ANNEX A

A small amount of information has been withheld under regulation 10(5)(d) (confidentiality). This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of 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 interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is some public interest in releasing the information as part of an open, transparent and accountable government. However, this is outweighed by the right to maintain confidentiality and where information may pertain to the development of policy.

A small amount of information has been withheld under regulation 10(5)(f) (third party interests). This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of 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 interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is some public interest in releasing the information as part of an open, transparent and accountable government. However, disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, significantly impair the Scottish Government's ability to develop policies and make decisions where advice and evidence has been provided by UK Government departments.

Additionally, a small amount of information has been redacted from the documents disclosed under Regulation 11(2) – Personal Data as it contains personal information and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and in Section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exception is not subject to the 'public interest test'.

ANNEX B

From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security)
Sent: 04 October 2024 10:11
To: cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Letter from Cabinet Secretary Net Zero and Energy - GB Energy

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Many thanks for this- confirming receipt. This will be shared with Minister Shanks ahead of the Ministers' call on Monday.

Best wishes,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]| Deputy Head of Office to the Minister for Energy |
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: 03 October 2024 20:09
To: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) < Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Cc: cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Subject: Letter from Cabinet Secretary Net Zero and Energy - GB Energy

Hello [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Please see attached a letter [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]. I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt.

Thanks v much

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[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Thu 10/10/2024 10:31
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Minster Shanks: LDES

Hi team,

Please see attached a letter for Gillian Martin MSP on LDES.

Please confirm receipt.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]**| Private Secretary to the Minister for Energy |** [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)

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10th October 2024

Dear Gillian,

This government is committed to making Britain a clean energy superpower. I am announcing a further important step enabling this mission: a decision to introduce a cap and floor regime to support investment in the next generation of Long Duration Electricity Storage (LDES) assets.

Our national mission to achieve clean power by 2030 and accelerate to net zero will require the capability to store energy when it is abundant and used when supply is scarce. LDES technologies, which include Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSH) as well as new, innovative solutions like Liquid Air Energy Storage (LAES), are designed to store large quantities of excess electricity, such as that generated by solar and wind during periods of high output, and then supply it back to the grid over periods of several hours or days when it is most needed.

Low carbon long-duration flexibility technologies such as LDES will be pivotal in meeting and maintaining our clean power needs and electricity demand grows. LDES will also diversify our technology mix, giving us greater resilience. And by using renewable energy that can be stored, LDES can help the UK move towards energy independence. Analysis commissioned by government found that in central scenario 20GW of LDES resulted in electricity system savings of £24bn by 2050. This represents a saving to consumers of 3.5% of the total system costs.

However, despite the clear benefits of LDES and the potential for significant expansion, it has been almost forty years since any meaningful new sites were commissioned. This is partly due to uncertainty faced by investors in committing to these complex, long-term projects that have high upfront costs despite having low operating costs. In January 2024, under the previous government, a consultation was published exploring the introduction of an LDES cap and floor investment mechanism. [Today] I am announcing the publication of the government response to this consultation, in which we set out our decision to introduce a cap and floor investment mechanism.

A cap and floor mechanism is an established way to provide investor confidence and enable investment decisions to be made by project developers. It does this by providing revenue

protection (via the revenue floor which is set at a low level) whilst offering benefits to consumers in return by regulating revenue (via the revenue cap). A similar approach has been used successfully to deliver several critical electricity interconnector projects – cables that allow us to trade electricity with overseas markets – without a revenue floor ever being triggered. We are also announcing that Ofgem has also agreed to expand its role in regulating LDES assets, by becoming the investment framework delivery body for LDES, building on their existing role and expertise in already delivering the cap and floor mechanism for electricity interconnection projects.

I would like to thank stakeholders who have taken the time to respond to the previous consultation. My officials will continue working at pace alongside Ofgem to facilitate Ofgem implementing the investment framework as soon as possible. Following this response, we expect the publication of a technical decision document this winter, along with documents by Ofgem as the LDES regulator and investment framework delivery body. We intend for Ofgem to be able to open the investment support scheme to applications from LDES developers in 2025.

Scotland will play a major role in the decarbonisation of the UK energy system. There is a large pipeline of potential PSH projects in Scotland, including SSE's Coire Glas project and Drax's extension of Cruachan. While it will ultimately be for Ofgem to assess these and other Scottish projects in the round, following implementation of the investment support scheme, today's announcement will be a welcome development for developers of Scottish LDES projects. I trust we will be able work effectively together across devolved and reserved issues to accelerate the delivery of this investment support mechanism for the benefit of Scotland and Great Britain.

Best wishes,

Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Wed 09/10/2024 17:40
To: secretary.state@energysecurity.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Cab Sec NZE - Heat in Buildings - Roundtable

Hello [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Please see attached a letter from the Cabinet Secretary on heat in buildings. I'd be grateful if you could please confirm receipt.

Best wishes

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9 October 2024

Dear Ed,

I am writing further to the letter Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Climate Action, sent to UK Government counterparts on 9 August 2024, and to our initial meeting in July where we mentioned that clarity on the UK Government's proposed action on decarbonising heat is vital for all UK nations.

Dr Allan's letter outlined the importance of collaboration between the UK and devolved governments to our mutual goal of improving the fabric of the UK's housing stock and making the transition to clean heat.

As you know, the Scottish Government has recently consulted on a Heat in Buildings Bill that, if passed, would introduce a prohibition on the use of polluting heating systems across the building stock from the end of 2045, and would mandate updates to be made to the energy efficiency of our privately rented and owner occupied homes. Both of these requirements would be subject to specific exemptions and variations to ensure fairness and a just transition. Following our consultation, we have been reviewing responses and considering our policy position.

Given the nature of our devolved powers in this area, with some key aspects being reserved to the UK Government, such as the balancing of gas and electricity prices, I believe that dovetailing with UK Government plans will be essential for a smooth, just and fair transition for building owners. The Scottish Government is committed to its aims of being net zero by 2045, including in our buildings; however, we know that the UK Government's approach will have a significant impact in Scotland and that the Scottish Government's actions in this area will be directly influenced by UK Government plans.

We would therefore find it extremely helpful to understand more about how you expect policy to develop in this area – specifically in relation to proposals for rebalancing of gas and electricity prices to ensure electricity is more affordable, decisions on decarbonisation of the gas grid, and clarity on plans to introduce obligations on energy suppliers or installers, for example through the Clean Heat Market Mechanism.

The UK Government's plans will affect not only Scotland but also the other devolved nations.

This is why I have also written to our Welsh and Northern Irish counterparts to suggest that a four nations summit on the issue of decarbonising heat would be a useful and timely next step. This would complement the proposed four nations roundtable on wider net zero ambitions.

It is my belief that we must create a UK-wide signal to the market that we are committed to the essential transition to clean heating and that energy efficiency will support this. It is an area where collaboration across the UK nations will provide certainty to suppliers, installers and householders, and encourage confidence in progressing with the transition now.

My private office would be most happy to work with yours on identifying and agreeing a convenient date and time for a separate and focused discussion on UK plans for heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency with all devolved nations.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Wed 09/10/2024 14:08
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: SSEP Commissioning

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I hope you're well. Please find attached a response letter from Minister Shanks. The Minister's briefly discussed this in their meeting on Monday.

I'd be grateful for confirmation of receipt.
Best wishes,
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[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]| Deputy Head of Office to the Minister for Energy |
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From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security)
Sent: 02 October 2024 14:46
To: cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: SSEP Commissioning Letter

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you very much for the response letter. Confirming receipt. I will be in touch with a response from Minister Shanks in due course.

Best wishes,
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Sent: 01 October 2024 09:23
To: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>; cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: SSEP Commissioning Letter

Hello [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you very much for Minister Shanks letter on SSEP. Please find attached a response from the Cabinet Secretary. I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt.

Best wishes

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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 4:20 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: SSEP Commissioning Letter

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and team,

Please see attached a letter from Minister Shanks to Minister Martin regarding SSEP and the SSEP NESO Commission.

Please confirm receipt.

Kind regards,

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09 October 2024

Dear Gillian,

Thank you for your swift response regarding the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) commission and I am pleased to hear of your support for the plan.

We are committed to making sure that this is a plan that will work for all of Great Britain, and I am pleased that the Scottish Government is already playing an active role in the SSEP's development. I recognise that the planning system in Scotland is a complex picture of reserved and devolved competencies and we will ensure that this is accounted for as we explore how the recommendations of the SSEP could be implemented.

Following your letter, my officials have worked with yours to agree new wording in the commission, reflecting our ambition for all governments to endorse the SSEP alongside its publication. I can reassure you that your government will have sight of the final SSEP in advance of its publication and any endorsement by the UK government.

The SSEP represents a more strategic approach to planning for energy infrastructure, and is intended to interact with and complement other strategic plans including the Centralised Strategic Network Plan, and at a distribution level, Regional Energy System Plans.

RESPs will look to tackle at the distribution level issues addressed by the SSEP and CSNP at transmission level. There will be interactions between the RESPs, CSNP and SSEP, with feedback loops between each, and as the Delivery Body for these products, NESO will create a framework of internal checks to ensure alignment.

Thank you again for taking the time to write, I hope this gives you the reassurance you are after.

Best wishes,

Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy

From: PS.Mary.Creagh (Defra) <ps.mary.creagh@defra.gov.uk>
Sent: Mon 07/10/2024 15:14
To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy <CabSecWENZE@gov.scot>
Cc: PS.Mary.Creagh (Defra) <ps.mary.creagh@defra.gov.uk>
Subject: JNCC Appointments

Dear Mairie,

Please find attached a letter from Minister Creagh on JNCC Appointments. Could you please provide a response by the 21st of October.

