

EIR Exemptions

An exception under regulation 11(2) of the EIRs (personal information) applies to some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exception is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception.

An exception under regulation 10(4)(e) applies to some of the information requested because it relates to internal communications. This exception is subject to the 'public interest test' and, taking into account all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public favour lies in favour of upholding the exception.

An exception under regulation 10(5)(e) of the EIRs (substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial information) applies to some of the information you have requested. This exception applies because disclosure of this particular information would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the confidentiality of commercial information provided by the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) and the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero and thus cause substantial harm to their commercial interests. Disclosing this information would release information earlier than the NSTA plans which would substantially prejudice and harm the regulator.

FOI Exemptions

An exemption under section 30(b)(ii) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested. Although there is a public interest in disclosing information as part of open, transparent and accountable government, it is of greater public interest in allowing Ministers and officials a private space within which to communicate as part of the process of exploring and refining the Government's policy, until the Government as a whole can adopt a decision which is sound and likely to be effective. This information has been redacted.

As a result of issuing some information at this stage, we are unable to provide some of the information because an exemption under section 38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to that information, this is because it is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

QUESTION 1:

Document 001: 09 January 2024

Three Weekly Circular Economy/ Waste Meeting

Attendees

Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Harry Huyton

Katriona Carmichael

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- Focus of the meeting will be to discuss their proposed amendments to the Bill. SGLD and PCO will attend.

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[Out of scope of request]

Document 002: 10 January 2024

Minute of Meeting with eNGOs – 10 January 2024 11:30-12:30

Attendees

Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

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Max McGill, Scottish Government (MM)

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Dr Kat Jones – Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
James Mackenzie – Association for Protection of Rural Scotland (JM)
Kimberly Pratt – Friends of Earth Scotland (KP)
Jenni Hume – Reloop
Catherine Gemmell – Marine Conservation Society
Phoebe Cochrane – Scotland Environment Link (PC)

Apologies:

Calum Duncan – Marine Conservation Society

1. The Minister welcomed everyone to the meeting and facilitated introductions.
2. The Minister confirmed that she was grateful to receive the suggested amendments prior to the meeting but would be unable to commit to any action on them during this meeting in advance of the stage 1 report from the NZET committee.
3. The group agreed to discuss the table of amendments and the following was highlighted during the discussion:-

Purpose Clause

4. PC confirmed that Link members would like to see a ‘purpose clause’ inserted at the beginning of the bill to replace the two provisions which set out what a circular economy and targets should have regard to.
5. KP confirmed that FOES have campaigned to include just transition more directly in the bill and an important part of the of this clause would be stating that a circular economy needs to be a just economy.
6. MM set out the SG’s general approach to the use of purpose clauses, highlighting that these are not used often.
7. JM suggested that it would be extremely hard to interpret a law that talks about the requirement to build a circular economy if there is no clear definition and that other elements would become harder to understand without this.

Circular Economy Strategy

7. PC highlighted that Link members would welcome an amendment that links the strategy to targets once the targets are set.

Targets

8. KP advised that the wording they had provided had come from the climate change legislation and that this framework should be used to create a circular economy framework as well.

9. KP asked the Minister to consider the support from various stakeholders to include carbon consumption targets within the bill and look again at this area.

10. The Minister advised that a monitoring framework was being developed this year, that she would remain openminded on what could work while being mindful that targets would need to be deliverable within the levers the SG had.

11. The Minister confirmed that the bill as drafted allows for Ministers to set targets but that there would not be specific targets within the bill.

12. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] highlighted that it was important to note that linked policy areas would include consumption related policies, including the climate change plan which was still at the drafting stages.

13. KP asked if this group could be included in the process of development of targets within the bill.

14. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] confirmed that there would be a monitoring framework developed and that eNGOs would be invited to input into its development

15. KP highlighted a change in FOES position around the appointment of an independent public body and that the CE bill should mirror the wording of the climate change legislation.

16. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] confirmed that there would be requirements applied on ZWS to comply with various public sector duties at stage 2.

17. KP confirmed that the preference would be to have a separate independent body.

Targets for the Public Sector's own Circularity

18. JM advised that he thought it would be helpful if there was a reference to the waste hierarchy with the final Act.

19. JM suggested that there should be an amendment which would include a requirement for people or bodies in receipt of public funds to meet targets linked to the waste hierarchy.

20. The Minister flagged that this could be difficult and challenging to put into place legally.

21. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] confirmed that officials would reflect on this.

Refill and Takeback

22. JM highlighted that the bill could be used as a mechanism to include deposit return style systems that would put requirements on certain sectors to provide refillable packaging and takeback schemes.

23. The Minister asked for examples to be provided on how this would be applied and monitored.

24. JM gave the example that retailers over a certain size would have a requirement on a proportion of the goods they sell to be refillable.

22. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] highlighted that if the powers were already in place within other Acts, such as the Environment Act 2021, that this bill should not be used to duplicate these.

AP - JM to send some examples to the Minister relating to refillable goods and takeback schemes.

Code of Practice

23. KP would like to see a requirement for the general public to be consulted as part of changes to waste management systems.

Recycling Targets for Local Authorities

24. KP raised the 2030 statutory targets for household recycling and emphasised that the requirement to set targets should be mandatory and linked to national targets.

25. The Minister confirmed that the bill gives powers to set mandatory targets for local authorities with implications if they are not met.

AP - KP to send revised amendments on this section

Emissions Reporting

26. FOES would like to see a new section on emissions reporting included within the bill including public bodies to provide due diligence reporting.

27. The Minister thanked KP for bringing this forward and noted that this would be considered further with officials.

AOB

28. PC raised that some members would put forward further suggested amendments shortly. The Ministers asked for these as soon as possible.

AP – PC to send further suggested amendments urgently

29. The Minister advised the group that the Route Map would be published imminently.

30. The Minister thanked the group for their attendance and updates and confirmed she would like these meetings to continue with the next meeting to take place in April.

Document 003: 16 January 2024

Note of Circular Economy Bill meeting on 16th January 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Katriona Carmichael

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Agenda

- Bill timetable
- Feedback on Stage 2 training
- Feedback on meeting with eNGOs
- Upcoming meetings and visits

Bill timetable

The Circular Economy and Waste Route Map will be published this week. We do not yet know whether the NZET Committee will wish to take evidence on the Route Map before finalising and publishing the report on the Stage 1 scrutiny.

Feedback on Stage 2 training

The Minister had found the Stage 2 training provided by PCO the previous day helpful. [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]

Feedback on meeting with eNGOs

The Minister welcomed the opportunity to listen to eNGO thoughts and noted that it was helpful to have the issues around a purpose clause explained by PCO colleagues. Officials would consider suggestions from eNGOs further, noting that some of the key areas that were raised, such as takeback, are areas where powers are already available.

Upcoming meetings

There is a forthcoming visit to IKEA which will include a workshop with the Scottish Retail Consortium and some of its members to consider reporting on food waste and surplus.

There is a meeting the next day (17th January) with Murdo Fraser on his proposed Bill and possible amendments to the Circular Economy Bill.

Document 004: 17 January 2024

Meeting between Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Murdo Fraser MSP on Flytipping – 17 January 2024

Attendees

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

Murdo Fraser MSP

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Note of meeting and actions

The meeting was arranged to discuss the Circular Economy Bill and the Member's Fly-tipping (Scotland) Bill and areas of shared concern. Mr Fraser highlighted his main concerns, which have resulted in him pursuing a member's bill, these are:

1. Reducing the burden of responsibility on private landowner to clear fly-tipping on their land
2. Strengthening enforcement through updating penalties
3. Enhanced liability for those responsible for fly-tipping waste
4. Reporting and data collection.

Mr Fraser noted that Section 10 of the Circular Economy Bill addressed enhanced duty of care (for householders) and the increase of the fly-tipping FPN to £500; which are welcome developments. The other items were discussed, and the following points were made by Mr Fraser:

The Member's Fly-tipping (Scotland) Bill includes the following proposals:

- Reduce the burden of waste removal from private landowners and creates a duty on SEPA to be liable for the removal or reimbursing the cost of removal of fly-tipped waste on private land (through repeal Section 59 of EPA 1990);
- Increase the fixed penalties for contravention of section 33 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990 to £1,000 or more and create a variable penalty rather than a single fixed amount so it can be proportionate to different fly-tipping incidents;
- a responsibility for Scottish Ministers to collect and report fly-tipping statistics annually to Parliament

In response, the Minister noted that:

- She could not support the repeal of Section 59 but would be content to consider, with SEPA's and local authorities' support, means by which it can be ensured that the person who unlawfully deposited waste is held responsible for the costs of removing that waste as well as ensuring that landowners are not served with Section 59 notices where they bear no

responsibility for the deposit of the waste. This could be achieved through further guidance or amendments to the Circular Economy Bill.

- The proposed FPN increase and variable penalty regime raises a number of issues that need further consideration – therefore we cannot commit to this at this stage. However, she agreed to explore the potential of a variable penalty, allowing time to assess impact of recent increase in FPN level and to assess other proposals.
- Noted that work is currently underway to improve data through voluntary reporting. Minister stated she is content to explore, with SEPA & local authorities, if it would be helpful to create a statutory reporting process in the future and explore potential to amend the Circular Economy Bill.

