
Sent	20 September 2023 17:44

Hi Kersti – here is the narrative and a background note which sets out the calculations/references.

[Stand alone narrative - Renewables and Wind Power in Scotland \(A45303335\)](#)

[REDACTED][REDACTED]

 @ScotGovOCEA

**From:** Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power  
**Importance:** Low

Great, can you send me a clear copy of the narrative

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2023 09:36  
**To:** Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power

Hi [REDACTED] it's the work to replace the 25% statistic for offshore wind ("Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind and tidal potential"). On the policy side was picked up initially by Andy's team when OSW was in your directorate. At end 22 we committed to do work to look at alternatives to the 25% figure which had been shown to be poorly constructed. We agreed with ministers to produce a narrative rather than a single figure. Also, ministers wanted us to include on- and offshore wind, to give a more rounded picture of wind potential.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  @ScotGovOCEA

**From:** Kersti Berge <[Kersti.Berge@gov.scot](mailto:Kersti.Berge@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:04 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** FW: proposed publication of new metrics on renewables and wind power

Hi [REDACTED], can you tell me what this is about pls, I wasn't aware but it looks interesting.  
k

Subject	<b>RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	Frances Pacitti
Cc	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	08 September 2023 09:39

Hi Fran,

Pleased to “virtually” meet you – picking up from the email exchange as below, very grateful if you could review the revised draft, and let us know if you are content.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:54 PM

**To:** Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hello Fran – I’m good, how are you?

I’ve actually moved post now, so am in RESAS working on Agriculture reform. Copying energy colleagues who’ll likely be picking this up.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi [REDACTED]

How are you? Sorry for tardy response on my part. Do you still need me to take a look and I will do that today?

Fran

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 2:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi all,

I checked in with [REDACTED] on this and we agreed to keep the letter short, and that any detail or expansive lines/sources could be kept in the annex.

[@Frances Pacitti](#)– do you want to take a look at this and let us know if you are content for this to be submitted? It's really just the letter that has changed since this was previously signed off.

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 12:46 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi all

Just following up to say I've added the draft letter to committee to Annex A, I have just used the info from the summary in annex B.

Assume Fran and Kathy are giving the submission a final review for clearance before sharing with SpAds?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:35 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hey [REDACTED]

Just responding in [REDACTED] absence. Thanks for the update, I think that sounds good.

I'll get back to you ASAP with the draft letter, will aim to get this to you tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi [REDACTED] ,

We spent a bit of time this week updating the below submission, and have re-jigged it slightly so that it flows like this:

1. Submission document
2. Annex A: Letter to Committee (to be published/released externally) – this is currently blank, but as per your below email are you OK to draft this in this space?
3. Annex B: summary note (to be published/released externally) – this is intended be an annex to the committee letter.
4. Annex C: analytical background note (not intended to be published externally, but could be if asked) – this contains all the sources and calculations underpinning the note (the note was getting a bit messy when we included all of these so we extracted them).

If you are able to draft the letter we could look to get this sent out shortly, if everyone agrees?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[Submission CabSec WEFWE - Renewables and Wind Power in Scotland \(A44213746\)](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:48 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>;

Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Also sorry for the late reply [REDACTED] , we don't have a specific template but agree it should be a simple letter with some light background to the issue and then should set out the new metrics (once finalised). We do also need to take a decision and agree a process on potentially updating any legacy documents (primarily NSET).

Happy for our team to hold the pen on the letter, we will work on draft and circulate asap.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:33 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>;

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi

[REDACTED]



Sorry for the late reply. Others may have come back off-chain.

Comms don't hold the pen around correspondence I'm afraid, but would agree that one sub makes sense.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 1:54 PM

**To:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi all,

Following up on the below – would it be worth drafting the letter (mentioned in point 12 in the sub) to include as part of the submission?

The submission could therefore be a request to sign off on the summary note and the letter itself. This could avoid the need for another submission for approval of issuing the letter.

[REDACTED]

/

[REDACTED]

– is there a specific template or previous example for a letter like this that I could use, or could one of you hold the pen on it if the content is more around handling/positioning rather than metrics?

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 3:38 PM

**To:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi Fran,

Thanks for the feedback – I have responded to your comments and edited the note on the basis of these.