Kind regards,

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October 2024

Dear Mairi,

As you are aware, the process for recruiting a substantive Chair and three independent members to fill existing vacancies to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) has been ongoing. These recruitments will replace the last substantive Chair, Professor Colin

Galbraith and three members: Charles Banner (KC), Professor Melanie Austen and Professor Marian Scott.

The advisory assessment panel was comprised of [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2), [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (Independent Panel Member).

The advisory assessment panel recommended that [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)].

I have decided to relaunch the campaign for the Chair to attract a wider pool of candidates with relevant expertise in nature conservation. As a result, I am proposing that [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)].

I have also considered the relevant skills and experience of the candidates put forward by the advisory assessment panel and I intend to appoint the listed names as independent members to the **JNCC:**

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I propose to appoint all three persons as independent members for a period of three years to commence as soon as is practicable. If you have any comments on these proposals, please let me have these within two weeks of this letter so that the appointments can be confirmed without delay.

I hope you will agree that having on board three new independent members [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)] will provide a fresh perspective and enthusiasm that will allow the JNCC to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. Further information on the background and interview process for the independent members is enclosed in Annex A of this letter. The Department's normal public appointments procedures, which comply with the Governance Code on Public Appointments, have been followed fully in considering these appointments.

I have written similarly to colleagues in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,
MARY CREAGH CBE MP

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Sent: Fri 04/10/2024 14:06
To: ps.emma.hardy@defra.gov.uk; Minister.McCarthy@energysecurity.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy - 04 October 2024

Good afternoon

Please find attached a letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy.

Kind regards

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04 October 2024

Dear Emma and Kerry,

Many thanks for your letter of 24 September, informing us of the UK Government's intention to sign the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) pledge. I was pleased to see this announced at New York Climate Week.

I welcome the UK Government's commitment to the pledge and the six actions it contains, in particular increased collaboration around long term strategic planning; the development of UK NDCs and NAPs in close partnership with devolved administrations; and UK Government assistance securing public and private finance to support Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish implementation of climate action.

As you will be aware, Scotland is the current European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition and President of Regions4 Development Network. These organisations convene ambitious devolved, state and regional governments to drive greater climate action.

In these leadership positions, one of our main priorities is strengthening collaboration between members to support the development and implementation of their climate plans, as well as building greater international recognition of the critical role of subnational governments in fighting the climate and nature crisis. I would be happy to update you on this work and how CHAMP endorsing countries can further engage with our members.

I would welcome a meeting with between the UK Government and devolved authorities to discuss the UK Government's plans to deliver on the commitments of the CHAMP pledge.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN
MARTIN

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Subject: RE: GFIB date

Thanks all. Apologies in the delay – Cab Sec has cleared this letter to go out to GFIB members. [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], can we please now seek your SoS clearance on the letter as Co-Chairs? Do you have a template that could be easily inserted into the letter for joint things?

I know we need to bottom out timings for GFIB also. Does anyone on copy have strong views?

Final thing, [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] it might be worth us speaking on Monday about a potential visit the SoS may want to do during his trip to Aberdeen if he has time - the Net Zero Technology centre is doing brilliant things in terms of furthering the hydrogen opportunity. I'm sure the team there would be more than happy to host as there is huge export potential that im sure would be of interest.

Thanks v much

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Subject: RE: GFIB date

Hi all,

To confirm, Min Shanks has said that assuming they can be slipped, the 17th would be ideal. He also has a strong preference to hold it in Grangemouth – he said the local college would be ideal, but Edinburgh could work as a fallback.

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Thanks looping in [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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This is true – I have just googled the time difference in travel time.

Looping in [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], our head of Ministerial visits, to see what could be possible. I would be grateful if you could connect [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] to the right people on your side.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – SoS would like to combine this with the Aberdeen visit on the 17th October.

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Cc: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: GFIB date

Thanks all – I think Thurs would work well for us too if that's easier? I really think doing this at Grangemouth would send a stronger message – that way they could meet with the workforce/unions onsight (that went down v well when the First Minister done it). They could do an hour for GFIB, 30 mins for union/worker engagement and then if Ministers wanted to join Cab Sec for a 30 min tour after then please feel free also.

Grangemouth isnt too far from Edinburgh so hopefully still be able to fit in Aberdeen easily – I just feel it would be a stronger signal if actually at Grangemouth. Happy to chat further if helpful! Thanks v much

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Subject: RE: GFIB date

Thanks both.

Thursday would now be the only one possible for our SoS – there has now been a slight change of plan on our end as the Friday will now be used by constituency events.

We are also potentially combining this with a visit to Aberdeen – would it be possible to hold the GFIB in Edinburgh rather than Grangemouth? [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] did suggest this at some point – getting from Aberdeen to Grangemouth is quite the journey!

If we all think our principles would be happy with this, I will pass this on to our visits team to start planning this.

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Cc: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: GFIB date

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], does your SoS have a preference?

Thanks v much

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:49 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk; Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk
Subject: Re: GFIB date

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Friday morning would be SofS Scotland's preference if possible.

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 1 Oct 2024 at 13:23, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Yes this works for us too. Do your Ministers have a preference? Conscious they'll need to travel further than Cab Sec.

Thanks v much

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: GFIB date

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)].

@cabsecfornze@gov.scot – does this also work for yourselves?

Best,

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Sent: 30 September 2024 13:07
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: GFIB date

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Hope you are well too!

17th October or morning of 18 October would work well for SofS Scotland.

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Mon, 30 Sept 2024 at 12:26, Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi all

Hope you are all well!

Conscious that we haven't managed to get a date for the GFIB in yet. I've seen the 20th November floating about, however that wouldn't work for DESNZ SoS as he will be at COP.

Could you maybe suggest some other dates? Ideally, the 17th or the morning of the 18th October would work well for us?

Thanks!

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1 October 2024

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 20 September regarding the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) commission.

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your officials for your ongoing and constructive engagement throughout the process of developing this commission, and I am happy to accept the invitation to provide Scottish Government representation on the SSEP Committee.

While I welcome the invitation to co-commission the SSEP, and remain committed to doing so, I would like to raise a couple of matters directly ahead of the finalised document being sent to the NESO.

The Scottish Government supports the intention of the SSEP to provide a coherent and effective plan for energy infrastructure across all of Great Britain. This is an important first step towards an SSEP that works for the whole of Great Britian and helps our governments address shared challenges in decarbonising the energy system and transitioning to net zero.

For the SSEP to be successful, it must be developed as a coherent and effective cross-GB energy plan that will work for respective nations policy direction and energy ambitions and takes into consideration devolved consenting and planning regimes across both terrestrial and marine considerations, with NESO therefore considering the policy directions and devolved competencies of each of these governments while developing the SSEP.

While energy policy is reserved in relation to Scotland and Wales, the UK's planning systems are largely devolved. With regards to the consenting of individual energy infrastructure projects, there is a complex mix of reserved and devolved competencies, and the SSEP would need to be approved by Scottish ministers for it to inform planning and consenting decisions in Scotland.

I would also welcome clarity on the relationship of the Regional Energy System Plans with the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan process, including the governance linkages between the two initiatives.

I understand that my officials have already expressed concerns about the approach taken by the UK Government for the SSEP to be adopted solely by the Secretary of State and then endorsed by the Scottish and Welsh administrations, rather than all three administrations jointly endorsing the Plan for it to become 'live'.

At present, the co-commissioning document states: "The final methodology documents should be shared with the SSEP Committee and Scottish and Welsh Energy Ministers before being submitted to Ofgem and the UK Energy Secretary for approval." In addition, the proposed ambition is for the UK Government and Ofgem to endorse the final SSEP alongside its publication, with the Scottish and Welsh Governments providing a formal response once published.

While it is important for Scottish ministers to retain the right not to endorse the finalised plan, this approach risks placing Scottish ministers in a subsidiary position. I would therefore request that you amend the current approach set out in the commission to enable the devolved administrations to review and approve the final plan ahead of final adoption by the UK Secretary of State - not afterwards as currently written into the commission.

It will be crucial that the interests of the devolved governments are fully represented as the SSEP develops, to avoid a scenario where we cannot agree on the finalised Plan. I know that Scottish Government officials will continue to provide representation and input at the SSEP Committee and other governance forums, and I am aware that there are plans to ensure that Scottish stakeholders are represented on key stakeholder engagement groups.

I look forward to your response and would be happy to meet to discuss further if required.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you on these plans as they develop and hope that, given the importance of cross Government collaboration on the SSEP, we can ensure that we maintain this on our agenda for future bi-lateral engagements.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Fri 27/09/2024 15:45
To: privateoffice@advocategeneral.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter to Catherine Smith KC Advocate General for Scotland from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy.

With my apologies, sending this again to amend a typo. Grateful if this corrected version attached can please be used going forward.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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27 September 2024

Dear Catherine,

CLIMATE CHANGE (EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS) (SCOTLAND) BILL

I am writing to seek your assistance to enable the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (herein 'the Bill') - currently before the Scottish Parliament - to proceed towards Royal Assent in an accelerated manner, so that the resulting Act can commence as soon as possible in advance of 22 November 2024.