The following actions were agreed:

- SG to write to Mr Fraser to set out the current actions being taken through the work on the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy to deliver comprehensive national data and a centralised reporting mechanism; and to provide more information on the ongoing consultation on proposed amendments to the Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations which will enable introduction of a broader ‘Fit and Proper Person’ test and more effective enforcement tools.
- SG to explore the value in putting the collection/reporting of data on a statutory footing.
- Mr Fraser agreed to share case studies relating to incidents where private landowners have been encouraged to clear fly-tipping that they were not responsible for by SEPA or local authorities.
- SG to continue to work with SEPA, local authorities and the Fly-tipping Forum to ensure that the approach that SEPA and local authorities take with private landowners is consistent/fair/proportionate and to consider any further action (such as a policy statement/further guidance and sharing examples of some good practice in relation to support for landowners, such as Perth and Kinross Council).
- SG to consider any further means of ensuring that those responsible for fly-tipping are liable for the costs of removing waste, including adjustments to powers to ensure complementary powers for SEPA and local authorities
- SG to explore if there is a way of developing a sliding scale for fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping to ensure it can be tailored to different circumstances and remain proportionate.
- These areas will be explored and considered as potential amendments to the existing Circular Economy Bill.

The Minister and Mr Fraser agreed to continue to liaise regarding progress.

Document 005: 18 January 2024 – Removed as not in scope of request

Document 006: 30 January 2024

CE Bill meeting
30th January 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Harry Huyton
Katriona Carmichael

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AGENDA

1. Bill timetable
2. Upcoming meetings
3. Cross-party working group
4. Amendments update

1. Details on updated bill timetables were provided, Stage 1 timings were still to be confirmed but expected to be in March.

2.

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- Meeting with Conservative spokespeople on 31st January, Labour spokesperson on 6th February, Green spokesperson on 7th February, Lib Dem spokesperson on 7th February – purpose of meetings to seek views on Bill and likely amendments in advance of Stage 2.

3. Cross-party Working Group on the Circular Economy meeting on 7th February. Again, this meeting is in the amendment space and listening to views of stakeholders. Discussion would need to include detail on route map and the process around single use vapes. [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] and [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] are contacts for the briefing pack and speaking note as regards vapes.

4. An overview of the amendments process was provided with further detail to be provided in due course.

Document 007: 31 January 2024

Meeting with Cllr Macgregor, COSLA

31 January 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Councillor Gail Macgregor
Robert Nicol, COSLA
Silke Isbrand, COSLA

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Circular Economy Bill

Cllr Macgregor noted the hard work being undertaken by officials to develop potential alternative options to financial penalties if individual local authorities (LAs) do not meet recycling targets. The COSLA Environment and Economy Board has indicated that they strongly oppose financial penalties. Cllr Macgregor would like to work with the Minister to get to a place where local government can be fully supportive of the Bill.

COSLA would like to see targets that are co-produced with individual LAs to ensure that the targets are realistic and achievable. Communication will also need to be clear about the reason for public targets, including an explanation of why targets might be different in different LAs, as this may be a cause for concern for some LAs.

Minister happy for officials to continue to work on an alternative accountability mechanism to financial penalties that would still deliver significant change in recycling levels and provide a level-playing field for all councils. In particular, content that officials explore the potential for a joint improvement programme and clear public reporting of performance and develop more detailed proposals. Aware that the removal of the provision for financial penalties would require an amendment to the legislation.

Cllr Macgregor welcomed the Minister's openness to an alternative approach.

Next COSLA Environment and Economy Board meeting is 1st March and Stage 1 of Bill deadline is 8th March; Stage 2 is expected to be towards end of April. This will mean that should, a Stage 2 amendment be required, it should be achievable but will need quick work.

ACTION: Interim paper laying out options to be developed by COSLA officers for Board on 1 March, with input from SG officials.

Minister offered to meet with Cllr Macgregor again before the Board meeting if required.

AOB

Code of practice (CoP) – household recycling charter. COSLA have some questions about whether this needs to be mandatory. Cllr Macgregor noted that the CoP as it stands is not the most effective mechanism for all 32 LAs with their difference communities, buildings and geographies. Risk of CoP becoming mandatory at this point in time, is that it may not be the most effective and does not future proof a system that will be impacted by several new pieces of legislation being developed both in Scotland and UK wide.

Minister reassured that this is not the intention and not what the Bill does – it allows us to make the CoP mandatory if we choose to. We are looking to co-produce a new CoP that suits LAs. *Standard* does not mean *identical*: understand the need for taking the experience and needs of each authority into account.

Routemap consultation

COSLA welcomed advance sight of the draft route map before the consultation was published. Challenges will come from resourcing and finances to ensure that the changes indicated in the routemap can be achieved.

Initial observations: welcome that we are working on a strategic approach to these policy initiatives which takes a longer-term view. Cllr Macgregor highlighted the importance of SG-Local Government joint strategic steering group, which includes SOLACE rep.

