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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 09:26AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: General Oral PQ - 02515 - Due 12 noon Tuesday

Thanks [redacted] fine to go from my perspective.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Directorate for Economic Development  
DG Economy - Scottish Government  
[redacted]



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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 7:30 AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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This time with the PQ attached....

[redacted] can you send up this version on Monday, provided [redacted] is content please? Thank you

[redacted]  
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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
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Hi [redacted],

We can add “methodology” back into the answer.

For info, the methodology and its consequences for location were agreed during the same call. The call represented the opportunity for joint formal agreement between Ministers, who had individually approved the methodology beforehand with their officials separately. Because we had secured that in advance, it made for a swift discussion.

**[redacted]**

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:25 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Thanks [redacted]. I'm not sure what [redacted] original response was but potentially it went a bit further than this, and I can understand why we've drafted it this way but I suspect the follow up question will be 'that doesn't answer my question which was when did we agree the *methodology*' not when did we agree where they'd be. For my own benefit a 5 min chat might help? I'm around tomorrow if that helps.

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DG Economy - Scottish Government

**[redacted]**



**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Hi **[redacted]**

Please see attached oral PQ answer and background note for your sign off. This has been cleared by **[redacted]** (email below).

Kind regards

**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 3:01 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Thanks very much. I think it might be good to make the point that the call was between Ministers, and to drop the specific reference to methodology (which was of course mentioned, but not discussed in great detail). So

“The Scottish and UK Governments agreed on the place selection for Investment Zones in Scotland in a call between Ministers on 22 May.”

Views?

**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:42 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Hi **[redacted]**

Please see attached draft PQ answer and background note, which I've cleared with **[redacted]**. I'm still waiting to hear back from **[redacted]**

**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:29 AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Hi **[redacted]**

Yes, this one is for us. Can you please assign to **[redacted]** in the first instance.  
Thank you

**[redacted]**

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**[redacted]**

**From:** **[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of [redacted]**

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 5:27 PM

**To:** **[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**@gov.scot **[redacted]**@gov.scot>

**Cc:** **[redacted]**@gov.scot>

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Hello

I would appreciate it if you could take a look at the below General ORAL PQ and let me know if this is for your area.

**4. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government when it agreed the Investment Zones selection method with the UK Government. ([S6O-02515](#))

**PQ deadline is – 12 noon Tuesday**

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.

**[redacted]**

**[redacted]**St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG.

**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:07 AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: PQ S6O-02515 - Due 14 September

Place selection note published on 18 Aug is here. [Investment Zones place selection in Scotland \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:37 AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: PQ S6O-02515 - Due 14 September

I don't know – I thought a letter to [redacted] went off a while ago – will check with [redacted] who would have drafted.

**From** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:36 AM  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: PQ S6O-02515 - Due 14 September

[redacted]

[redacted] has asked me to print off the letter to [redacted] regarding releasing the paper on the place selection process – do you know where we are at with that?

Thanks,

**[redacted] The Scottish Government**  
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**[redacted]**

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**From** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:04 AM  
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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:03 AM

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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I'd go with below – [redacted] has said he will update the tracker.

Thanks

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Does this work better for you?

Scottish and UK Government officials developed a joint approach to place selection over the period from April to June **with regular updates provided to Ministers throughout this period**; **Scottish and UK** Ministers **formally** confirmed their agreement to the approach and selected the two regions on 22 June; and a ~~formal~~ note on the selection method was published on 18 August.

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot>  
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Here you go – thanks.

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** [redacted]  
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General PQ for clearance please.

## **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

### **ORAL ANSWER**

**14 September 2023**

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**Michael Marra (North East Scotland) (Scottish Labour Party):** To ask the Scottish Government when it agreed the Investment Zones selection method with the UK Government.

S6O-02515

**Neil Gray:** The Scottish Government and UK Government agreed on the Investment Zones place selection methodology during a call on Thursday 22 June 2023.

**[redacted] The Scottish Government**

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