In terms of the structure/style of what is produced, I agree simpler/shorter could work better, although ministers did indicate that we should include current and future capacities, international comparisons, and real-world examples. The result is a bit clunky though, so definitely open to amending this where we can.

I am heading off on leave now until the 18<sup>th</sup> – I can pick this up when I am back but would also be happy if anyone wanted to re-jig/finalise the note to keep it moving along (although if we are in

recess there might not be immediate pressure to do this straightaway). Here's the latest draft anyway:

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Also - thanks to all the others for the feedback and comments – I've incorporated these too.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 6:18 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Ragne Low <[Ragne.Low@gov.scot](mailto:Ragne.Low@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

[REDACTED] ,

Thanks very much for leading on this and for the opportunity to comment.

I like the table at the end of the document. It is clear. I do wonder whether we lose some of that clarity when we translate into a narrative, and whether the narrative is necessary at all? Can we not just pick one line which is clear, unambiguous and used consistently? Eg – *In 2022, Scotland had X% of Europe's installed renewables capacity. Insert existing line from FMQ on scale of ambition.* And just leave it at that? Ragne may have a view on the presentation of the stats relevant to other policy docs.

I think important that, given the history, we cite our sources and offer some assurance in the sub around our confidence levels in the stats that are being presented. We should also indicate when the stats will be updated.

I'd like to see the updated handling plan please. I agree with others that GIQ feels disproportionate. We could consider a letter to relevant committee and proactive publication of the associated advice.

Thanks again.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2023 5:19 PM  
**To:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple) >  
**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi Michelle, Fran, Kathy,

Following recent ministerial discussions, FOIs and PQs on the 25% offshore wind stat, I have pulled together this short submission and summary note on renewables and wind power in Scotland.

As agreed at the May ministerial meeting, the note: outlines some high level metrics on the current status of renewables and wind in Scotland, compared to wider regions; outlines potential future comparisons, based on SG ambitions; and provides examples of how much equivalent power these capacities could produce in terms of real-world comparisons.

Policy and comms contributed to the note and due to the high-profile nature of this, I included a point to say this would be signed off at DD level before submitting to Cab Sec. Could you have a look and provide a steer on whether this is what was envisaged, and advise of any changes you'd like to see?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[Submission CabSec WEFWE - Renewables and Wind Power in Scotland \(A44213746\)](#)

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 3:29 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi

[REDACTED]

I've responded to a couple of comments, but will let [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] review before it's shared with DDs.

Fran is actually on leave this week so won't be able to review/clear so would suggest sharing with our Director, Michelle Quinn, at her Director mailbox:

[directorosw@gov.scot](mailto:directorosw@gov.scot)

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 9:01 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Morning

[REDACTED]

Have added in a section on handling. But have also replied to your comment at (3), as yes we probably need to consider whether the sub is solely about getting final approval for updated statistics to use going forwards, or also goes into wider handling/publication options.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 5:49 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi folks,

Due to other work pressures I'm only managing now (finally) to get round to pulling together a draft of the summary note for the 25% stat replacement. I've included the (short) note as an annex to a submission in the ERDM link below.

I'd really appreciate if folk could take a quick look at this on Monday so that I can finalise it from my perspective before sending to Fran and Kathy to approve for the DDs. Would that be possible?

It is still a bit rough, and there are a number of ways in which we could cut the stats (i.e. using different groupings of technologies), but this gives a general idea of what it could look like. I still wasn't too clear if Cab Sec wanted a more up front response to the 25% point, or whether he wanted to broaden this out to showcase the wider strengths of all wind power. I've done the latter but also covered the former, it's just not the top line.

[REDACTED] conscious a lot of this is about handling – do you want to include a separate section in the sub?

Thanks all – if any of this is easier to discuss please shout.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Scottish Government  
Atlantic Quay | Glasgow | G2 8LU  
✉: [REDACTED]

<b>Subject</b>	<b>FW: Renewables and wind power in Scotland</b>
<b>From</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>To</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Sent</b>	29 August 2023 12:22

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Office of the Chief Economic Adviser - Scottish Government



Subject	<b>Wind potential</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED]
Sent	02 August 2023 16:23

Hi [REDACTED],

I amended the ERDM version to reflect what we chatted about, hopefully! It is a bit messy now, but hopefully it is on the way to becoming what we are looking for, and if you are OK with how it looks broadly, I can tighten it up a bit.