Cllr Macgregor noted that there is a lot of activity for LAs in the first few years, and there is some concern around the capacity, alongside implementation of packaging and WEEE Extended Producer Responsibility and potential new funding pressures associated with POPs and changes to Emissions Trading Scheme.

Minister noted that there will also be opportunities for income generation once we start generating more high quality recycle. Need to ensure that this, and other opportunities for revenue raising are highlighted and explored during the co-production.

ACTION: SG officials to develop a timeline for LAs based on the actions in the routemap to help show where resource will be required.

Document 008: 31 January 2024

Note of meeting between Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Conservative spokespeople for the circular economy – 31st January 2024

Present: Lorna Slater, Harry Huyton and [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], Maurice Golden MSP, Douglas Lumsden MSP and Graham Simpson MSP.

Ms Slater explained that she was keen to hear their views on the Bills and any thoughts they might have about amendments to the Bill.

In general, the Conservatives support the general principles, but note that it is more a waste and littering Bill. Discussion focussed on:

- A definition of the circular economy, which would set the context in which the policies would be delivered. Ms Slater confirmed that SG was in the process of looking at that.
- Why ZWS was becoming a public body. Ms Slater explained that ONS had reclassified it as such.
- Bin fines – the process before a fine is imposed needs to be set out.
- what analysis had been done of the impact on businesses.
- the requirements for reporting on waste and whether food waste should be mentioned on the face of the Bill.
- end-of-life as to whether something is waste or a by-product.
- reporting on pre-farm-gate waste.
- funding for local authorities
- standardisation - whatever was developed had to be flexible enough for rural, islands and tenement areas. Targets would be different for each local authority, reflecting its conditions.
- comparison with Wales. Ms Slater explained that what is in the Bill reflects the Welsh practice.
- the provisions on unsold goods and his concern about supply chains back-hauling to England
- takeback, particularly of mattresses and tyres.

Document 009: 06 February 2024

Note of meeting between Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Sarah Boyack MSP, Labour spokesperson on Energy, Just Transition and Net Zero, on Tuesday 6th February

Present: Lorna Slater, Sarah Boyack MSP, Harry Huyton, [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

Ms Boyack noted that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's Stage 1 report on the Circular Economy Bill had not yet been published, so the recommendations were not known, and so she would ask about what she had identified as the core issues, around local authorities, the Just Transition Strategy, and 'what next'.

Discussion focussed on:

- The challenge for local authorities around investment, especially in the context of the targets and penalties provisions in the Bill, particularly around

the analysis of investment differences which did not follow the urban / rural divide.

- the evidence on targets needed to be defined, and that COSLA's response had been stronger than expected on that.
- The existing code is out of date and the co-development of the code is part of an integrated exercise, as would be the accountability mechanism.
- Contaminating recycling was already a crime, and England had guidelines on use, which would only be against persistent, identifiable offenders.
- The issue of communications and education by councils about uplifts and also issues of accessibility and regularity,
- The Bill was a mix of circular economy, recycling and waste management issues, and, in the context of just transition, the issue of consumption targets and targets which covered the waste outwith Scotland.
- A need for timelines and a narrative of how the provisions relate to business, and its relation to the narrative of the routemap.
- The Bill is one piece of a much larger picture, including the current UK-wide EPR work on packaging. The Bill provisions on reporting waste and surplus would cover food waste in the first instance and then construction, to move businesses along the path of recognising what waste they were creating and responsible for, as was also the case for the provisions on unsold goods. Part of the strategy would be using powers we already have, as in the case of vapes.
- A plan and timescales for implementation of the powers.
- Pushback from the Committee on unintended consequences of the provisions on unsold goods.
- Public sector sustainable procurement and how it fitted into the Bill. Ms Slater said it was covered in the route map.
- The possibility of a lack of consultation on secondary legislation.
- Scope 3 emissions reporting for companies
- The intention to use the powers where they would have the biggest impact in reducing waste and what might be harmful, while not encouraging bad actors.
- the evidence base was required to identify the unsold goods which were most problematic and that evidence could be obtained through the reporting on waste and surplus.

Document 011: 07 February 2024

Note of meeting between Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Mark Ruskell MSP on 7th February 2024

Present: Lorna Slater, Harry Huyton, Mark Ruskell MSP, [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

Ms Slater explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear views and thoughts on likely amendments to the Bill. Mr Ruskell said that he could give some feedback on the NZET committee's view of the Bill, based on what he had observed.

He noted that there were concerns about the framework nature of the Bill, its interactions with the Internal Markets Act, and the financial implications of the Bill. He considered there were issues around the scrutiny of secondary legislation, which might be addressed by procedure.

He expressed reservations about using the Climate Change Act as a model for provisions on targets in the Circular Economy Bill, but thought it would be helpful to refer to individual sectors, such as construction. He recognised the necessity of building up credible work on targets, and suggested the benefit of a plan to consider specific topics, and highlighting key sectors. He suggested that the revised route map re-prioritised actions and asked what was critical.