The Scottish Ministers currently have a duty to lay a draft Climate Change Plan (CCP) by 22 November 2024, and in order to achieve this duty the CCP must outline how the Government will achieve its targets. At present, Ministers are unable to bring forward a CCP that would fulfil that requirement due to the fact that, as outlined by the independent advice of the Climate Change Committee (CCC), our near-term target for 2030 is out of reach. Subject to parliamentary approval, once this Bill, which is narrowly focussed on addressing issues with the target framework and CCP timeline, has passed, the Scottish Government will be able to move swiftly to setting targets via secondary legislation (following receipt of the latest CCC advice) and then onto fulfilling our statutory obligations with a credible CCP.

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not taken forward at that time, as we did not wish to influence the UK election on a topic that was featured as part of the election campaign. As these circumstances necessitated a slight delay, Scottish Ministers introduced the Bill in the Scottish Parliament on 5 September 2024, with the Parliament currently considering the Bill on an accelerated timeframe. Our proposed timeline would have allowed adherence to the usual timescale for post-Stage 3 statutory consideration and Royal Assent. However, the scrutinising committee and wider parliament have asked for more time and Stage 1 is now scheduled for 10 October, while timings for Stages 2 and 3 are yet to be agreed, but we now expect that the Bill will complete parliamentary consideration early in November.

My officials will keep your offices apprised of any changes to the timetable, and particularly once the timing for Stage 3 has been agreed. As is normal practice I understand that, the day after the Bill is passed in the Scottish Parliament, the Presiding Officer will write to you and the Attorney General advising of the statutory period in which referral of the Bill can be made to the UK Supreme Court on a question of legislative competence under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998.

It would be most helpful if you and the Attorney General were able to reach a concluded view on this matter in a timeframe that – subject to your being satisfied that there was no legal objection – enabled you to separately respond to the Presiding Officer's letter as soon as possible after the passage of the Bill. Given the accelerated timescale of this legislation and the narrow scope of its provisions, we do not anticipate significant changes from its form as introduced and will of course keep your offices appraised of any amendments relevant to your deliberations as it progresses through Parliament. Replies to the Presiding Officer from all relevant parties by 14 November 2024 will enable her to submit Letters Patent immediately thereafter with a copy of the Bill to the Palace authorities for His Majesty's signature.

This is not a request that I make lightly and I can assure you that were you to accede to my request this would be viewed very much as an exception and not the rule. Your help in the matters of timing described above would be greatly appreciated - please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help facilitate this.

I am also writing to the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate for Scotland, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, to request their accelerated consideration of the Bill once it is passed by the Scottish Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Fri 27/09/2024 15:43
To: secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter to Ian Murray MP Secretary of State for Scotland from Gillian Martin MSP

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

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Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Fri 27/09/2024 15:40
To: pslawofficers@attorneygeneral.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter to The Rt Hon Lord Hermer KC Attorney General from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

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Our ref:
Your ref:

20 September 2024

Dear Gillian,

I am writing regarding the commission of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) for Great Britain, to be delivered by the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

The UK Government is committed to delivering this plan, and the Secretary of State will shortly be commissioning the SSEP publicly. It is vital that this plan works for all of Great Britain, and I would therefore welcome your support and invite you to co-commission the SSEP along with the UK and Welsh Governments. We have worked closely with your officials during drafting of the commission to build consensus between our governments, and I attach the final version of the commission for publication.

In order to ensure your continual involvement in the methodology and development of the plan, I invite Scottish Government to have representation on the SSEP Committee, a key governance forum for the SSEP.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm your commitment to co-commissioning and approval to progress the public commission by 02 October, and I look forward to working with you on this going forward.

Yours ever,

MICHAEL SHANKS MP
Minister for Energy

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Fri 20/09/2024 12:50
To: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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20 September 2024

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2024, outlining the UK Government's current position on its Review of Scottish Consenting.

We welcome the 'open book' approach you have now instructed, and I know that my officials have been working diligently to provide the necessary input to the consultation document, upon its receipt alongside this letter. We note the ambitious timeframes for publication and are prioritising this work accordingly.

It is also encouraging to hear that you are open to considering regulation making powers for Scottish Ministers. We consider this to be an essential outcome for this exercise, to ensure that we have the ability to react to any changing circumstances of the direct technical amendments to which we are otherwise working towards.

Should the public consultation document, upon its completion, be sufficiently ambitious in its scope, we will be happy to provide a public demonstration of our collaboration, be that through a foreword, or otherwise.

As such, I would be happy for our offices to find a suitable slot for discussion ahead of the UK Parliament's return from recess.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Sent: Tue 17/09/2024 15:29
To: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: For Issue - Factual Background on Grangemouth Refinery closure

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Cab Sec has also cleared this – can you pleases send to your MP list and I will send to MSP now as I need to do so before Cab Sec stands up in the Chamber in an hour.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]**Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP**
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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Sat 14/09/2024 09:00
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: 'Correspondence.Huw.Irranca-Davies@gov.wales'; Private.Office@daera-ni.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Letter to the Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good morning, [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you very much. With apologies for the slight delay, please accept this email as confirmation of receipt on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]| Senior Private Secretary and Head of SpAds' Office | **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero** | [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]| Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk | You can find guidance on our submission and briefing templates here.

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Sent: 11 September 2024 12:46
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Cc: cabsecfornze@gov.scot; Huw.Irranca-Davies@senedd.wales; Private.Office@daera-ni.gov.uk
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Kind regards,

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11 September

2024 Dear Ed,

APPOINTMENT OF ADAPTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

I am writing in response to the letter received from the Professor Piers Forster and Baroness Brown of Cambridge relating to their recommendation to appoint Professor Swenja Surminski as the representative of the Adaptation Committee on the Climate Change Committee.

Having reviewed your recommendation and the information provided on Professor Surminski, I am writing to confirm that I am content to support her appointment as the Adaption Committee representative on the Climate Change Committee.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies MS and Andrew Muir

MLA. Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: North Sea Transition Forum pre-read

Good afternoon,

Please see attached the pre-read for next week's North Sea Transition Forum.

For those unable to attend I have included you for your own awareness to what will be discussed.

Many thanks,
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Subject: GFIB - Attendance

PO's,

As discussed – highlighted is confirmed attendance at today's extraordinary GFIB Leadership Forum meeting.

I will send an updated version at 16:45 ahead of the meeting, as it currently stands we haven't had confirmation of any Trade Union reps joining.

Thanks,

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy - Gillian Martin

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Please find attached correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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12 September 2024

Dear Ed,

I am writing to you regarding Petroineos' confirmation that, despite our best and collective efforts in recent weeks, the Grangemouth Refinery is to cease refining operations in Q2 2025, with the asset converting to a fuels import terminal next year.

I know you will share my disappointment and deep concern at the business' decision, and the impact it will have on the workforce. We know that the Refinery currently employs c. 500 FTE jobs and supports hundreds more in the supply chain, whereas the new fuels import terminal will only support c. 75 FTE jobs once operational, meaning the majority of the existing workforce will be left seeking alternative employment opportunities.

I note that Petroineos have confirmed that it will not continue with their planned conversion of the Finnart to Grangemouth pipeline as previously announced. [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]. I would urge that you and your officials to ensure that Petroineos' import terminal plans are robust beyond May 2025.

Throughout our numerous conversations since you were appointed Secretary of State, we have been agreed on the imperative of engaging constructively on matters relating to the Refinery's transition to a fuels import terminal, including the impact that this decision will have on the local economy, the workforce, and security of fuel supplies in Scotland. To that end, I am pleased that our officials have an agreed open book approach on downstream oil resilience in Scotland and have valued your participation in engagements with the business' CEOs and shareholders in recent weeks.

Collaboration between our Governments since July has resulted in the confirmation of up to £1.598m in grant funding from the Scottish and UK Governments to progress Petroineos' "Project Willow" cross site study, which I understand is now well underway. Though this study is examining potential projects that are in the earlier stages of technological readiness, I believe our material support for this project it is demonstrative of our collective commitment to a low carbon future for Grangemouth. I, like you, look forward to receiving the conclusions of this study and welcome your assurance that it will explore routes to supporting the deployment of projects identified by this study via the National Wealth Fund.

Lastly, I am pleased that our joint working has culminated in a package of support for the Refinery and locality that will include a targeted skills intervention for those affected by the Refinery's future transition.

Notwithstanding the above positive steps that our Governments have taken to support Grangemouth, there is much more to be done, and I reaffirm to you my commitment to work with you to explore all options and to accelerate the deployment of low carbon technologies at Grangemouth.

I know we will meet at various points over the coming days, however I want to reaffirm that my door is always open to further conversations on these matters at the situation develops.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

Cc: Secretary of State for Scotland and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy - Gillian Martin

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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11 September 2024

Dear Ed,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Clean Power 2030 ambition set by UK Government, and the UK Government's commissioning of the ESO to provide analysis on what is required to deliver a clean, secure, and operable electricity system by 2030. I have written separately to ESO's External Affairs Director, accepting his invitation to the Scottish Government to be a part of this programme of work.

I am keen to ensure that the full partnership approach with the devolved governments adopted in the development of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) is replicated in the UK Government's plans for achieving clean power by 2030, and specifically the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan. It is crucial that the Action Plan reflects the critical role that clean energy infrastructure in Scotland will play in the UK's energy transition; and takes full account of the Scottish Government's energy policies, ambitions, and plans, as well as of Scotland's devolved consenting and planning systems.

To ensure that there is a clear process for our governments to work together in managing and feeding into this plan, I would welcome assurance on the governance of the action plan and its delivery stages, including the devolved governments' participation in the Clean Power Delivery group. I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these plans.