I have tagged you [REDACTED] in comments where I have changed things or updated major parts on what we discussed.

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[REDACTED]

PS. Will try and get a time tomorrow to discuss

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Scottish Government  
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✉: [REDACTED] | 📞: [REDACTED]  
Mobile: [REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple);; Frances Pacitti; Director of Offshore Wind; Kathy Johnston
Cc	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	26 July 2023 17:46

Thank [REDACTED] , that sounds good. Maybe just add it direct to the ERDM doc as another annex?

If there is a separate decision/process to be made on revising NSET etc. then should that also be included in the sub? Feel free to just include as necessary.

[REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland - requested asap</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple) ; ; Kathy Johnston
Cc	Director of Offshore Wind; Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED] (multiple); Offshore Wind Hub
Sent	06 July 2023 12:10

Hi [REDACTED],

Agree they need to be aligned in tone and content – I was thinking if we include key lines to take and get agreement on them, then these can then just be tailored into letter/comms lines?

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Offshore Wind Directorate**  
**Scottish Government**  
[REDACTED]

**Please note I don't work on a Tuesday afternoon or Friday afternoon.**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 11:51 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) >; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Offshore Wind Hub <OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland - requested asap

Hi [REDACTED]

Agree in principle re: reactive lines, but these will need to draw from/align with the committee letter, so it then becomes a case of whether draft letter is also included in this sub for consideration/clearance.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:11 AM  
**To:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:11 AM Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland - requested asap

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], Kathy,

Thank you for the opportunity for our team to feed in to this. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have already fed back in comments on the submission link. I have offered some thoughts below. Fran is also considering today and may come back with additional points.

On handling, I agree with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that on balance a letter to committee should be enough.

On the substance:

I agree with [REDACTED] comment in the document that I think we also need to make a decision (and include in this submission) how we will be handling legacy documents, esp NSET which is a 10-year plan we are 1 year in to. Do we know what other documents are affected? It seems odd to not address this question and provide clear advice to Ministers on it at this point.

It also says we will develop reactive lines to take – given the complexity and profile of the issue, I think it would be good if lines to take were developed in advance and included in the submission so Ministers can see them in context.

I hope this is helpful. Happy to chat through.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Offshore Wind Directorate**  
**Scottish Government**  
[REDACTED]

**Please note I don't work on a Tuesday afternoon or Friday afternoon.**

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2023 10:01 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]>; Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)>

**Subject:** RE: Renewables and wind power in Scotland

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks. The new narrative works well. I have inserted some minor suggestions in the document. Otherwise I am happy with it,

Kathy

**Kathy Johnston**

Deputy Director, Economic Analysis & Head of Economist Profession |

Office of the Chief Economic Adviser (OCEA) |

Mobile number: [REDACTED] or call on MS Teams



Subject	<b>RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul> ; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy; zzzMinister for Energy 2023
Cc	Director of Offshore Wind; [REDACTED] (multiple); Michelle Quinn; Frances Pacitti;
Sent	30 May 2023 12:43

Thanks [REDACTED],

Mr Gray has now cleared.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 30 May 2023 11:28

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**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] >; Martin G (Gillian), MSP <Gillian.Martin.msp@parliament.scot>; [REDACTED] >; Michelle Quinn <Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot>; Gray N (Neil), MSP <Neil.Gray.MSP@Parliament.scot >; [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Sorry [REDACTED],

Please find attached.

**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

**Sent:** 30 May 2023 10:49

**To:** [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Minister for Energy <MinisterEnergy@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Martin G (Gillian), MSP <Gillian.Martin.msp@parliament.scot>; Gray N (Neil), MSP <Neil.Gray.MSP@Parliament.scot>; Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>;

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies my eRDM is playing up – could you please send a copy of the readout that I can get cleared?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Dear PO,

With apologies for the delay please find attached minutes from this meeting below.