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] introduced a table of commonly suggested improvements to the Bill put together after engagement with eNGOs. She emphasised that these were ideas, not concrete drafts of amendments.

- Focus on consumption and particular sectors in the strategy, for example construction and onshore wind.
- Prioritise reuse in the strategy and the code of practice on the face of the Bill. Ms Slater replied that it would go against the co-development of the code of practice for the Bill to require it to prioritise reuse.
- Due diligence, the corporate sustainability directive and public procurement.
- ZWS powers, but the NZET committee had not taken any evidence on that. Queried whether ZWS capacity had influenced the re-prioritising in the route map.
- Purpose clause – Ms Slater explained that there had already been a meeting with eNGOs at which SGLD had explained that a purpose clause did not have the legal effect the eNGOs thought it would.
- Consumption targets. Ms Slater re-iterated that they would not be on the face of the Bill as we have not yet done the work required to set and monitor them.

Mr Ruskell asked briefly about incineration, noting there were 3 or 4 proposed incinerators in the system with outline planning permission, but to overturn the permission would risk judicial review. Ms Slater replied that the local authorities could look at the data and establish whether the data supported the need for an incinerator in that particular area, in short, whether the incinerator is built depends on the business case etc for it.

Document 012: 07 February 2024

Note of meeting between Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Liam McArthur MSP on 7th February 2024

Present: Lorna Slater, Harry Huyton, [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data], [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

Ms Slater explained that, although the Stage 1 report on the Circular Economy Bill had not yet been published by the NZET committee, she was meeting Mr McArthur to hear any views he had about the Bill and likely amendments at Stage 2.

Mr McArthur replied that he was not sure as yet that he would be amending the Bill at Stage 2. He did not have an agenda on the Bill, rather his concern was that some elements of the Bill may be difficult to roll out, especially to the islands, because of issues of logistics and critical mass.

Discussion focussed on:

- Targets for and standardisation of recycling services. The intention was to improve the experience of recycling and also to maximise the chances of local authorities making revenue, although that was possibly more relevant for the big cities.
- Individual councils should have a proper plan to follow for implementing the improvements, and that plan should be achievable.
- The provisions in respect of reporting on waste and surplus would affect big producers, and the ban on the destruction of unsold goods would again apply to the big corporations. Many of these big corporations already report on waste voluntarily. As such, these provisions were unlikely to affect islands.
- Environmental charging, following the model of the Single Use Carrier Bag charge.
- Take back was not in the Bill as there already were powers. The route map including looking at take back for tyres and mattresses. Tyres were an issue for the islands.
- In certain circumstances the seller is obliged to take back, for example, single use vapes, if the purchaser returns them. There were issues in the islands, because of the costs to send / pick up, and the consumers could have the right to return, but not be able to exercise that right.
- On EPR, SG was working for councils to get the money to implement effective recycling systems, and for the scheme administrator to take into consideration the local geography and socio-economic factors in allocating the funds to councils.
- Issues for island supermarkets in plastics take back and logistics. Some likely reasons were discussed.

Document 013: 20 February 2024

Three Weekly Circular Economy/ Waste Meeting 20 February 2024

Attendees

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Harry Huyton

Katriona Carmichael

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Agenda

1. Reusable nappies ([Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data])
2. Update: discussions with COSLA about financial penalties ([Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data])
3. Update: international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution ([Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data])
4. AOB: Mandatory food waste reporting requirements ([Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data])
5. AOB: Zero Waste Scotland Board recruitment (Katriona Carmichael)

1. Reusable nappies

- Background note on reusable nappies was sent to Minister's Private Office on 14 February 2024 as the topic has come up during NZET Committee consideration of the Circular Economy Bill.
- Feedback from research on reusable nappies, looking mainly at behaviour change, is due on 8 March 2024.
- Unlikely research will highlight need for amendments within the Bill.
- Draft Route Map includes reference to facilitate sharing of best practice on reuse initiatives, such as reusable nappies, amongst local authorities.
- Minister is keen to set up visit with Monica Lennon MSP to North Ayrshire Council to view reusable nappies scheme.

ACTION: [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]

2. Discussions with COSLA about financial penalties

- COSLA has shared extracts from their draft paper to go to its Environment and Economy Board on 1 March 2024.
- COSLA officials are seeking sign-off on the broad direction of travel as opposed to detailed proposal for the improvement programme, and will seek endorsement for the approach agreed between Ms Slater and Cllr Macgregor to continue to develop the potential improvement programme and look at alternatives to financial penalties.
- COSLA officials' feedback is pending on a basic draft covering how the improvement programme could operate. SG officials are seeking advice from colleagues with expertise in developing improvement programmes, particularly those with background in Local Government work.
- Advice to be provided in due course on removing financial penalties (Clause 3D and 3E), from the Bill, contingent on Minister being content that potential improvement programme is a suitable alternative to ensure accountability.