I look forward to continuing our close engagement to tackle our shared challenges in decarbonising the energy system, to ensure the UK Government's plans to address these reflect the circumstances of all of Great Britain.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Sent: Wed 11/09/2024 13:09
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Secretary.State (DEFRA) <Secretary.State@defra.gov.uk>

Cc: Huw.Irranca-Davies@senedd.wales; Private.Office@daera-ni.gov.uk; Parliament, CabinetTeam <ParliamentandCabinetTeam@defra.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter to the Rt Hon Steven Reed MP Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

As requested, confirming receipt.

Please can I ask that going forward these are also cc'd to ParliamentandCabinetTeam @defra.gov.uk.

Regards,
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Subject: Letter to the Rt Hon Steven Reed MP Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy. We would be very grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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11 September 2024

Dear Steven,

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

Thank you for providing the results of the recruitment process for the appointment of new members to the Adaptation Committee of the Climate Change Committee.

Having reviewed the list of candidates provided, I am writing to confirm that I am content to support the appointment of the following three candidates:

Infrastructure – [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Health – [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Farming – [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

The candidates will provide valuable expertise to the Adaptation Committee and I wish them well in their new roles.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies MS and Andrew Muir MLA.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Dear Gillian Martin MSP,

Thank you for your prompt response to Minister Creagh's letter of 28 August confirming you are content with the level of JNCC's GiA funding for the new Financial Year. Please note that the last paragraph should have reflected financial year 24/25 and not 23/24. With sincere apologies, there

has also been another minor error with the contribution for Wales (the correct figure should be £598,907 and not £599,907). We have now made these edits and resending the updated letter for your records.

Best regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (pronounced [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]) **| Private Secretary to Minister Mary Creagh |** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs **|** [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

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Good morning,

Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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10 September 2024

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Dear Mairi,

Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) budget settlement for 2024/25

I am writing to seek your agreement to the Scottish Government's contribution to Grant- in-Aid (GiA) funding which will be made available to the Joint Nature Conservation Com- mittee (JNCC) in 2024/25. JNCC will receive total GiA of £8,740,557 for 2024/25. I be- lieve the settlement would provide JNCC with a firm financial footing to deliver its func- tions whilst continuing to pursue suitable opportunities to diversify non-GiA income to in- crease its long-term resilience. Following consultation with your officials, this year's pro- posed GiA is £2,782,096 for UK co-ordination budget, and £2,411,138 for governance and corporate services.

Under the agreed funding formula, our respective shares of the proposed GiA are as fol- lows: £6,614,260 provided by Defra; £1,255,160 from Scottish Government; £598,907.00 from Welsh Government; and £272,230 from the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland. Figures include the annual uplift of £500,000 agreed since 2023/24 to cover the increased running costs of their species surveillance schemes, which provide essential underpinning data for UK-wide policies. Following the transfer of additional items into Defra's baseline, funding for reserved matters will be £1,039,181 and additional marine GiA £2,008,142.

All figures, including the UK co-ordination uplift, are illustrated in the table below. The En- vironmental Governance Team will be raising an invoice for £1,156,160 out of Scotland's Grant-in-Aid contribution £1,255,160. As with previous years, the expectation is that £99,000 of the 2024-25 contribution will be retained by NatureScot to fund the provision of advice on offshore marine renewable developments. Could you please provide confirmation that you are content with the level of JNCC's GiA funding for 2024/25, if possible, within two weeks of the date of this letter. I am also writing in similar terms to Andrew Muir in Northern Ireland and Huw Irranca-Davies in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

MARY CREAGH CBE MP

Grant-in aid Funder	**Reserved GiA** (£)	**Marine GiA (£)**	**UK Coordination GiA** (£)	**Governance & Corporate Services GiA** (£)	**Species Surveillance Uplift (£)**	**Total** (£)
Defra Marine		2,008,142	0	1,227,118	0	3,235,260

Defra Reserved / England	1,039,181		1,338,409	735,410	266,000	3.379,000
Scotland			852,645	264,515	138,000	1,255,160
Wales			406,947	125,960	66,000	598,907
Northern Ireland			184,095	58,135	30,000	272,230
Total	1,039,181	2,008,142	2,782,096	2,411,138	**500,000**	8,740,557

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6 September 2024

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter seeking agreement to Scotland's contribution to the JNCC Grant-In-Aid for 2024/25.

JNCC's work continues to be instrumental in facilitating a collective UK response to the global biodiversity crisis and plays a key role in co-ordinating and reporting on our commitments to the Global Biodiversity Framework. JNCC advice on the marine environment has made a valuable contribution to the development of proposed management measures for offshore MPA, and supports the Scottish Governments commitments to offshore renewables. The surveillance schemes continue to provide critical data on the population trends of key species enabling us to track the impact of climate change and other drivers of biodiversity change and put in place appropriate measures to address these pressures. I look forward to continuing a positive level of engagement and partnership with the JNCC going forward.

In relation to funding for 2024/25, I am content to confirm the Scottish Government's contribution of £1,255,160 to the JNCC's Grant-In-Aid budget, as set out in your letter. As in previous years, NatureScot will continue to retain up to £99,000 to cover the provision of advice on off-shore marine renewable developments, delegated from JNCC.

Against the backdrop of on-going resource challenges, I would encourage early engagement and discussion on priorities and affordability in 2025/26 and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Minister Shanks Letter - Reform of Electricity Infrastructure Consenting in Scotland

Dear Private Office,

I hope you are well. Please find attached a letter from Minister Shanks to Minister Martin.

Please let me know if any questions,
Best wishes,
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9 September 2024

Dear Gillian,

Thank you for our positive meeting in Edinburgh on 6 August. We covered a lot of ground, and I look forward to working collaboratively with you in support of our shared aims.

At the end of our meeting, I raised the issue of reform to Scottish electricity infrastructure consenting. We agreed that this is a shared priority for us, and that we should move at pace to implement reform so that benefits can be realised as soon as possible to help support progress towards a clean power energy system by 2030.

The Department's recommended approach for reform is that this should be achieved through the UK Government making technical amendments to the Electricity Act 1989 when parliamentary time allows. [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)].

As a next step I think we need to launch a public consultation on the policy package. This will need to be published as close as possible to the UK Parliament's Conference Recess. Noting the reference in your Programme for Government 2024-25 to collaborating with the UK Government on a review of Scottish consenting, I would welcome your view on the role that the Scottish Government would like to take with regards to the consultation. [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)].

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)].

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Minister for Housing and Planning (MHCLG), and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Best wishes,

Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy

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Subject: Letter to Michael Shanks MP from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy. We would be very grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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5 September 2024

Dear Emma,

Thank you for your letter of 3 September enclosing a copy of the Water (Special Measures) Bill. I am grateful for sight of the Bill and Explanatory Notes ahead of publication together with your explanation for the need for the Bill and how it delivers on your manifesto commitments.

As you will appreciate, Scottish Water is a public corporation accountable to Scottish Ministers and through them to the Scottish Parliament. This means that Scottish Ministers have duties in relation to setting investment priorities, funding, dividend policy, Executive Director remuneration etc and therefore some of the topics covered in your Bill are not relevant. I recognise, however, that the issue of sewer spills are of concern to the public in Scotland and, as a consequence, we are prioritising investment in this area.

I am grateful for the contact that your officials have made with the Scottish Government. I would be grateful for updates during the passage of the Bill. Equally I am happy to share Scottish Government experience of managing a public sector water utility, should that be of use to you.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Letter from Minister Hardy on Water (Special Measures) Bill

Dear John Swinney and Gillian Martin,

Please see attached a letter from Minister Hardy to inform you of her intention to introduce the Water (Special Measures) Bill to the UK Parliament on 4th September 2024. Attached, as a courtesy, is a copy of the Bill along with its accompanying Explanatory Notes. Ministers would be grateful if these are held in confidence until the Bill is formally introduced.

Kind regards,

Minister Hardy's private office

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03/09/2024

Dear John and Gillian,

Water (Special Measures) Bill

I am writing to inform you of my intention to introduce the Water (Special Measures) Bill to the UK Parliament on 4th September 2024. I have attached, as a courtesy, a copy of the Bill along with its accompanying Explanatory Notes. I would be most grateful if these are held in confidence until the Bill is formally introduced.

Through the Bill, the Government will drive meaningful improvements in the performance and culture of the water industry as a first important step in enabling wider, transformative change across the water sector more broadly. We will deliver on our manifesto commitments to block bonuses for executives who pollute our waterways, to bring criminal charges against persistent law breakers, to enable automatic and severe fines for wrongdoing, and to enable monitoring of every sewage outlet.

The Bill's provisions relate to the devolved matter of water industry and therefore do not apply or extend to Northern Ireland or Scotland. The provisions will extend and apply to England and, at the request of Welsh Ministers, will apply to Wales too with the exception of Clauses 2, 3 and 10 which apply to England only.

My officials have separately spoken to Scottish Government officials to update them on the measures in the Bill at working level and are happy to provide further information as necessary throughout passage of the Bill.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Sincerely,

EMMA HARDY MP

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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3 September 2024

Dear Secretary of State,
Dear Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,

Re. Alignment of upcoming Circular Economy legislation

Congratulations to you both on your respective appointments. I am looking forward to working closely with you as you develop and implement important reforms to build a more circular economy - reducing waste, building resilient and sustainable businesses, and supporting our transition to net zero.

As an area of devolved policy, I particularly welcome the UK Government's commitment to reset its relationship with devolved governments and engage in a positive and productive way. We must recognise the benefits of devolution – to create policy that respects each national context, and embrace opportunities to try new approaches in different nations.