'Note of discussion with Mr Gray and Ms Martin - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential - May 18-05-23' - <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A43879820/details>

Please get in touch if there are any amendments required.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <[CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 26 April 2023 15:54

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy; Gray N (Neil), MSP; [REDACTED] (multiple); ; Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED] (multiple); Michelle Quinn; Minister for Energy; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind; [REDACTED] (multiple) Martin G (Gillian), MSP

**Subject:** 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

**When:** 18 May 2023 11:00-11:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

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Thank you very much,

**Mr Gray's PO**

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Cc	Director of Offshore Wind; [REDACTED] (multiple); Martin G (Gillian), MSP; ; Michelle Quinn; Gray N (Neil), MSP; ; ; Frances Pacitti; Callum McCaig; Spads Admin;
Sent	30 May 2023 11:27
Attachments	<<Note of discussion with Mr Gray and Ms Martin - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential - May 18-05-23.docx>>

Sorry  
[REDACTED]

Please find attached.

**From:**

[REDACTED]

<John.

[REDACTED]

> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

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Subject	<b>RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED] ; Michelle Quinn
Cc	Director of Offshore Wind; [REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	22 May 2023 13:32

Hi all,

Thanks to those that have had a look at the note. Just a quick reminder that if there are any other comments/amendments it would be great to get them by the end of today.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:**

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 16:45

**To:**

[REDACTED] (multiple)>; Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]>; Michelle Quinn <Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Thanks,[REDACTED]

– I've suggested a few tweaks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 16:14

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] >; Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi all,

Please find a note of this morning's meeting with Mr Gray and Ms Martin below. Could any comments/amendments be made by COP Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> after which I will send to PO for the official record.



[Note of discussion with Mr Gray and Ms Martin - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential - May 23.docx](#)

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 13:29

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) <Frances.Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

[REDACTED]

Thanks. Happy to discuss as this will play a part in the handling. Ultimately I think it would need a Ministerial decision on what might be updated.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 18 May 2023 11:00

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi all

Thinking back to what was said at the time, we said that once the analytical work was concluded we would consider which legacy documents (including NSET) may need to be updated.

Our team has pulled together a list of documents, the main one is NSET but there are several others. What I would say is that because the stat was used over a number of years that list may not be definitive. I am also not aware of the process for correcting documents like this, would be good to discuss and agree.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 09:57

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

Pacitti F (Frances) <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

Quinn M (Michelle) <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Thanks [REDACTED] [REDACTED],

Good point – this isn't an action I had taken for OCEA to take forward – is anyone in policy aware of developments here on this point?

I'm not aware of what procedures are in place for this type of correction but I assume there will be a standard process. It sounds like something we should aim to have a clear action on by the end of today's meeting.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 09:36

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)

; Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Happy for (3) to be a Comms/SpAd-led bit, thanks [REDACTED].

Was just going to say the same as [REDACTED] – would be good to know what legacy documents/pages we might be proposing are updated. Will be one of the first questions parliamentarians/media will ask if we don't set that out from the get go.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 18 May 2023 09:32  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple) >; Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Looks good to me [REDACTED]

One thing to consider adding is setting out what we are planning on doing with existing SG publications that use the 25% statistic. I recall mention of doing a trawl through publications previously, so is there an update to that process that can be presented? I think it seems like any obvious question to come up if it is not mentioned.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** 18 May 2023 09:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple) Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)> [REDACTED] (multiple) >; Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director of Offshore Wind <[DirectorOSW@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorOSW@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: 11:00 - 11:30 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Morning all,

Before our chat at 11am with Cab Sec, Minister, SpAds, I wanted to share a quick plan for what I think we need to cover (also re-attached is the detail I sent to PO last week). Please let me know if this sounds OK, and if there is anything we need to add/change.

1. Background to the 25% issue, summary of discussions with previous Cab Sec, and any developments since that time (NB – we currently have one PQ and one EIR asking about progress made with this work)
2. Brief summary of the options put forward as alternative metrics, and other research ongoing on offshore wind/renewables
3. Discussion on next steps – how and when to present the information to parliament.

I am happy to take the lead on numbers 1 and 2, but as number 3 is more on handling it would be good if comms/policy covered that point – is that OK? Also, [REDACTED] from my team is joining the call and will take the note required for the corporate record.