ACTION: [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]

3. International legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including the marine environment

- Draft International Treaty is being led by DEFRA and they are preparing detailed negotiating positions. A Ministerial write round is expected by the end of March 2024.
- Limited capacity for input but DEFRA are keeping SG officials informed. The fourth meeting of the Intergovernmental negotiating Committee is due to take place in Canada from 23-29 April 2024. The fifth meeting is expected to take place before the end of the year and will be the final meeting.
- SG is to feed into DEFRA-led negotiations and Circular Economy officials will work with Marine Scotland as Treaty develops. Minister is keen to get Ministerial position with regard to the Treaty on record (particularly with alignment to circular economy goals).
- Clarification needed on Scotland's reporting duties as part of the Treaty.

ACTION: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)].

4. AOB: Mandatory food waste reporting requirements

- Minister keen to set expectations with industry on mandatory food waste reporting and what this requirement from the Circular Economy Bill will look like and some indication of phasing.
- E.g. if businesses are already recording food waste via a UK reporting system (e.g. via WRAP) that is meeting the Bill requirements, can we say that they will not have to join a separate reporting programme/system set-up by Scottish Government?
- Would need to consider risk that Scottish food waste statistics might be lost in UK-wide reporting and/or potential cost risk that extra costs may be incurred to extract Scottish data from UK-wide reporting systems.

ACTION: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] to draft proposal, based on Ms Slater's discussion with WRAP, on link between SG proposals and requirements of existing food waste reporting systems, for sharing with stakeholders.

5. AOB: Zero Waste Scotland Board Recruitment

- Zero Waste Scotland will appoint executive search to recruit Board Member.
- Short note to Minister will be sent to update on progress.

Document 014: 21 February 2024

Note of Circular Economy Bill meeting on 21st February 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Harry Huyton

Katriona Carmichael

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Bill Timetable

The NZET Committee's report on Stage 1 scrutiny is expected shortly. Thereafter, the Bill team will be working on a draft response to the report in advance of the Stage 1 debate, which is due by 22nd March.

Discussion of submission on amendments

ZWS

[Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]

Harry Huyton (HH) asked to see further advice on the latest position. [This was provided on 23 February]

Flytipping

The proposed amendments were in line with the proposals in the Murdo Fraser bill but would be subject to further discussions.

Household Waste

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] reported that COSLA's initial response was that they were content with the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments would show that SG was listening to COSLA and listening to the DPLRC.

Circular Economy Strategy

The proposed amendments formalise things that SG would expect to do in developing the strategy and so should not add any extra burdens. These are in line with some of the requests from the eNGOs.

Local Authority powers to issue FPNs

This issue had emerged in relation to single-use vapes but could be replicated for other single-use items. HH said that was an important part of the narrative.

Civil penalties for littering

The proposal had come from local authorities and was currently being explored.

General Discussion

The Minister was asked if there was anything she was expecting to see which was not on the list. She said there was not.

The proposed list of amendments would be progressed, subject to the Stage 1 report which might require SG to bring forward additional amendments.

Document 015: 05 March 2024

CE Bill meeting
5th March 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Harry Huyton

Katriona Carmichael

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Max McGill

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AGENDA

1. General update, including the letters to the Committees and timetabling
2. The attached table of the NZET Committee's recommendations for amendments
3. Handling the amendments
4. Update from [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] following his meeting with COSLA
5. The attached draft one pager to capture expectations for food waste and surplus reporting, as requested by Ms Slater.

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3. Handling the amendments
 - [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]
 - [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]

4. Update from [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] following his meeting with COSLA
- Proposed steps prior to Stage 1 debate – [Redacted – Regulation 10(4)(e)]
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ACTIONS:

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Document 016: 12 March 2024 – Removed as out of scope of request. Not about CE Bill

Document 017: 13 March 2024

Note of Circular Economy Bill meeting on 13th March 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Katriona Carmichael

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Meeting closed.

Document 018: 19 March 2024

Note of Circular Economy Bill meeting on 19th March 2024

Minister for Green Skills Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Harry Huyton

Katriona Carmichael

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1. The purpose of the meeting was a further pre-meet for the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 debate on 20th March, to provide updates and seek any reflections the Minister might have on the briefing pack.
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Meeting closed.

QUESTION 3:

Document 1

From: Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 5:24 PM
To: Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft KS letter

Kevin,

I note the below letter and the various points to be raised with Sir Keir Starmer.

I also note that no SG officials have been involved in its drafting. Given the material here and the offer being made – of a meeting (which would presumably be supported by the civil service) – I am going to need to make relevant colleagues aware and seek some advice around the framing of this. I will do that now and update with any proprietorial advice.