However, there are also many areas where, by working together, we can achieve more than each nation alone. I welcome the progress made by officials on our shared policy programme, and remain committed to working closely with you where our ambitions are aligned. For that reason I am writing today to confirm the Scottish Government's position on two of our shared priorities: addressing the environmental impacts of single-use vapes, and the deposit return scheme (DRS) for single-use drinks containers.

Single-use vapes

As you will be aware, all four nations have committed to ban the sale and supply of single- use vapes. A common coming into force date of 01 April 2025 was agreed by Ministers in all nations; this date has been widely communicated to businesses and the public. Regulations have been developed in all four nations over the last six months to work towards this date. In Scotland, Regulations have been laid in the Scottish Parliament.

We are seeking clarification and confirmation on whether it remains the intention to legislate in England for a ban by 01 April 2025. As you will appreciate, any delay in England impacts upon the enforceability of regulations in Scotland as a result of the effects of UK Internal Market Act 2020. The Scottish Government wrote to the previous Secretary of State for Defra in February this year to highlight this risk, and officials have continued to engage through the Resources and Waste Common Framework.

You will no doubt be aware of the issues posed by the UK Internal Market Act 2020 for the exercise of devolved powers. A process for excluding certain areas within Common Frameworks from the IMA has been agreed between the UK and devolved governments, though there have been challenges with that process.

In order to carefully consider following the common frameworks exclusion process in relation to the ban on single-use vapes I do need to know if there are changes to the current timeline. On balance I believe this is an area where it is important to continue to align across the UK where possible, in order to provide greatest clarity for businesses and the public. I would be minded to take steps to delay the implementation of the ban in Scotland, if required, and agree a new common coming into force date across nations if it were a reasonably short delay to the original date. Any delay should be as short as practically possible to minimise the impact on the environmental and public health. I should note that while I believe that aligning in this instance on an implementation date is the more appropriate way forward in this instance I may have to consider using the IMA exclusion process for future policies - including if the delay to this policy was longer than expected. We are very clear that devolution must be respected and we would expect that divergence may happen on some policies and that the IMA should not be a barrier to this.

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

You will be also aware of the challenges posed by the previous UK Government's refusal to agree a workable exclusion from the UK Internal Market Act for Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme. Despite those challenges, I remain committed to DRS and I am keen we work collaboratively to introduce a scheme, as scheduled, in October 2027.

A barrier to moving forward on DRS has been our differing positions over the materials in scope. Scotland has strongly made the case that glass should be included in the scope of a DRS, but I understand and respect that the UK Government has taken a different view. In light of the previous Government's decision on the IMA, in April this year we agreed to move forward with DRS in Scotland without glass on day one, so long as the scheme was future proofed for the longer term. We remain committed to this approach.

I believe there is collective agreement across the four nations to achieve glass recycling rates above 90%, and move towards reuse. Any action now should not prevent us from going further, and we should ensure any future development of DRS is evidence-led. For that reason, I strongly support the Welsh Government's intent to launch DRS in Wales with glass in scope. This would provide important learning and de-risks any future adoption in other nations. Importantly, it would move past previous disagreements, respecting devolved decision-making, and allow us to proceed together to deliver this transformative scheme.

Officials will continue to engage closely on these issues, and I would ask that communication of final positions on both these issues are coordinated across nations.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Letter on JNCC budget settlement for 2024/25

Dear Mairi McAllan,

Please find attached a letter from Minister Creagh on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) budget settlement for 2024/25.

Best regards,
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28 August 2024

Sent via email to:
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Dear Mairi,

Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) budget settlement for 2024/25

I am writing to seek your agreement to the Scottish Government's contribution to Grant-in-Aid (GiA) funding which will be made available to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) in 2024/25. JNCC will receive total GiA of £8,740,557 for 2024/25. I believe the settlement would provide JNCC with a firm financial footing to deliver its functions whilst continuing to pursue suitable opportunities to diversify non-GiA income to increase its long-term resilience. Following consultation with your officials, this year's proposed GiA is £2,782,096 for UK co-ordination budget, and £2,411,138 for governance and corporate services.

Under the agreed funding formula, our respective shares of the proposed GiA are as follows: £6,614,260 provided by Defra; £1,255,160 from Scottish Government; £599,907 from Welsh Government; and £272,230 from the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland. Figures include the annual uplift of £500,000 agreed since 2023/24 to cover the increased running costs of their species surveillance schemes, which provide essential underpinning data for UK-wide policies. Following the transfer of additional items into Defra's baseline, funding for reserved matters will be £1,039,181 and additional marine GiA £2,008,142.

All figures, including the UK co-ordination uplift, are illustrated in the table below. The Environmental Governance Team will be raising an invoice for £1,156,160 out of Scotland's Grant-in-Aid contribution of £1,255,160. As with previous years, the expectation is that £99,000 of the 2024-25 contribution will be retained by NatureScot to fund the provision of advice on offshore marine renewable developments.

Could you please provide confirmation that you are content with the level of JNCC's GiA funding for 2023/24, if possible, within two weeks of the date of this letter. I am also writ- ing in similar terms to Andrew Muir in Northern Ireland and Huw Irranca-Davies in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

MARY CREAGH CBE MP

Grant-in aid Funder	**Reserved GiA** (£)	**Marine GiA (£)**	**UK Coordination GiA** (£)	**Governance & Corporate Services GiA** (£)	**Species Surveillance Uplift (£)**	**Total** (£)
Defra Marine		2,008,142	0	1,227,118	0	3,235,260
Defra Reserved / England	1,039,181		1,338,409	735,410	266,000	3.379,000
Scotland			852,645	264,515	138,000	1,255,160
Wales			406,947	125,960	66,000	598,907
Northern Ireland			184,095	58,135	30,000	272,230
Total	1,039,181	2,008,142	2,782,096	2,411,138	**500,000**	8,740,557

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Subject: RE: Joint SG/UKG Commission - Grangemouth Future Industry Board Advice - Due 16:00 Wednesday 14 August

Many thanks for this [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – looping in [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], our head of visits to look at the program and factor in flights etc.

To note, after the board DESNZ SoS is interested in meeting with some of the workers to hear their concerns. [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]will factor this into the program.

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Best,
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Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

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You can find guidance and our submission and briefing templates here

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good morning,

Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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15 August 2024

Dear Steve,

UPDATE TO DELIVERY TIMELINE FOR NATIONAL MARINE PLAN 2 FOR SCOTLAND – NOTIFICATION UPDATE PUBLISHED STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

My colleague Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy wrote to your predecessor, the Rt. Hon. Ranil Jayawardena, M.P. on the 31 August 2022 to inform him of our intention to update the National Marine Plan for Scotland. Scottish Ministers are required under section 5(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 ("the 2010 Act"), to prepare and adopt a national marine plan ("NMP") for the Scottish marine area.

In March 2015, Scotland's first NMP was adopted and published. The NMP covers the management of both Scottish inshore regions (out to 12 nautical miles) and offshore regions (12 to 200 nautical miles) and was developed in a manner consistent with the overarching UK Marine Policy Statement (2011).

The NMP has been reviewed twice to date, in 2018 and 2021. The 2021 review focussed on the impact of significant external national and global developments, including; the twin global climate and nature crises, the UK Exit from the EU, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Scottish Government's net zero targets, and development of a wider number of Scottish Government policies, targets and strategies. The 2021 review concluded that, whilst the NMP remains legally effective, the scale and pace of change within the wider policy, legislative, scientific and technological landscape points strongly to the need to update the existing NMP. This conclusion was echoed by stakeholders who responded to the review consultation process.

In recognition of the importance of effective management of our marine space in the shared ambition of working together to accelerate the transition to net zero by 2045, the achievement of national and international biodiversity commitments and for securing opportunities delivered by a blue economy approach, Scottish Ministers decided to commence the process of updating the existing NMP with a "National Marine Plan 2 ("NMP2"). In accordance with the statutory provisions, NMP2 will set out the Scottish Ministers' policies for sustainable development of Scotland's seas, including the setting of

economic, social and marine ecosystem objectives, as well as objectives for the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. Scottish Ministers will also state their policies on the contribution of designated conservation sites for the protection and enhancement of the Scottish marine area and their policies for and in connection with the sustainable development of the area to which the NMP2 applies.

In Schedule 6 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act"), Paragraph 5(1) requires that prior to preparing a marine plan, a marine plan authority (Scottish Ministers for the offshore region) must prepare and publish a Statement of Public Participation ("SPP"), and that where the marine plan authority proposes to include provision relating to retained functions, a statement to that effect is included in the SPP (Paragraph 5(4)).

Formal notification of Scottish Ministers' intention to develop a NMP2, including a draft SPP for consideration, was provided to the Secretary of State and related planning authorities in August and September 2022, and agreement secured. Scottish Ministers announced their intention to replace the existing plan with a NMP2 in October 2022 and published the SPP, which includes an anticipated timeline for delivery of NMP2, and is supported by a separate Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to guide engagement throughout plan development.

Since October 2022, delivery of NMP2 has progressed significantly, centred around 4 key work strands, namely policy development, statutory assessments, monitoring and evaluation and stakeholder engagement. The development of planning policies in NMP2 will reflect a blue economy approach to marine management and will have regard to the principles of a Just transition. As such, extensive stakeholder engagement and participation are required to co-design NMP2 and the policies within, as well as to comprehensively assess and identify appropriate solutions for any impacts of the plan for specific groups or areas.

Scottish Ministers have committed to inclusive engagement throughout NMP2 development, as noted in the SPP and have identified additional opportunities and approaches to engage with stakeholders to facilitate co-design of the plan. These important changes are to be reflected through an amendment to the delivery timeline in the SPP, in accordance with Paragraphs 7(1) and 7(2), Schedule 6 of the 2009 Act. The proposed revisions to the timeline also account for the UK election period and the requirement to consider the outcomes of ongoing legal processes.