Thanks  
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Subject	<b>RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 &amp; S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May</b>
From	Kathy Johnston
To	Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED]
Cc	[REDACTED] (multiple)
Sent	19 May 2023 11:58

Thanks

[REDACTED]. Also happy to clear.

It would be helpful to alert Spads to the PQ answer on the 25% offshore wind stat.

Kathy

### **Kathy Johnston**

Deputy Director, Economic Analysis & Head of Economist Profession |

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**From:** Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 19 May 2023 08:47

**To:** [REDACTED] Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Thanks [REDACTED]

Content to clear for OWD interests.

Fran

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 17:27

**To:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)>

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Hi Fran/Kathy,

I have pulled together responses and background notes to two PQs (links below), with a deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> May. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have had a look from the policy/analyst side – would you be able to have a look and provide comment/signoff from DD level?

The 25% response is *very* brief, but we felt that considering recent conversations we may want to at least make SpAds aware that this is in the system. Happy to take a steer on that, but to get it

reviewed by SpAds and submitted by the deadline I'd probably need it signed off before **COP tomorrow** – would that be possible?

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

[PQ - S6W-17910 - Offshore Wind Jobs in Scotland \(A43741683\)](#)

[PQ background note - S6W-17910 \(A43742119\)](#)

[PQ - S6W-17912 - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential \(A43743409\)](#)

[PQ background note - S6W-17912 - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential \(A43751950\)](#)

**S6W-17910 Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs, which it defines as "offshore wind jobs", currently exist in Scotland, broken down by the region in which they are located, and from where it has sourced its definition of such jobs.

**S6W-17912 Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it commenced work to discover an accurate statistic for Scotland's offshore wind potential as a percentage of Europe's generation, following its previously stated erroneous figure of 25%; when it expects to publish this figure, and, if it is the case that it has established a preliminary conclusion regarding this figure, whether it will state what that is.

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 17:09

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Yes, sign off should be joint with Fran and Kathy, then I would give sight to [REDACTED] just for belt and braces.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 17:00

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Thanks [REDACTED]/ [REDACTED],

I've updated the answers and background sheets based on your feedback.

[REDACTED]– these PQs are in offshore wind policy area rather than OCEA (in terms of going up the chain for signoff) – who should sign these off from your end? Should we go to DD level only, or would you reckon we'd need to send any of this to SpAds?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 18 May 2023 16:44

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Thanks all

The first Q looks good.

On the second, I don't think we can give a timeframe, that wasn't clear in today's meeting and feels like they want us to explore the EU figures. Not sure how long that will take so I would use 'in due course' the other thing I was thinking about was steering clear of saying that we will update parliament and just say which will be 'published in due course'.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 17 May 2023 17:12

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Cheers, [REDACTED]. Have made a few tweaks and a few comments. C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 17 May 2023 16:33

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

[REDACTED]/ [REDACTED],

I have pulled together PQ responses for the below questions – see below ERDM links. Would you be able to take a look and provide comment on these/signoff before I send on to Fran for final signoff.

I am not really sure how to tackle the second question, so I have kept this response really short. This might be something which comes up in our discussions with Cab Sec tomorrow, and we can make SpAds aware of it then too.

The 25% one might need to go to SpAds for review, so if it is possible to take a look and get back to me by **close tomorrow (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>)**, that would give me time to get these cleared and submitted next week.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[PQ - S6W-17910 - Offshore Wind Jobs in Scotland \(A43741683\)](#)

[PQ background note - S6W-17910 \(A43742119\)](#)

[PQ - S6W-17912 - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential \(A43743409\)](#)

[PQ background note - S6W-17912 - Scotland's Offshore Wind Potential \(A43751950\)](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 15 May 2023 15:30

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Hi [REDACTED] I agree with [REDACTED] that my team Ocea should take 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please allocate both to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] - happy to discuss!

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Hi all,

Would you be able to confirm if these PQs would sit with your area?