Thanks

Chris

Chris Mackie

Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister
5th Floor | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
T: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]



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From: Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 2:15 PM
To: Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Draft KS letter

Hi, to see the text of a letter that the FM would like to send to Keir Starmer by email tomorrow.

Can you keep comms Spads, Colin and ELP advised of progress?

Thanks

Kevin

From: Humza Yousaf <Humza.Yousaf@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 2:02 pm

To: Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>

Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft KS letter

Have tweaked below.

Humza

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

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 12:34 PM

To: Humza Yousaf <Humza.Yousaf@gov.scot>

Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft KS letter

Hi FM, following yesterday's discussion, spads have come up with this draft letter to go to Sir KS from you as FM, via private office.

Kevin Pringle

Special Adviser

Room [Redacted - Section 38(1)] St Andrew's House

Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Tel: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot

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Document 1 - Attachment

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Document 2

From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]**On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 12:32 PM
To: keir.starmer.mp@parliament.uk; leader@labour.org.uk
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Correspondence from the First Minister

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached correspondence from the First Minister for the attention of Sir Keir Starmer.

Kind Regards,
Courtney

[Redacted - Section 38(1)]
Deputy Private Secretary
Office of the First Minister
5th Floor | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

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Document 3

From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:52 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]
Subject: RE: FM LETTER TO SIR KEIR STARMER

Perfect, thanks for confirming [Redacted - Section 38(1)].

[Redacted - Section 38(1)] Directorate for Tackling Child Poverty & Social Justice | Tackling Child Poverty & Financial Wellbeing Division | Scottish Government | 6th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU | Tel: [Redacted - Section 38(1)] | [Redacted - Section 38(1)] e-mail: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Best Start, Bright Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26 – read the Plan [here](#)

From[Redacted - Section 38(1)]**On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:51 AM

To: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]**Cc:** [Redacted - Section 38(1)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FM LETTER TO SIR KEIR STARMER

Graeme,

The First Minister has not received a response to his letter dated 20/01.

In case helpful, I've attached the letter for reference purposes.

Thanks,

[Redacted - Section 38(1)]
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Private Secretary to the First Minister
5th Floor | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
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From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:23 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]
Subject: FM LETTER TO SIR KEIR STARMER

FMPO colleagues

Grateful if you are able to advise if FM has received a reply to his recent letter to Sir Keir Starmer, in which he offered to work with Labour on matters such as tackling child poverty in the event they win the next UK General Election – SPADs have requested we cover the letter in the Child Poverty FMQ along with confirmation it has not been replied to (if that is the case). Grateful if you are able to confirm reply status this morning if at all possible.

Regards,
[Redacted - Section 38(1)]

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Document 4

From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:52 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Subject: RE: FM's letter to Keir Starmer on two child benefit limit

Thank you [Redacted - Section 38(1)] for the swift response – much appreciated!

In the unlikely event that a letter from Sir Keir is received later today or at some point tomorrow, I'd be v grateful if you could let me know.

Best wishes & thanks again,

[Redacted - Section 38(1)]

[Redacted - Section 38(1)] Unit Head – Parliamentary Unit | Directorate for Social Security

Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8LU [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

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From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:47 AM

To: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Cc: [Redacted - Section 38(1)] First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FM's letter to Keir Starmer on two child benefit limit

[Redacted - Section 38(1)],

The First Minister has not yet received a response to his letter dated 20/01.

In case helpful, I've attached the letter for reference purposes.

Thanks,

[Redacted - Section 38(1)]

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Private Secretary to the First Minister

5th Floor | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[Redacted - Section 38(1)] | FirstMinister@gov.scot

From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:34 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

Subject: FM's letter to Keir Starmer on two child benefit limit

Good morning FMPO colleagues,

FM wrote last month to Sir Keir Starmer about the UK Government's two-child limit on social security benefits and the associated rape clause.

SPADs have asked me to double check with you that FM has yet to receive a reply from Sir Keir or anyone on his behalf?

There's a social security debate in the chamber tomorrow afternoon, so we just need to check ahead of that.

With best wishes,

[Redacted - Section 38(1)]

[Redacted - Section 38(1)] Unit Head – Parliamentary Unit | Directorate for Social Security

Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8LU [Redacted - Section 38(1)]

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Document 5

From: [Redacted - Section 38(1)] <[Redacted - Section 38(1)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 11:26 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Section 38(1)] <[Redacted - Section 38(1)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Section 38(1)] <[Redacted - Section 38(1)]@gov.scot>

Subject: URGENT - Possible FM to LOTO letter

PSFM, Colin,

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Document 5 - Attachment

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QUESTION 4:

Document 1

From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:27 AM
To: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
<[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk>
Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
<[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot>; Mike Palmer <Mike.Palmer@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2)
Personal Data]
<[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Tranche 2 - next steps

Hi [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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[Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]

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Thanks,

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
| Senior Policy Manager – Energy Transition Policy | Telephone: [Redacted -
Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:02 PM
To: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk>
Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot; Mike.Palmer@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Tranche 2 - next steps

Hi [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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[Regulation 10(5)(d) – Confidentiality of Proceedings]

[Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]

[Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]

Kind regards

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Head of Oil and Gas and Offshore Decarbonisation

Offshore Decarbonisation and Energy Transition

Please note that I am now working from home and available via mobile [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

Please note that my non working day is a Wednesday.