A revised draft SPP is attached to this letter and the revisions include the amended timeline for delivery of NMP2, and editorial clarifications in line with the new timeline. Following discussions with UK Government officials, as the proposed amendments to the existing SPP for NMP2 relate to the delivery timeline and the previous position and statement regarding the inclusion of provision relating to retained functions in NMP2 is not changed, agreement to publish the revised SPP from relevant planning authorities is not required. The revised draft SPP is attached for awareness and will be published as 'revised' in due course. I would be grateful if you could please confirm that you have accepted this letter as formal notification of the proposed changes to the delivery timeline for Scotland's NMP2.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course and to working together to maintain the vital joined-up approach to planning and management in cross border areas, in line with the UK Marine Policy Statement.

I am copying this letter to my colleagues, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, the

Cabinet Secretary for Transport and to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy - Gillian Martin

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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09 May 2024

Dear Susan,

THE PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024 - EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Further to the then Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy Màiri McAllan's holding reply to Lord Douglas-Miller's letter of 12 March 2024 I can confirm that the Scottish Parliament has given its approval to Scottish devolved matters being included in The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

I would be grateful if our officials can continue to liaise on the detailed drafting of the SI and we look forward to seeing the final version of the SI before it is laid on 8 October 2024.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

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Please find attached letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP.

Grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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2 August 2024

Dear Michael,

ONSHORE WIND TASKFORCE

I would like to reiterate my congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. I have found our meetings over the last few weeks useful, and I look forward to working with you to deliver for the people of Scotland.

As you know, onshore wind deployment is crucial for meeting our shared renewable energy and net zero ambitions, providing a cost-effective and scalable source of clean energy, helping to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, thereby lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, onshore wind projects can stimulate local economies through job creation and infrastructure development. The Scottish Government is committed to the continued development and deployment of onshore wind in order to support the rapid decarbonisation of our energy system, and the sectors which depend upon it, in line with a just transition to net zero.

As you are aware, last year the Scottish Government published, in partnership with industry, the Onshore Wind Sector Deal for Scotland. The publication of the deal marked a significant step towards enabling the delivery of 20 GW of onshore wind in Scotland by 2030. It also demonstrates our ability to work with industry and ensure that Scotland and our communities can reap the benefits from the transition to renewable energy.

The deal covers issues that are wholly devolved to the Scottish Government, for example planning where we are seeking to reduce consenting timelines for planning applications, and issues that are reserved, particularly those relating to aviation and defence. I am committed to collaborating closely with the UK Government on these reserved issues to ensure our shared objectives around the deployment of onshore wind are met effectively. I therefore welcome the creation of the Onshore Wind Taskforce and the willingness to work collaboratively with Devolved Governments.

The Scottish Government values collaboration and we stand ready to work together to address shared issues and fulfil common ambitions. I understand early engagement between our officials is progressing well, however I would like to emphasise the need to ensure appropriate Scottish Government representation on the taskforce. If the UK is to successfully achieve its ambition of doubling onshore wind deployment by 2030, much of this deployment will need to come from Scotland. It is therefore imperative that the taskforce tackles some of the key issues highlighted in the Scottish Sector Deal and that we can

share our experience and work together effectively to help the deployment of onshore wind.

I am looking forward to meeting with you in Edinburgh next week and for us to continue to work together on these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

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Subject: Letter to Rt Hon Steve Reed MP Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs from Gillian Martin MSP Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy. We would be very grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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31 July 2024

Dear Steve,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming public consultation on the proposed fisheries management measures within offshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Scottish waters which is to be launched Summer 2024. There are 20 sites within the offshore region in which the Scottish Government is intending to implemented proposed fisheries management measures.

The MPA network protects and enhances our marine environment and natural capital, which is the bedrock of sustainable marine industries. 37% of Scottish seas are now designated as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), exceeding the proposed global biodiversity target to achieve MPA coverage of 30% of global seas by 2030. We have a legal requirement to put in place the required measures to protect MPAs. This is required under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994, which places duties on all public authorities to ensure that there is no significant risk to protected features from their decisions to allow licensable activities to take place.

The Scottish Government have set a commitment for the delivery of fisheries management measures for existing MPAs where these are not already in place, as well as key coastal biodiversity locations outside of these sites. These measures will give protection for MPA features, as well as those priority marine features identified as most at risk from bottom contacting mobile fishing gear out with MPAs.

In accordance with section 116(6) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Scottish Ministers sought approval from the Secretary of State prior to designating MPAs in offshore zone.

In accordance with section 137A of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Scottish Minsters may make one or more orders relating to the exploration of sea fisheries resources in Scottish offshore region for the purpose of conserving marine flora or fauna; marine habitats or types of marine habitat, or; features of geological or geographical interest.

In accordance with section 137B of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, before making an order under section 137A Scottish Ministers much consult the Secretary of State and any other person whom they think fit to consult and publish a notice of the making of an order under section 137A.

Furthermore, in accordance with section 123(5) of the 2009 Act the Scottish Ministers have had regard to any obligations under EU or international law that relate to the conservation or improvement of the marine environment.

I have included a map (**Annex A**) and a High level site summary (**Annex B**- attached document) of the 20 offshore sites containing an overview of the sites, a description of the protected features, conservation objectives, and the proposed fisheries management measures along with a summary of the socio-economic and environmental impacts.

Included within the consultation package which will be available for the public and

stakeholders to review and feedback on will include;

- Consultation paper detailing the proposed fisheries management measures and the amendment to the West of Scotland MPA boundary;
- Draft fisheries assessments;
- Sustainability Appraisal including the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
- Partial Business Regulatory Impact Assessments (BRIA);
- Partial Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA); and
- Draft Order on the amendment to the West of Scotland MPA boundary.

As part of the consultation package, we will be utilising new geospatial software to make the large amount of information more transparent and accessible for the public to response effectively.

To ensure the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the proposed fisheries management measures are considered, the Scottish Government has assessed the impacts and benefits to each site. Where significant concerns were raised, options and alternatives were considered to protect the features and meet conservation objectives and we have worked closely with stakeholders to minimise unnecessary impacts and ensure sustainable development of the marine environment.

I will inform you of this consultation launch date and where to respond to the consultation in due course. If you require any further information that would be useful to have, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

Annex A

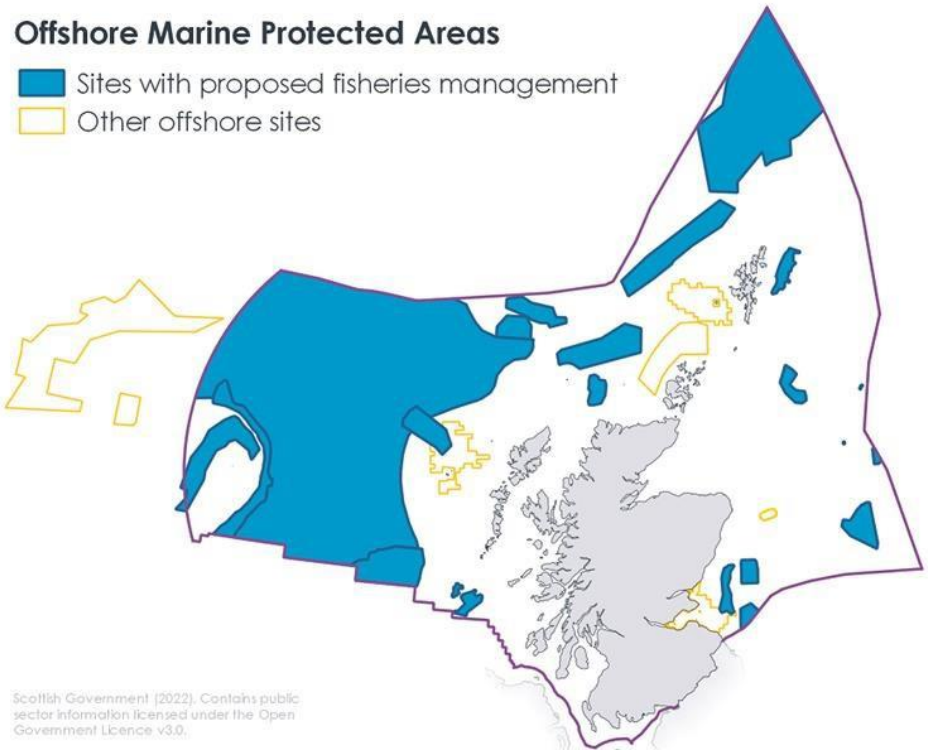

Figure 1. Scottish offshore marine region with highlighted marine protected areas requiring fisheries management measures.

Annex B

Attached Document: High level site summary

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Mon 29/07/2024 17:39
To: PS/ Secretary of State <Secretary.State@defra.gov.uk>
Cc: Secretary of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Cab Sec NZE to SoS EFRA - shared interests

Dear Secretary of State,

Please find attached a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy. I'm also copying this to the SoS for Scotland for his information.

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)
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Steve Reed OBE MP
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29 July 2024

Dear Steve,

I am writing to offer my congratulations on your recent appointment as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. I have had some very positive introductory discussions with your Cabinet colleagues, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and the Secretary of State for Scotland, and am very much looking forward to working with you too. I welcome the commitment you made in introductory discussions with my Cabinet Colleague, Mairi Gougeon, to a collaborative and respectful relationship between our Governments. As Mairi stressed, we are equally committed to working together to find consensus, and building constructive and collaborative relationships between our two governments. I welcome, in particular, your commitment to joint working and cooperation on a voluntary basis, and in a way that respects devolved decision-making.