Many thanks

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Morning all,

On 17910 and 17912 this might be best if one of our OCEA colleagues took the lead, especially as Liam Kerr is seeking sourcing of definitions of jobs etc on the first one and on the second they are leading on this work – cc in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for comment

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | **Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | Scottish Government** |  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 May 2023 09:13  
**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Hi [REDACTED],

These are not for me or [REDACTED]. The middle one is for [REDACTED] team I think and the others for [REDACTED],

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox

**Sent:** 15 May 2023 09:10

**To:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (multiple)

**Subject:** PQs - S6W-17910, S6W-17911 & S6W-17912 - Deadline Date 23rd May

Hello

I would appreciate it if you could take a look at the below PQs and let me know if they are for your area.

**[S6W-17910](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs, which it defines as "offshore wind jobs", currently exist in Scotland, broken down by the region in which they are located, and from where it has sourced its definition of such jobs.

**[S6W-17912](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it commenced work to discover an accurate statistic for Scotland's offshore wind potential as a percentage of Europe's generation, following its previously stated erroneous figure of 25%; when it expects to publish this figure, and, if it is the case that it has established a preliminary conclusion regarding this figure, whether it will state what that is.

**PQ deadline is – 232/05/2023**

If not your area, grateful if you could let me know why and point me in the right direction of who you think may be able to lead.

Thank you in advance

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FMQ and PQ Support Officer Scottish Government [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject	<b>RE: 08:15 - 08:45 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy [REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti; [REDACTED] (multiple) Callum McCaig; Spads Admin; Michelle Quinn; zzz Minister for Energy 2023
Cc	[REDACTED]; Kathy Johnston; Kersti Berge; Andrew Hogg
Sent	17 May 2023 13:10

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this – Mr Gray has noted.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**The Scottish Government**

[REDACTED]

**T:** [REDACTED] | **M:** [REDACTED] | **Email:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 15 May 2023 12:40

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Kersti Berge

<Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Andrew Hogg <Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: 08:15 - 08:45 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] is off today. The first document attached has the set of draft analytical lines which can form the narrative around Scotland’s offshore wind potential. I’ve set out more of the background below which I hope is helpful.

### Background

Mr Matheson agreed the following actions for producing a replacement or alternative to the “25% offshore wind” statistic:

Options to be taken forward

- 1. Officials will develop lines together with metrics which show:
- 2. The current levels of offshore, and onshore, generation capacity in Scotland, compared with other regions;
- 3. The decarbonisation impacts of offshore wind generation in Scotland, by illustrating the broad scale of emissions displaced (for example by showing the equivalent number of Scottish homes that could be powered by offshore wind power, and so on); and
- 4. The economic impacts of offshore wind generation in Scotland. This would be a commissioned study (subject a further quick review of relevant literature by analysts).

The set of lines proposed at 1.1 and 1.2 are in the first document attached. (Anything commissioned under 1.3 could supplement the narrative set out in 1.1. and 1.2.)

The remaining two documents are:

- 5. The advice which went to Mr Matheson on 26 Jan, setting out the options for analytical work to produce a replacement or alternative to the “25% wind” statistic;
- 6. The note which subsequently went from Mr Matheson to FM setting out “next steps”.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

**Sent:** 15 May 2023 09:13

**To:** [REDACTED]Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

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**Subject:** RE: 08:15 - 08:45 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi [REDACTED],

Mr Gray has noted with thanks.



The Cabinet Secretary has asked if he could see what the proposed replacement for our renewable potential, apologies if this is already captured in the attachments you sent over.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**The Scottish Government**

[REDACTED][REDACTED]

**T:** [REDACTED] | **M:** [REDACTED] | **Email:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 11 May 2023 12:24

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

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[REDACTED] (multiple); Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

(multiple) Callum McCaig <[Callum.McCaig@gov.scot](mailto:Callum.McCaig@gov.scot)>; Spads Admin <[Spads\\_Admin@gov.scot](mailto:Spads_Admin@gov.scot)>;

Michelle Quinn <[Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot)>; Minister for Energy

<[MinisterEnergy@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterEnergy@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: 08:15 - 08:45 Meeting: Offshore Wind Potential in Scotland (Mr Gray/Ms Martin/Officials and Spads)

Hi PO,

In advance of the meeting on offshore wind/renewables potential next week, please find attached the 3 briefing documents/submissions which were cleared by previous FM and Cab Sec, and which formed the basis of previous ministerial discussions and advice. These also cover the briefing requirements for this meeting.

**In summary:** the previously used stat that 'Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind potential' is no longer being used; alternative metrics have been developed to use instead; and it was agreed that this should be officially communicated to parliament.

**The purpose** of this meeting is to:

7. Brief the Cab Sec and Minister on the issue of Offshore Wind Potential, and review the advice/discussions with previous Cab Sec.
8. Provide an update on any developments since that time.
9. Discuss and agree next steps on the timing, handling and format of communication to parliament.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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From	[REDACTED]
To	[REDACTED]
Sent	11 May 2023 12:58

Great, thanks!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject	<b>RE: Offshore Wind Statistics - confirmation of timeline</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	Andrew Hogg; [REDACTED]
Cc	Frances Pacitti; Kathy Johnston; Offshore Wind Hub; [REDACTED]
Sent	19 September 2023 09:45

No comments from me - thanks

**From:** Andrew Hogg <Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 9:00 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Frances Pacitti <Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Offshore Wind Hub <OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Offshore Wind Statistics - confirmation of timeline  
 Thanks [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], are you also content for me to issue the reply to [REDACTED]?

Andy

**From:** [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 5:50 PM  
**To:** Andrew Hogg <[Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] Callum McCaig <[Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot](mailto:Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Offshore Wind Statistics - confirmation of timeline  
 Hi Andy

Fine for Comms thanks.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Andrew Hogg <[Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Hogg@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 5:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Callum McCaig <[Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot](mailto:Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Offshore Wind Statistics - confirmation of timeline  
 [REDACTED], [REDACTED],

As you'll be aware offshore wind teams/ocea have been working on ministerial advice on updating offshore wind statistics.

You'll recall that there was an email exchange with [REDACTED], which dates back to a submission that was drafted in Nov 2022, prior to my moving post (attached). I have worked with the team leading on this advice to ensure that they are aware of the historic timeline so that it can be reflected in subsequent advice (the timeline is summarised in my email to Fran below).

I just want to check if you are content for me to issue the following response to Mr Taylor?

Andy

Dear [REDACTED],

*I can only apologise for the delayed response; this was due to annual leave and the fact that I have now moved job.*

*I do not have any further information to offer beyond what has already been provided.*

- For information on offshore wind policy, please contact: [OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)
- For media enquiries, please see the following contact information: [Media enquiries - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Thanks,

Andy

**From:** Andrew Hogg

**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 5:21 PM

**To:** Frances Pacitti <[Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot](mailto:Frances.Pacitti@gov.scot)>; Offshore Wind Hub <[OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot](mailto:OffshoreWindHub@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <[Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Offshore Wind Statistics - confirmation of timeline

Fran,

### **Offshore Wind Statistics**

As you know, in the period since I moved post there has been email contact from media / think-tanks about offshore wind statistics. I do not work in this policy area anymore, so thought it would be prudent to ensure that the relevant teams are aware of the historic timeline and context.

As I understand, a submission to Ministers is currently being finalised with new metrics and an accompanying narrative.

The following points represent my understanding of the historic timeline.

- **15 November 2022.** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy & Biodiversity stated in a response to a Topical Question from Liam Kerr MSP that “Ministers became aware of the issue on Tuesday 8 November ahead of the publication of the report by These Islands”.
- **17 November 2022.** Submission to Ministers noted that Scottish Ministers thought that the statistic was accurate at the time they cited it. Officials advised that on that basis they would not consider it appropriate for the Minister to seek correction of the Official Record.
- **26 January 2023.** Submission to Cabinet Secretary recommending an approach to developing new metrics.
- **22 February 2023.** Reply from Cabinet Secretary agreeing to the officials’ note of the meeting and therefore to the approach to develop new metrics.
- **22 February 2023.** Email from Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture to Liam Kerr MSP noting that officials emailed advice to his private office against using the 25% statistic on the 28 September 2022.
- **15 June 2023.** EIR release on Scotland offshore wind potential, including the submission of 17 November 2022 and associated correspondence.

I am not sighted on the advice being drafted; however, SCS leads approving this advice will want to satisfy themselves that this advice captures the points in the timeline above.

Andy

**Andrew Hogg | Directorate for International Trade and Investment |**