From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk> **Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:22 PM

To: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

(North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]
@nstauthority.co.uk>

Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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@gov.scot>; Mike Palmer <Mike.Palmer@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2)
Personal Data]

<[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Tranche 2 - next steps

Hi All,

Just thought I'd quickly share a couple of items following discussion whilst fresh in the memory.

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 - o [Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]
- [Regulation 10(4)(e) – Internal Communications]
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Many Thanks,

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] Senior Policy Manager – Energy Transition Policy | Telephone: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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

From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:37 PM
To: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data](North Sea Transition Authority); [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data](North Sea Transition Authority)
Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot
Subject: Tranche 2 - next steps
When: 22 January 2024 13:15-13:45 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:32 PM
To: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] (North Sea Transition Authority)
Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot; Mike.Palmer@gov.scot; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot

Subject: Tranche 2 - next steps

When: 22 January 2024 13:15-13:45 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] – pushing into the following week as per your email request (given that it looks like no decision has been made).

Best wishes,

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:48 AM

To: Mike Palmer <Mike.Palmer@gov.scot>; [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] (North Sea Transition Authority) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@nstauthority.co.uk>

Subject: 33rd Round Tranche 2 Awards

[Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]



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From: [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] (Energy Security) <[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]@energysecurity.gov.uk>

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Subject: RE: Emerging issues with 33rd Licensing Round

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Hello[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data],

Happy New Year: hope you've had a good break!

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Happy to discuss, of course.

Best,

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Subject: FW: Emerging issues with 33rd Licensing Round

Hi [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data]

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Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 9:58 AM

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Subject: Emerging issues with 33rd Licensing Round

Morning [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] (o/r) and also [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data],

I hope you are both keeping well, and getting ready for the festive break?

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Many thanks in advance, and happy to speak if helpful.

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and Gas Licensing Round and Existing Offshore Wind and Carbon Capture Storage
(CCS) Sites

Hiya [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data],

The Cabinet Secretary has noted this and will await further advice.

Thank you

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] (she/her)

Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and
Energy – Neil Gray MSP

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Scottish Government officials are currently working with both CES and the NSTA to:

- [Regulation 10(4)(e) – Internal Communications]
- understand the announcement timings and if any adjustments are being made to the expected Tranche 2 Licenses Awards (expected to be announced early in 2024).

Officials spoke with NSTA on 21st December who advised that it is expected that the Decision on the Tranche 2 announcement will be taken in early January, with the

Tranche 2 Announcement made public, potentially within the next few days thereafter. NSTA could not provide any specific timescales in relation to the Announcement including a likely publication date.

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Subject: RE: 33rd O&G licensing round and ScotWind/INTOG sites

Thanks [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data],

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Subject: RE: 33rd O&G licensing round and ScotWind/INTOG sites

Hi Mike, all

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Happy to discuss further if needed.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: 33rd O&G licensing round and ScotWind/INTOG sites

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Thanks Mike

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Thanks

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Subject: 33rd O&G licensing round and ScotWind/INTOG sites

Hi [Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data],

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] and I recently attended a catch-up with NSTA which included discussion of the 33rd O&G licensing round and potential overlap with ScotWind/INTOG sites. [Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]. They said that once they have your feedback they will provide a Decision Support Package to their relevant director who will ultimately make the final decision on the offering of licenses. [Regulation 10(4)(e) – Internal Communications].

We'd be really grateful if you could keep us closely updated on this process, given that if your feedback raises concerns about potentially negative impact on ScotWind/INTOG developments we'd want to make Scottish Ministers aware of that (making clear that the offering of license awards only confers exclusivity at this stage, and that there are a number of 'checks and balances' that will form part of the licensing process before potential O&G operators are given rights to drill in any given site.)

Would you therefore be able to give us a heads-up on your feedback to NSTA before 19th Dec?

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Subject: RE: Recent NSTA/SG/CES Spatial Coordination Call

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Subject: RE: 33rd Round - Tranche 2 - Announcement this PM

Grateful for any views/comments please

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Hi all,

I just wanted to give you a heads up we will be announcing Tranche 2 of the 33rd round later today. [Regulation 10(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information].

[Redacted - Regulation 11(2) Personal Data] is out the office today and I'll be out this afternoon so let me know if you have any questions ASAP.

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Many Thanks,

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