I thought it would be helpful to set out my areas of responsibility, particularly across the terrestrial and marine environment and the circular economy – where there is a substantial opportunity to achieve better outcomes when we work together in a way that reflects our respective responsibilities. In fact, in order to effectively deliver our common aims, in many of these areas cooperation is fundamental.

I was pleased to hear from Mairi that we share common interests given your priorities around water quality and the circular economy. We would be very happy to share our experiences in these policy areas and I would welcome a discussion about how we can collaborate to make further progress.

We also look forward to close cooperation on terrestrial and marine biodiversity, where we have much urgent work to do together to protect and restore the environment, and on marine planning which is fundamental to so many outcomes which both our governments are seeking to achieve.

Furthermore, I believe there are substantial opportunities for collaboration on decarbonising non-road mobile machinery. I am particularly keen to ensure that the needs of rural Scotland are considered fully in the development of any legislation, strategies and support being developed by the UK Government.

Finally, there is an immediate issue which I am keen to highlight with a view to us jointly engaging on it in the coming weeks and months. This concerns our joint aspirations in relation to the expansion of offshore wind. There is important work we need to progress together using both reserved and devolved powers to enable deployment of offshore wind at the scale and pace that both our governments want to see. In particular, we are currently working at pace with your officials on implementation of the Offshore Wind Environmental Improvement Package (OWEIP) to reform the environmental regulatory framework for consenting offshore wind farms included in the UK Energy Act 2023. It is vital that we maximise the opportunities of these reforms to provide more flexibility in the operation of derogations from the Habitats Regulations as they apply to offshore wind developments.

This in turn can unlock both Scotland’s and the UK’s transition to clean energy, helping us address the climate and biodiversity crises and providing a crucial platform for transformational economic growth across the UK.

I look forward to having an opportunity to meet in person soon either in London or Edinburgh to discuss this and other topics, and will ask my office to follow up with yours accordingly.

GILLIAN MARTIN

Annex: Portfolio Responsibilities

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy is responsible for:

Circular economy (including Circular Economy Bill)	Defra
Climate crisis and environmental protection (including biodiversity)	Mixed
Decarbonisation of buildings	
Deposit Return and waste issues	Defra
Drinking Water Quality Regulator, private water, Hydro Nation	Defra
Emissions trading schemes	
Energy systems (incl. offshore wind, consents)	
Environmental quality	Defra
Flood prevention and coastal erosion	Defra
Future Generations Commissioner	
Green industrial strategy (jointly with Deputy First Minister)	Mixed
Green skills	Mixed
Heat and Energy Efficiency Scotland agency	
International climate change	
Just Transition Fund	Mixed
Marine planning	Defra
Nature recovery targets and NatureScot	Defra
Net Zero policy (cross-government co-ordination)	
Oil and gas	
Physical and marine environment	Defra
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	Defra
Sustainable development	
Water quality and Scottish Water	Defra
Zero Waste Scotland	Defra

From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Thu 25/07/2024 14:03
To: Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I'm picking this up as [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] is now on annual leave.
Our officials have attached a couple track changes, including the supporting officials, please see attached.

Many thanks,

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 5:14 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Please see attached a draft readout of yesterday's meeting, please let me know if you have any amends or additions. Please can you share with me a list of the officials who attended from SG.

Also, to confirm DESNZ SoS met with Andrew Gardner yesterday afternoon.

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
On Tue, 23 Jul 2024 at 12:18, Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> wrote:

HI [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Apologies, there was a technical issue on our side that caused everyone to be stuck in the lobby. Thanks for sharing the GFIB date email chain.

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 23 Jul 2024 at 11:40, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

We are all in the lobby of the link you sent.

Do you want to re-issue another and I can update both the Cabinet Secretary and officials?

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:37 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Hope you are well.

Is this meeting going ahead this morning?

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 16 Jul 2024 at 18:53, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – if there's anything else that comes up from our side, I will drop you a line.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 5:27 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you for flagging, lets take green freeports off the agenda.

Agenda:

- GB Energy
- Grangemouth
- Review of Scottish consenting
- CCUS
- HIB and the Scottish Government Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan
- Future working together

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] On Tue, 16 Jul 2024 at 14:45, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thanks for sending this over!

The only thing to flag from the list below is that Green Freeports sits within the Deputy First Minister's portfolio's. Ms Martin is happy to discuss the below list and flagged she would like to touch on Grangemouth, CCUS, HiB and the Scottish Government Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 1:36 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Apologies about the delay in getting back to you. Proposing the following agenda, do let me know if you have anything to add.

- GB Energy

- Review of Scottish consenting
- Green freeports
- Future working together

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Mon, 15 Jul 2024 at 13:28, Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Hope you had a good weekend.

We will send a calendar invite over shortly. Regarding agenda, I will share items we would like to raise by tomorrow lunchtime. Do let me know if there are any items Ms Martin would like to raise.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Thu, 11 Jul 2024 at 11:09, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Thanks so much [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – that would be ideal. Does the SoS have a proposed agenda? Thanks for your help in getting this sorted

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 5:12 PM
To: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Good to speak to you yesterday!

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Does Ms Martin have any availability on 23 July for the introductory teams call with Secretary of State?

If possible, 11:30am would work well for us.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

> **Private Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland**
>
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> Deputy Principal Private Secretary: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
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> Private Secretary: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
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> Assistant Private Secretary: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
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> Assistant Private Secretary (Diary): [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
>
> secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk

On Wed, 10 Jul 2024 at 09:52, <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Just getting back to you on the below, yes, we're also still keen to have the 1:1 on wider issues and will get back to you to discuss the details as soon as we can.

Thanks

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 9 Jul 2024 at 14:59, Beth Hall <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks Kat, let me check on that and get back to you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 9 Jul 2024 at 14:56, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – that's the Grangemouth joint venture meeting but it would be good to have the wider 1-1 with the SoS Scotland and Cab Sec to engage on broader issues.

Thanks v much

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I understand this has shifted throughout the day and is now planned for Friday. I believe Ms Martin's attendance has been confirmed with our PO, but [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] is leading on this and will be best-placed to confirm logistics etc.

Thanks

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Tue, 9 Jul 2024 at 09:52, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Hello!

Sorry to chase, just following up on the below please – you ok to give me a ring to discuss logistics? Thanks so much

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)

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From: Kat Troake <Kat.Troake@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 4:04 PM
To: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

<cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Secretary of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hello [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Grateful if you could please give me a phone on [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and we can discuss arrangements for a meeting?

Thanks v much – look forward to speaking

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 3:55 PM
To: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Secretary of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Thanks for this. I have discussed with [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] who heads up Ms Martin's PO and she will pick up from here

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure and Commercial Projects

Energy Industries Division
The Scottish Government

Mobile - [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot

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Cc: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Secretary of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: Secretary of State for Scotland PPS

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] - just connecting you to our SoS's PPS, [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]. If you can ask SG colleagues to keep [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and the generic mailbox on copy that would be great.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] - we spoke via DM on the potential for a tri-lat. [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] will pass your info on to the relevant SG PO colleagues.

Thanks

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)

Head of Policy

Scotland Office

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From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Wed 24/07/2024 11:10
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; psthomassymonds@cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Subject: Minister Shanks Letter- Great British Energy Bill

Dear Private Office,

Please find attached a letter from Minister Shanks to Minister Martin relating to [REDACTED 10(5)(f)].

I'm cc'ing into this email SoS Scotland Office and the Paymaster General's office.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Private Secretary to the Minister for Energy
Mobile: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk
55 Whitehall, London SW1A 2EY

[REDACTED 10(5)(f)].

From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tue 23/07/2024 10:58
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Cc: Pierry2, Camilla (Energy Security) <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>; Micklethwaite, Dan (Energy Security) <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: letter to CabSec

Hi team

Please find attached a response to your letter to DESNZ Secretary of State.

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

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Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2024 regarding the future of the Grangemouth refinery and Industrial Cluster. I am grateful for your attendance at the joint call with Petroineos on Friday 12 July, and with Ineos on Monday 22nd July. I am pleased with the progress that has been made towards our shared objective of supporting all efforts to deliver a viable industrial future for the Grangemouth site and it's workers.

I agree that we should continue to engage with Petroineos, jointly, on their impending decisions for the future of the refinery and their considerations about conversion to an import terminal. This will allow us to discuss our options for working with them, and to impress upon the company the importance of making further decisions at the right time, with the best interests of the workforce in mind.

My department would be delighted to co-chair the Grangemouth Future Industry Board Leadership Forum. As Minister for Energy, I also think Minister Shanks should represent our interests at these Boards. My office will be in touch about arrangements.

I look forward to seeing the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan from your government, and to working together to achieve common objectives for clean energy in Scotland and the UK as a whole. As part of that, I agree that we should continue to engage on the wider strategic issues you have outlined, such as CCUS, grid infrastructure, clean heating, the energy market and GB Energy.

Thank you for taking the time to write on these important matters. I am grateful for your support thus far on reaching a positive, sustainable future for Grangemouth.

I am copying this letter to our colleagues Rt Hon Ian Murray MP, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and Michael Shanks MP, Minister for Energy.

Yours ever,

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Thu 18/07/2024 12:05
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

Thanks all – I now have a clear version of the letter. I have attached – please could you add your headers and signatures for your respective principles. I will then e-sign and send, CC you both.

Secondly – we have managed to get hold of Sir Jim Ratcliff. I am going to reach out asap to arrange – are you able to provide any availabilities for Tuesday and Wednesday next week?

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

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Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Department for Energy Security & Net Zero
Tel: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 8:47 AM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

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[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Thanks,

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 6:21 PM
To: Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)].

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 6:06 PM
To: cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Cc: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: grangemouth follow-up

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Wed, 17 Jul 2024 at 14:57, <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Thanks,

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], also looping in @Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox as this letter will be coming from SoS Scotland too.

Attached is a copy of the draft letter as it currently stands – this has been cleared by our officials and our spads.

Please could you confirm if CabSec and SoS SO is content, and then I will clear with our SoS? Ideally, by 6pm today, and then I will be able to put in front of DESNZ SoS.

Thank you!

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:20 PM

To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: grangemouth follow-up

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I've sighted the Cabinet Secretary on the draft our officials shared, which she's cleared. I'm conscious that both ministers are keen for this to go out asap.

Can you send me the final version once cleared and flag if there's any changes and I'll add Ms Martins letterhead and signature if you leave spaces and send back.

I'm on call for the portfolio so feel free to phone when it's been cleared.

Thanks

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 12:21:57 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

Absolutely – this is being written in conjunction with your officials. I would check in with your team as to the clearance process that our officials are proposing.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Thanks!

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot

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Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 11:23 AM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Subject: RE: grangemouth follow-up

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thanks for flagging.

Do you know whether our officials have had sight of the letter as it was drafted ahead of it going to the Secretary of State for clearance. I will flag to the Cabinet Secretary, it would be helpful to know when you think we could have sight of the letter.

In terms of the meeting with the Senior Stakeholders, Ms Martin has met with Mr Gardner as part of the Grangemouth Futures Industry Board meetings, however, I will flag to her and let you know. Do you have rough times for when this might happen, appreciating SoS Diary will be rather hectic right now. Do you know if the proposal for a meeting with Sir Jim is still being progressed?

Happy to have a chat if helpful.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 11:12 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: grangemouth follow-up

Hi team

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – I just tried to call you, apologies if you are busy!

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]

Secondly, Franck Demay has shared Andrew Gardner as the chairman for INEOS business as the next person SoS should have a call with, would CabSec be able to join that too? We have also liaised DBT and FCDO about talking to someone from PetroChina, [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]. If so, we will probably look to arrange for later this week.

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Shanks, Minister (Energy Security) <Minister.Shanks@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tue 16/07/2024 17:29
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter from Minister Shanks

Hi team,

Please see attached a letter from Minister Shanks on onshore wind.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]**| Private Secretary to the Minister for Energy |**
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy

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16 July 2024

Dear Gillian,

ONSHORE WIND TASKFORCE

Last week, the Chancellor announced the immediate removal of the onshore wind ban in England. We are now planning to announce the formation of an Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce. The main aim of the Taskforce will be to bring together the key players from Government, industry, regulatory bodies, the financial sector and other relevant organisations to drive forward the increases in onshore wind deployment needed to meet the ambition to 2030.

Whilst this taskforce will be predominantly focused on working with industry to drive onshore wind deployment in England, I am keen to ensure our officials work collaboratively to share learning between the taskforce, and the important work Scotland is undertaking to deliver on its commitments in the Scottish Sector Deal. We have ensured that membership of the taskforce recognises the breadth and diversity of wind industry across the UK and includes representatives from, for example, Scottish Renewables and members of Scottish Sector Deal working groups. I recognise that some matters, such as airspace management or networks will have implications for deployment in devolved administrations and as such want to highlight the importance of us working together throughout the duration of the taskforce, and our officials maintaining regular meetings to share information.

I look forward to working with you to deliver our Government-wide commitment to unlock the potential of onshore wind to meet the UK's net zero, decarbonisation and wider economic goals.

Best wishes,

Michael Shanks MP

Minister for Energy, Department of Energy Security & Net Zero

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From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk on behalf of Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Sent: Fri 12/07/2024 10:26
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <secretary.state@energysecurity.gov.uk>; Alasdair Macdonald <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Apologies for delay in getting back to you. From the Scotland Office, I will be joining SofS on the same link, with @Alasdair Macdonald (SO policy DD) joining separately.

Is there a separate link for the meeting?

Thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

On Thu, 11 Jul 2024, 14:08 , <cabsecfornze@gov.scot> wrote:

No worries – emails below, just to flag though, I forwarded to Ms Martin's MSP and SG boxes and they've appeared in both. Noted for future requests though!

Susie Townend [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot;

David Hutchison [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot

Thanks,

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

We have forwarding turned off for our diary!

Are you able to share the emails?

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:53 PM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; cabsecfornze@gov.scot; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

If you're content – I am happy to forward them the invites for diary purposes?

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]. Will they all be joining from the same teams link? Just checking that I don't need to add emails to the invite.

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:40 PM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; cabsecfornze@gov.scot; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

No worries at all, I appreciate there's a lot going in on both offices right now.

From the Scottish Government's attendance, it will be;

- Gillian Martin – Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
- [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]– Private Office
- Davie Hutchison – Special Adviser
- Susie Townend – Deputy Director – Energy Industries

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Many apologies for the slow reply here, as you can imagine we are experiencing the usual first few days business!

Happy to have both a spad and one official for both SoS Scotland and Cab Sec (so 4 in total – 2 each) but would be grateful if we could keep it to that due to numbers.

If you send email addresses, I can forward on the two separate invites (for the two meetings of the brief and the call itself).

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Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
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Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Tel: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:32 AM
To: cabsecfornze@gov.scot; Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Just checking whether you're content for us to share the link with Special Advisers and an official to join tomorrow's pre-meet and meeting with the CEO's.

In terms of the pre-meet, please do let me know if there's anything that the Secretary of State would like to know from the Cabinet Secretary and I will ensure Ms Martin is briefed.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 3:04 PM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Ms Martin and myself will join with the Teams link included in your invites – could you please confirm whether officials are allowed to join, if so when would you need names by?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

We did it! 2pm on Friday 12th July confirmed.

There will be a teams link on the invitation – please do let me know if you would prefer to join on the teams link, or if you will need to be dialled in. If so, please do provide numbers.

As suggested by [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(5)(f)]. A separate teams invitation will follow for that – again, please do let me know your preference on being dialled in or joining on a teams link.

I know our officials are all aligned on this. Our SoS is also taking advice tonight on Grangemouth, and I should be able to update you on any relevant points tomorrow.

Thanks for your patience!

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** cabsecfornze@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; cabsecfornze@gov.scot; secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

14:00 – 14:10 on Friday 12 July is do-able for Ms Martin.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: Secretary of State (Ed Miliband) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Secretary Of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: Grangemouth Meeting

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Bringing everyone on to the one chain for ease!

As imagined, it is proving incredibly difficult to arrange a meeting with 3 senior members of government and 2 CEOs!

Having discussed with SpAds, we are of the opinion that it is best to have all 3 principles in the call together, so arranging that is the top priority. As such, can I float 2pm on Friday 12th July with you all? Unfortunately, Wednesday seems out from petroineos perspective, Thursday we cant get all three ministers in the room at the same time. 2pm Friday seems to be our best shout.

Does this work on your side? Would appreciate a quick steer so we can reach out to Petroineos!

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Private Secretary to the Secretary of State

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Tel: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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From: <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>
Sent: Wed 10/07/2024 21:18
To: secretary.state@energysecurity.gov.uk
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Secretary of State Scotland Mailbox <secretaryofstate@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>
Subject: Letter from Cab Sec NZE to SoS ESNZ

Hello [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Please find attached a letter for the SoS from Ms Martin, cc'ing the SoS for Scotland for his awareness.

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] (she/her)
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10 July 2024

Dear Secretary of State,

Following our initial and welcome conversation last weekend I am looking forward to progressing where we can on our shared priorities. In addition to matters such as the just transition to net zero, there is clear common concern on the future of the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster. I know the First Minister appreciated the Prime Minister's shared commitment toward this.

Following this Friday's meeting I suggest we seek regular, potentially monthly, engagement between ourselves and the CEOs of Petroineos to enable early sight of developments in their decision making process. This would build on the engagement with the company the Scottish Government initiated following November's announcement by the business. If they were amenable to this request it would enable a confidential forum to discuss potential support for the business and its workforce at this uncertain time.

Further to this, I would also like to invite you to co-chair our Grangemouth Future Industry Board Leadership Forum with me. The Board brings together senior leaders from industry, community and the wider public sector to set the strategic direction for the future vision of the site. It has undergone significant transformation and is viewed by industry as the key delivery vehicle for securing the delivery of a Grangemouth Just Transition Plan.

If you were open to co-chairing this forum I believe this could send a strong signal to business and the community that we are aligned in our strategic ambitions for the future of Grangemouth.

More broadly, it would be productive to have engagement on those matters we discussed at the weekend beyond Grangemouth, including on CCUS, grid infrastructure, clean heating, energy market reforms, and your plans for GB Energy. I hope that we can arrange for this engagement in the coming weeks.

Additionally, you will wish to be aware that the Scottish Government will soon publish our Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, setting out policies in areas such

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as ambition on renewables and support for skills, investment and supply chains to help ensure a just energy transition in line with Scottish, UK and international climate change goals. I will share this with you when it is possible to do so, and my officials stand ready to provide briefing on the matters contained with the strategy and plan for your department.

I would once again like to thank you for your commitment on these critical issues and I look forward to our continued co-operation to ensure we maximise the opportunities for the future, and not least for the Grangemouth critical industrial cluster.

I look forward to our next discussion taking place as soon as it can be arranged. Yours

sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN