

## **Document 001**

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Subject: RE: Justification Applications for New Forms of Nuclear Fission/Scottish Government Policy

Dear [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you for your email of 5 September requesting that, in relation to applications for regulatory justification of new forms of nuclear fission for energy generation, all applications are considered by the UK Government on a basis that excludes Scotland and that public engagement documents are unequivocal about the Scottish Government's policy position. You advised us that Scottish Government officials intend to step back from the formal UK Government processes.

We appreciate that Scottish Ministers have a longstanding policy of not supporting the development of new nuclear power stations based on traditional fission technology. We will therefore seek your agreement on wording to ensure that this policy is made clear in our public consultation and public engagement documents.

While noting the approach Scottish Ministers intend to take in relation to the application process, the Defra SoS will, of course, need to ensure that UK government functions under the Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations 2004 are carried out. These include seeking to consult with Scottish Ministers under regulation 18(2) of those Regulations. Given the UK-wide scope of the above Regulations, Regulatory justification determinations must continue to apply to all parts of the UK.

Thank you for acknowledging this email and for letting us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Subject: Justification Applications for New Forms of Nuclear Fission/Scottish Government Policy

Hi Guys,

I took an action a while ago to clarify the position of the Scottish Government in relation to the various applications for regulatory justification of new forms of fission based technology and can now provide more clarity.

The Scottish Government has a longstanding policy of not supporting the development of new nuclear stations based on traditional fission technology due to the potential costs, risks and environmental challenges this technology presents. Significant growth in renewables, storage, hydrogen and carbon capture provides the best pathway to net zero by 2045 and will deliver a climate friendly energy system that delivers affordable, resilient and clean energy supplies.

Given the benefits and detriments of nuclear fission have already been considered in Scotland as part of government policy, the Scottish Government requests that all applications for regulatory justification of new forms of nuclear fission for energy generation are considered by UK Government on a basis that excludes Scotland. This is a logical approach given the differing energy policies across the UK and seems to be recognised in applications from the NIA and Rolls Royce where particular Scottish positions are not considered in particular detail or are specifically excluded. I would be grateful for your response regarding this request.

It is also critical that any public consultation or engagement conducted by the UK Government in this process is unequivocal about the Scottish Government's position regarding nuclear fission and these applications to avoid any unnecessary confusion.

In addition, while we remain committed to the terms of the concordat on regulatory justification signed in 2018 more generally, I can also advise that Scottish Government officials will step back from the formal UK Government processes in place to consider justification of fission based technologies. Should any applications for other technologies be received (for example regarding fusion technologies) we will consider our position separately.

I am happy to discuss if that is helpful and I will give my apologies for tomorrow's JCC meeting separately.

Kind Regards

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### **Document 003**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Following Charlie's email a few minutes ago, we're keen to hear your comments on my email below in relation to how Scotland is referred to in the consultation document.

Best regards,

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Subject: OFFSEN - Response required by COP Tuesday 24 September: LFR-AS-200 public consultation document

Dear all,

I hope this finds you well.

Thank you for your valuable insights at the JCC meeting on the joint public consultation document on newcleo's LFR application. We're working against a tight schedule for clearing this through a number of steps before we can publish the consultation.

We would therefore welcome any comments on how the devolved governments are referred to in the current draft wording of this document, as well as any additional comments on the content of the document included here. Please note that we've revised the consultation questions so they're less dense and now avoid any potential response overlap on the various questions we had before relating to different chapter headings.

Please respond by COP Tuesday 24 September, so that we can follow our clearance schedule.

Best regards,

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**Document 005 (attachment)**



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Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)

Dear Mr Greatrex

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2. LFR-AS-200 Regulatory Justification Application: Notice requiring additional information

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We hope that this is clear, but please let us know if you have any questions or require clarification. We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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### **Document 006**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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“As nuclear energy policy is reserved, the Secretary of State is the sole Justifying Authority and justification decisions for new nuclear energy technologies are UK-wide. However, many other relevant policy areas, including planning and environment regulations, are devolved matters. This means that new nuclear power stations cannot be built in Scotland or Northern Ireland without the approval of the Scottish Government or Northern Ireland Assembly. The Scottish Government

opposes the building of new nuclear power stations using current fission technologies and there are no existing or current planned nuclear power stations in Northern Ireland.

The Justifying Authority consults the devolved governments on all applications for nuclear energy justification, through a Justification Liaison Group (JLG). *The role of the JLG and its ways of working are set out in the [Concordat on the Implementation of the Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations \(2004\)](#) (“the Concordat”). The Justifying Authority will consider the JLG’s advice in line with the processes outlined in the Concordat before making a justification decision.”*

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Best regards,

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Best regards,

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## **Document 010**

Thanks [Redacted Reg 11(2)] We're content from our perspective.

Many thanks

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Subject: FW: OFFSEN - Response required by COP Tuesday 24 September: LFR-AS-200 public consultation document

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Following [Redacted Reg 11(2)] email a few minutes ago, we're keen to hear your comments on my email below in relation to how Scotland is referred to in the consultation document.

Best regards,  
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**Document 014**

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## Priority and Purpose

1. To seek your view regarding the Scottish Government's approach to applications made, under the Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations 2004, for new forms of nuclear fission based technologies.
2. The priority is routine.

## Recommendation

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Many thanks

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## **Document 016**

Dear all,

Ahead of next week's JCC meeting, which will take place from 12pm to 2pm on Thursday 5 September by MS Teams, I'm sending you our draft of the newcleo public consultation document (attached ) for you to read, please, as we would like to discuss any comments you may have on this document at the meeting, before we send it for subsequent clearance.

The document will go onto the Citizen Space platform where the public will enter their responses.

We would like to discuss at the meeting your views on:

- the wording of the consultation questions (section 4 on pages 9 and 10) and how we could improve the content of any of the other sections of the document.
- the best way of informing our proposed groups of stakeholders: Regulatory bodies operating across the UK, Nuclear operators, Environmental and other non-governmental organisations, Interest groups, Trade associations, Industry associations and suppliers, Professional bodies of the nuclear industry,

Academia, Government organisations, Independent advisory bodies,  
Organisations from Europe with an interest in the proposed practice.

I am attaching a draft list of stakeholders who we are thinking of contacting to let them know about the consultation (possibly around the anticipated launch time of early November, tbc). We'd be grateful for any additions to this draft list.

- the timing of the newcleo consultation in relation to other public consultations that you are aware of.

Our proposed agenda for this JCC meeting is:

1. Introductions and welcome
2. Note and actions from last meeting
3. Newcleo application update
4. Rolls Royce ongoing JCC analysis
5. [Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)]
6. AOB

Following our previous discussions, I also attach

- the agreed TOR for our group, which is now finalised
- the meeting note from our previous meeting on 23 July. Please check the meeting note.

Please do let us have any questions if you have any ahead of the meeting, and we look forward to our discussions next Thursday.

Best wishes

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Nuclear Justification Authority | Air Quality and Industrial Emissions|  
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**Document 17**



# Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

[Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)]

## **Document 018**

### **Justification Coordination Committee (JCC) 23 July 2024 meeting note**

MS Teams 14:00 –15:30

**Attendees:** Defra NJ Team:

#### **Summary of new actions arising from 23/7 meeting:**

- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] to send Defra NJ Team information on Scottish Radwaste policy, with view to requesting additional information from newcleo in this area (recognising justification is a UK-wide regulatory assessment).
- **Defra NJ Team** to circulate the final draft of the TOR for the group to the JCC.
- **Defra NJ Team** to redraft the letter to include new language to request the right level of reactor-specific detail from NIA/newcleo and recirculate final draft to JCC before sending.

#### **1. Introductions and welcome**

Defra acknowledged that since we last met, there has been a change of UK government. Ed Miliband as the new DESNZ SoS has reconfirmed support for nuclear power as an important future clean energy source which will include both GW plants and SMRs.

#### **2. Notes and actions from last meeting on 12 June 2024**

The Chair summarised progress on actions noted from the last meeting:

- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] is taking a view through seniors on how Scottish policy position on new nuclear affects the process and will let JCC know when possible  
**Ongoing:** [Redacted Reg 11(2)] will update at a future meeting.
- **All** to let us have further comments on the draft TOR for the group  
**Closed:** Thanks for comments received and an update will be given under agenda item 3.
- **Defra NJ Team** to prepare a plan for future JCC meeting dates  
**Ongoing:** Defra NJ Team are aiming to set dates 3 months in advance. The next meeting date will be on Thursday 5 September 12pm to 2pm and we will set the dates for the rest of this calendar year shortly.

- **All** to let NJ Team know if they need additional time to meet the newcleo 21<sup>st</sup> June response deadline  
Closed: Thanks given to everyone for responding and a summary will be given under agenda item 5.
- **Defra NJ Team** to discuss about timing of approaches for going back to newcleo for more information  
Closed: Defra NJ Team agree with the view of the last JCC meeting that it is better to go back to newcleo ahead of the public consultation on their application; Defra NJ Team has circulated a draft letter for discussion under agenda item 5.
- **Defra NJ Team** to discuss process for Regulation 12 assessments  
**Ongoing**: This is work in progress. Defra NJ Team will give an update under agenda item 7.
- **Defra NJ Team** to take advice and think about implications of current justifications being just for electricity  
**Ongoing**: Defra NJ team are continuing to consider this, as it relates to large GW nuclear power stations like SZC potentially using energy for other purposes like hydrogen production when the corresponding SIs (e.g. for the UK EPR) refer to just generation of electricity. We note that this isn't an urgent matter at this time, but it is one that we will return to in due course.
- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] to loop Defra up with [Redacted Reg 11(2)] EA lawyer with experience in this area  
Closed: Defra NJ team will connect with [Redacted Reg 11(2)] offline on looping up with [Redacted Reg 11(2)]
- **Defra NJ Team** to provide timeline for upcoming justifications with this note  
Closed: These were included in the note of the last meeting and an update will be given under item agenda 4.
- **Defra NJ Team** to arrange discussion with EA comms lead [Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Closed: Defra NJ Team had a very helpful meeting with [Redacted Reg 11(2)] who shared useful information, for which we're very grateful.
- **Defra NJ Team** will bring a summary of comments made on the newcleo application by SCs to the next meeting  
Closed: A summary will be given under agenda item 5.

The notes of the JCC meeting on 12 June 2024 were agreed.

### 3. Agree Terms of Reference for the group

- Defra NJ team thanked the JCC for the comments received by email and at the last meeting.
- We have amended the errors present in the previous version and added to the confidentiality section.
- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] noted comments on how we refer to DAs and will send Defra advice on this.

- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] gave comments on the title - recommended “Terms of Reference for the Justification Co-ordination Committee (JCC) for nuclear energy technologies.”
- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] recommended considering how the TOR title captures both fission and fusion technologies, without use of ‘nuclear’ term.
- **Defra NJ Team** to circulate the final draft of the TOR for the group to the JCC.

#### 4. Timeline update

- newcleo - received 2 April; NJ Team has consulted with statutory consultees and ahead of a public consultation planned for Autumn 2024, [Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)] [Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)] for further discussion under agenda item 5.
- [Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)]
- Rolls Royce application – received 9 July; [Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)]
- Potential fourth applicant - potentially we may receive this in Spring 2025 (second quarter).

#### 5. Newcleo/NIA application update

[Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)]

#### 6. Rolls Royce/NIA application

[Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)]

#### 7. AOB

- Defra NJ Team announced changes within Nuclear Justification team: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] is leaving to join DESNZ in August. [Redacted Reg 11(2)] will be on temporary promotion to cover [Redacted Reg 11(2)] role, and the team will look at internal recruitment mechanisms to fill the current vacancy arising in the team.
- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] presented and facilitated a discussion at June’s meeting of the IAEA’s Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC) on requirements for justification and how countries approach and apply it. Most countries broadly use the same sort of process, but some may be at a higher level.
- [Redacted Reg 11(2)] commented on the need to embed sustainability in radioactive waste management. [Redacted Reg 11(2)] sits on an ICRP task group looking into the application of sustainability principles and assessment. It was noted that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a useful framework under which nuclear justification could consider the sustainability requirement.
- A question was asked about how Defra NJ team are looking at previous justification cases; Defra NJ Team confirmed they are aware and conscious of what has gone before, but are not necessarily bound by previous approaches.
- The JCC agreed about not necessarily being too tied to precedent - if there is a strong argument for changing approaches in this area then the JA should have that

discretion. This may particularly apply where decisions in past assessments have previously been taken motivated by a desire to prevent legal challenge.

### **Document 019**

Thanks[Redacted Reg 11(2)], as always you have made a complex issue as clear and concise for Ministers as you can. A few changes and a couple of bits highlighted that I struggled to follow. I would be fine if we put up the advice jointly with energy, or if it is clearly more on our side, maybe we add a ref to the fact that we have engaged in this with energy given their interests in etc.

Anne Aitken  
Deputy Director  
Environmental Quality & Resilience Division  
& Place Director for Aberdeenshire  
Scottish Government  
Blackberry - [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 020**

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### **Document 022**

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### **Document 023**

[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

### **Document 024**

Dear JCC colleagues

For information, we are attaching our final letter, [Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)]

[Redacted Reg 10(5)(f)]

We would like to extend a big thank for your valuable advice and guidance which supported the drafting of this letter.

- Best wishes
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- [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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## **Document 025**

Dear [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Just to advise you as a group that I have now sent the below email to all SCs and HSE NI asking for input on the NIA application for the Rolls Royce SMR. We'd really value your input on these questions too should you have comments you'd like to make on the points we raise in the email.

Further to our email of 10 July, we are pleased to report that we have now informed the NIA of the Secretary of State's decision that the technology presented in their Justification application is suitable for our assessment as a new class or type of practice. We have also informed the NIA that we expect to complete the Justification determination within a 24-month period.

We are now writing to you as a consultee to formally consult with you as explained by the [Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations 2004 \(1769/2004\)](#), as amended by [Regulation 430/2018](#) and [Regulation 215/2019](#). Your expert views are a crucial part of the Justification process.

Please respond to this consultation request by 24 September, providing a detailed commentary on the benefits and detriments of the proposed practice.

We will take your response and those from the other statutory consultees into account ahead of consulting publicly on this application. The application refers to the intention to deploy multiple units of the proposed practice at an installation, but we cannot know at this stage how many units of the proposed practice might be built in the future. The intention of the justification assessment is to focus on the benefits and detriments of the class or type of practice, which is determined by the reactor technology, and so will consider one unit of the proposed practice.

Please include in your response:

- your detailed analysis and assessment of the information presented in the application in relation to (your/organisation) areas of expertise, with full rationale for and explanation of any areas of concern;
- your view on the robustness of the evidence given and case made in the application;
- any gaps in information or in the evidence presented which you consider should be filled and who you consider can provide this information (we are able to request additional information from the NIA or, for example, from other expert bodies);



- any reflections on whether any future deployment of multiple units of the proposed practice may breach acceptable thresholds in relation to potential detriments or materially alter the expected balance of benefits and detriments;
- any comments in relation to the stated radiological health and other detriments that are expected to arise from the proposed practice;
- any comments in relation to the benefits claimed by the proposed practice;
- an overall assessment of the balance of benefits and detriments in relation to, or arising from, the proposed practice;
- any questions which you consider could be asked in a public consultation on the application; and
- any other observations that you would like to make.

I have included the NIA application for ease of reference. We hope this is clear, but please do let us have any questions. Thank you for your help and support.

Thanks all, and we'll be in contact soon.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Nuclear Justification Authority | Air Quality and Industrial Emissions |

Environmental Quality Directorate | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

### **Document 026**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)] and [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you again for your good contributions and suggested amendments to the NIA letter [Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)] . We're planning for this letter to be sent this week.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)], we can pick up a conversation whenever works best for you with regards to justification and the Scottish policy position, maybe when you're closer to completing your discussions, but can be earlier too if that would be helpful.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)] Their suggested way forward is that we could say 'would not exceed public dose limits and constraints'. Happy to assume that this will work for you too unless you come back to us.

Thanks both

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 027**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 7:41 AM

To: SM-Defra-NuclearJustification (Defra) <[NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk)>

Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Subject: RE: Please respond by COP Tues 6 August: Near to final draft of NIA/newcleo further information letter

Thanks for sight of the letter, I agree with [Redacted Reg 11(2)] s proposed changes and have a couple of minor additional changes for accuracy;

*“Please provide assessments on how the range of benefits and detriments presented in your application are relevant to all parts of the UK. Notwithstanding the current longstanding Scottish policy opposition to the build of new nuclear power stations based on fission technology, regulatory justification has UK-wide applicability, and your commentary should include, for example, consideration of disposal of radioactive substances by the Scottish Government. Please note there is a separate [Scottish higher-activity radioactive waste policy](#) and supporting [implementation strategy](#) which sets out a unique approach in Scotland which should be considered.”*

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In addition, I should say that im still moving forward with work to clarify how the Scottish policy position means we will engage with this process. That’s still work in progress but there might be some cut across to this – id be happy to discuss if helpful. If so, im around today but am off on Monday, back on Tuesday morning.

Many thanks

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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### **Document 028**

From: SM-Defra-NuclearJustification (Defra) <[NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk)>

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 4:24 PM

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)] [@sepa.org.uk](mailto:@sepa.org.uk)>; SM-Defra-NuclearJustification (Defra) <[NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk)>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >

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Subject: RE: Please respond by COP Tues 6 August: Near to final draft of NIA/newcleo further information letter

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thanks for coming back to us so quickly.  
These look like sensible suggestions to me.  
Really appreciated.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

## Document 029

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 4:07 PM  
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Subject: RE: Please respond by COP Tues 6 August: Near to final draft of  
NIA/newcleo further information letter

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE

Many thanks for this [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I'm content, bar a couple of suggestions:

- Under 2, please amend this sentence as follows:

In addition, please provide design specific substantiation for the claims made in Chapter 6 of the current application relating to normal operation of the LFR-AS-200, that public radiation exposures (from discharges and direct shine pathways) would not exceed the relevant public dose limits constraints.

The dose constraints apply to single (or locally aggregated) sources of radiation exposure, such as a nuclear power reactor site. The dose limit applies to the totality of exposures to an individual person from all regulated sources.

- Under 6, this sentence might be better put as follows:

Notwithstanding the current Scottish policy opposition to the build of new nuclear power stations, regulatory justification has UK-wide applicability, and your commentary should include, for example, consideration of disposal the long-term management of radioactive substances by waste in accordance with the Scottish government's policy.




I think this better reflects Scottish Government's role and the Policy's scope ([Redacted Reg 11(2)] - feel free to disagree!)

All the best

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] – Radioactive Substances Policy & Guidance  
Scottish Environment Protection Agency  
Buidheann Dìon Àrainneachd na h-Alba



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## **Document 030**

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE

From: SM-Defra-NuclearJustification (Defra) <[NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk)>

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 3:41 PM

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@onr.gov.uk>; SM-Defra-NuclearJustification (Defra) <[NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk](mailto:NuclearJustification@defra.gov.uk)>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.wales; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@environment-agency.gov.uk>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@daera-ni.gov.uk (Guest) <@daera-ni.gov.uk>

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Subject: Please respond by COP Tues 6 August: Near to final draft of NIA/newcleo further information letter

Dear JCC members

With a big thanks to all of you who have provided advice and guidance at the JCC meeting in July and in subsequent communications to [Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)]

I'm pleased to attach what we hope is a near to final draft letter, the final draft of which we plan to send to the NIA during the course of next week. We would be grateful if you could let us know by COP on Tuesday 6 August if you are content with this version (v.0.6), or in the case of any outstanding concerns, what these are. We would appreciate your confirmation, but please note that we will take non-responses to mean that you are content with this draft.

In case helpful as a guide, changes include additional information which has been added to the introduction, points 1 and 2 have been rewritten, additional information has been added to point 3 and the need for information on UK-wide applicability has been introduced as point 6.

Thank you again for your help.

Best wishes

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] Nuclear Justification | Air Quality and Industrial Emissions Division | Environmental Quality | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Document 031**

Good morning all,

I hope you are well. We wanted to make you aware of Ms Martin's meeting with GMB representatives on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November to discuss nuclear policy achieving a just transition for the nuclear sector as a whole. ([Redacted Reg 10(4)e])

Context: GMB Union have invited the Deputy First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary to meet with GMB representatives to discuss nuclear energy jobs, policy and just transition opportunities. GMB had also invited the DFM and Cabinet Secretary in the past and that invite was raised by Graham Simpson MSP at First Minister's Questions on 20 June, where he called for the Scottish Government to end its opposition to new nuclear, therefore this is in the public domain. In Ms Martin's previous role as Minister for Energy, it was originally scheduled to meet with GMB to discuss nuclear energy as part of her visit to Torness Power Station on 17 April, but GMB had to cancel. In addition, the Cabinet Secretary was sadly unable to attend the meeting at Hunterston B in August due to prior commitments.

Main message: The Scottish Government does not support the building of any new nuclear power stations in Scotland under current technologies. We recognise the contribution that nuclear makes to the current energy mix in Scotland, but this contribution set to decrease as we increase electricity generation from renewable and other low carbon sources. New nuclear power is expensive, will take years to become operational and involves significant environmental concerns – not least the long-term disposal and management of radioactive waste. The Scottish Government has been consistently clear that it makes far greater economic and environmental sense to make greater use of renewable electricity generation. Our upcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will set out how we will support workers to take advantage of the enormous opportunities offered by becoming a net zero economy. Based on analysis from EY, low carbon and renewable energy could support nearly 80,000 jobs in Scotland by 2050.

[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

**Document 032**

Dear Private Office

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Please note [Redacted Reg 11(2)] Energy Strategy and Markets Unit, will attend as official support at the GMB meeting on 21st November. Also, we asked [Redacted Reg 11(2)] for a nuclear decommissioning colleague to attend as official support too,

and [Redacted Reg 11(2)] will be able to advise of a name once he is back from leave after Wednesday 9th October.

Will keep you advised regarding official support names.

Kind regards

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

**Document 033**

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Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you, yes lines and background on the nuclear workforce would be helpful. If you would like to add them to the nuclear decom section I can play around with the formatting later if need be.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Energy Transition Skills and Workforce Team | Offshore Energy Transition Unit | Energy Industries Division | Scottish Government

**Document 034**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:54 AM

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >

Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >

Subject: RE: Skills Top Lines

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you for the link below. For lines on decom that would be [Redacted Reg 11(2)] team. [Redacted Reg 11(2)] and I deal with nuclear policy and the last remaining nuclear power station in Torness that will eventually go through the process of decom.

Do you think that there would be a space for lines from our side? Maybe we can add background on current workforce for Torness?

We have just agreed with the GMB union to have a meeting with the cab sec and discuss nuclear policy jobs and JT opportunities.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Scottish Government

**Document 035**

From:[Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:45 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)] @gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <@gov.scot>  
Subject: FW: Skills Top Lines

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Please see the email and link below to the Draft Energy Skills Core Brief. If you could add in relevant top lines/initiatives for nuclear decomm, that would be great, thank you.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Energy Transition Skills and Workforce Team | Offshore Energy Transition Unit | Energy Industries Division | Scottish Government

### **Document 036**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I think there are some comments outstanding on the doc that I left in early Sept when we were asked to check, so these will still be relevant: [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] are you ok to confirm these generation and pipeline stats are all correct?

- In 2022, 7.9 TWh of electricity was generated from nuclear power in Scotland. This accounted for 15.8% of the total electricity generated in Scotland in 2022. Meanwhile, 71% of electricity generated in Scotland in 2022 was from renewable sources.
- In 2022, 35.7 TWh of electricity was generated from renewable sources in Scotland in 2023, and Scotland's net exports of electricity was 18.7 TWh.
- At the start of 2024, there was 15.4 GW of renewable electricity capacity in Scotland – a 15% increase from 13.4 GW in Q1 2022.
- At the start of 2024, there is an estimated capacity of 47.1 GW of renewable electricity projects in the planning pipeline.

Thanks,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 037**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:57 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Subject: RE: micase nuclear stats review

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

One more for you and [Redacted Reg 11(2)] to check today – sorry!

We have received a nuclear EIR due on Thursday.

[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Please could you review the content included in the core brief [document 2] and make us aware of any issues with the stats which are set to be released. Note that we cannot withhold information because it is incorrect, but it would be good to be aware of any information we are set to release which is false (this shouldn't be the case as you have regularly checked our core brief on nuclear but wanted to check):  
[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Thanks in advance,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 038**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:05 AM  
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Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: micase nuclear stats review

Good morning!

I have just had a look through and it all looks fine to me. I've suggested a few changes but beyond that the stats are ok.

Thanks,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 039**

From: <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:55 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Subject: micase nuclear stats review



Good morning,

I hope you had a great weekend. I am currently working on a [Redacted Reg 10(5) (f)]

If you could please complete the review by 11:00 today that would be great.

If there are any issues please let me know.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore  
Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Scottish Government

### **Document 040**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I hope you are well. Decommissioning jobs and workforce loss during those stages. In previous correspondence they had brought those issues up and they might do that again during the discussion.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore  
Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Scottish Government

### **Document 041**

From [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:07 AM  
To: <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] >  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: 15:30 - 16:00 Meeting w/t GMB re. Nuclear [MiCase: [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Hi Guys,

Im back in and just picking up. This looks like its all about our position on new nuclear – whats the angle for us that youre thinking about?

Happy to speak if easier.

Many thanks

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**Document 042**

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Subject: RE: 15:30 - 16:00 Meeting w/t GMB re. Nuclear [MiCase: [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Hello all,

I am adding [Redacted Reg 11(2)] and [Redacted Reg 11(2)] on this to discuss possible support arrangements for the meeting with GMB.

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Let me know if a meeting would be useful.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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Consents | Scottish Government

**Document 043**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:00 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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Subject: FW: 15:30 - 16:00 Meeting w/t GMB re. Nuclear [MiCase: [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Hello all,

This was just in for PO for the GMB meeting. Deadline for brief 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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#### **Document 044**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 2:51 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Subject: RE: nuclear core brief

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Hi all,

Please hold off from reviewing. I will go in and make changes to the document according to the latest statistics: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/energy-statistics-for-scotland-q2-2024/>

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

#### **Document 045**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:10 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Subject: RE: nuclear core brief

Hey [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I'll ask [Redacted Reg 11(2)] to pick this up once she's back in a week and a half's time, as it's relatively non-urgent. Agreed re: having a clearer system of what's new, perhaps we could have a table to signpost or simply highlight.

Thank you,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

#### **Document 046**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 11:13 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;[Redacted Reg 11(2)]<

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>;  
Subject: nuclear core brief

Hello all,

I hope you are well! I have been working on updated our [Nuclear Energy core brief](#) would it be possible to take a look and check on the statistics used if possible by COP Tuesday.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore  
Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Scottish Government

### **Document 047**

Hello both,

Thank you for your comments.

Ragne I have the OSW paragraph as per you request.

Chris I have re-arranged the lines to the following : During her previous role as Minister for Energy, the Cabinet Secretary was originally scheduled to meet with GMB to discuss nuclear energy as part of her visit to Torness Power Station in April. In addition, the Cabinet Secretary was sadly unable to attend the meeting at Hunterston B in August due to prior commitments. Ms Martin would therefore be delighted to accept your invitation, subject to Parliamentary business. I would be grateful if you could contact the Cabinet Secretary's Private Secretary via email at [cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot) to arrange a mutually convenient date and make the necessary arrangements.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore  
Electricity, Strategy and Consents | Scottish Government

### **Document 048**

From: Christopher Mackie <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 7:12 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Christopher Mackie <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Ragne Low <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: micase diary invite by GMB

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I am content with the recommendation, but confused by the drafting of the accept response. This section in particular appears to be advice to the minister, rather than the contents of a letter. I think it's the last line which needs to be updated?

*During her previous role as Minister for Energy, the Cabinet Secretary was originally scheduled to meet with GMB to discuss nuclear energy as part of her visit to Torness Power Station on 17 April. In addition, the Cabinet Secretary was unable to attend the meeting at Hunterston B on 21 August due to prior commitments. This invitation is therefore an opportunity to reschedule this discussion with the Minister and discuss the issues that the union has raised both in your recent letter, and previously.*

Thanks,

Chris

Chris Mackie  
Deputy Director for Onshore Electricity Policy & Energy Consenting  
T: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 049**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
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Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 12:30 PM  
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and Gaelic <DFMEG@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg  
11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: POLICY VIEWS PLEASE: GMB union letter to DFM and Cab Sec NZ

Dear Colleagues,

The Scotsman has been in touch looking for a response from SG to a letter from GMB Union to DFM and Ms Martin asking for them to reconsider the government position on nuclear energy.

Grateful for views on the following response by 10am tomorrow (Friday) please

Many thanks

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Suggested response

: Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)]-

Letter copy below

Dear Deputy First Minister and Gillian Martin MSP,  
Scottish Nuclear Jobs

I am writing on behalf of GMB Scotland's members working in Scotland's civic nuclear sector and the wider energy sector regarding the decline of nuclear jobs in Scotland and the failures in meeting the 'just transition'.

Today, the Nuclear Industry Association published figures showing that over the past decade, jobs in nuclear in England have surged by 32,000 jobs to 87,000 – an increase of 65%. Whereas in Scotland, the workforce has faced decline. Scotland once made up 10% of the nuclear workforce in the UK and now only makes up 6%. There is nowhere for nuclear workers to go other than south of the border. Scotland is missing the opportunities that come with nuclear expansion.

The Scottish Government's continued block on new nuclear energy is forcing the sector into decline despite the benefits it brings to meeting net zero targets; energy security; and high skilled, high paid employment to thousands.

The jobs promised through the 'just transition' have not materialised. On the contrary, our members in Harland and Wolff are yet again fighting for their futures as contract after contract for turbine work goes overseas; manufacturer of heat pumps,

Mitsubishi Electric, has announced 440 potential job losses; and earlier this year, over 80 workers were made redundant at SGL Carbon due to a lack of orders for offshore wind.

Nuclear in Scotland means jobs in Scotland. If new nuclear sites are being built in Scotland, then the work has to be done here. According to the ONS, each nuclear job supports a further 2.3 jobs in the wider economy – this ‘multiplier effect’ is the greatest of any part of the low carbon and renewable energy economy (LCREE), and it is significantly higher than investment in wind power can deliver due to the strong nuclear supply chain. GMB SCOTLAND – MAKE WORK BETTER Fountain House, 1 Woodside Crescent, Charing Cross, Glasgow G3 7UJ Tel: 0141 332 8641/9501 Fax: 0141 332 4491 [www.gmb.org.uk](http://www.gmb.org.uk)

The median full-time wage for occupations relating to the processing of nuclear fuel was £55,193 in 2020 and will have risen since. Both North Ayrshire and East Lothian Councils will lose millions in local rates once these sites fully close.

Offshore wind is and should continue to be a part of Scotland’s energy mix. However, we cannot rely on one single source of energy. We must have an energy mix which will in turn give us energy security. It also does not result in vast and absurd balancing costs paid by billpayers for energy producers to stop energy production. Despite promises that the cost of offshore wind energy will go down, it is on an upward trajectory increasing by 68% earlier this year. Nuclear energy can be produced and controlled without passing on additional costs.

Scotland has failed to meet its emission targets in nine of the past thirteen years. An overreliance on offshore wind means we will still be reliant on burning gas. Nuclear can easily fill that void by producing baseload energy when the wind isn’t blowing. The Scottish Government’s decision to extend the life of current nuclear sites is welcome. Expanding on existing sites – Hunterston and Torness – would be in keeping with this policy. These sites already have the infrastructure, the space and the local support for expansion. These opportunities must be seized. The full scale of the opportunity is not clear as no energy company would fully develop plans without the assurances that they are possible. At the very least, the Scottish Government should have open-minded conversations with energy providers about what could be possible at Hunterston and Torness.

In May this year, the then Scottish Secretary, Alister Jack MP, said that the UK Government had been developing plans for a nuclear reactor in Scotland. To be clear, GMB Scotland’s position is not to roll back the devolution settlement. Has the Scottish Government sought out these plans, and if so, what assessment has it made of them?

It will take years before nuclear is operational. However, we have to plan for the future. If the governments of 20 years ago had properly planned for today, our energy sector and economy would be more prosperous and secure. As the transition accelerates, workers’ interests have to be central to any plans.

GMB Scotland has twice invited to meet with Ministers to discuss the benefits of nuclear further. We would appreciate the opportunity still.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Policy & External Relations Officer  
GMB Scotland

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Communications: News (Net Zero and Energy)

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]



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[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Pronouns: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

### **Document 051**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 2:24 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: GMB letter

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thanks for your time on the phone just now.

As I mentioned, the attached letter has been sent from the GMB union to the Deputy First Minister and I believe the Net Zero Secretary, asking the Scottish Government to re-think its opposition to nuclear power.

I will need a response by close of play on Friday to be included.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] The Scotsman

### **Document 052**

Hello [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

I have updated the lines on nuclear. Let me know if anything else is needed.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore Electricity, Strategy and Consents |Scottish Government

### **Document 53**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy  
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:18 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot> [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: FW: Cab Sec Meeting

Good afternoon,

We are setting up a meeting off the back of MiCase [Redacted Reg 10(4)e] (please see below from [Redacted Reg 11(2)] and are firming up a time on 21<sup>st</sup> November. In order for me to firm this up in the diary and request briefing/official support, please can you advise who from the policy side will be supporting the CabSec in this meeting?

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Office of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy –

Gillian Martin MSP

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Email: [CabSecforNZE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforNZE@gov.scot)

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#### **Document 054**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] (SC) <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gmb.org.uk>

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:26 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <[cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)>

Subject: RE: Cab Sec Meeting

Perfect. Thanks.

Can we meet in person?

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

#### **Document 055**

From [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of [cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)

Sent: 04 October 2024 15:04

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gmb.org.uk>

Cc: [cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)

Subject: RE: Cab Sec Meeting

Good afternoon,

Many thanks for your email. Please can we suggest 15:30 – 16:00 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the first instance?

Please let us know if this is suitable.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Office of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy –

Gillian Martin MSP

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### **Document 056**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gmb.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:30 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <[cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)>

Subject: Cab Sec Meeting

Good afternoon,

I'm writing regarding the attached correspondence to arrange a meeting with Gillian Martin MSP.

If you can provide some availability, I will liaise with our nuclear reps.

Thanks,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]GMB Scotland

### **Document 057**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 23 September 2024 10:24

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Hi Redacted Reg 11(2)]

: Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)]-

Happy to discuss further if useful too 😊

Thanks,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

**Document 058**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 2:59 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: FW: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)-  
Let me know your thoughts.

One perhaps we can chat to PO AFTER this micase goes out though for the future given below.

**Document 059**

From: -[Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of  
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy  
Sent: 20 September 2024 09:41  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for  
Net Zero and Energy <[cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted  
Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Minister for Climate Action <[ministerforca@gov.scot](mailto:ministerforca@gov.scot)>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

I'm happy with the below advice coming to Cab Sec and if she has any questions I'll let you know.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] [Redacted Reg 11(2)] to Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and  
Energy – Gillian Martin MSP  
The Scottish Government  
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG  
Email: [CabSecforNZE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforNZE@gov.scot)

**Document 060**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:25 AM  
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <[cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot)>;  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Minister for Climate Action  
<[ministerforca@gov.scot](mailto:ministerforca@gov.scot)>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

: Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)]-  
Thank you,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
**Document 061**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy  
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:20 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Minister for Climate Action <ministerforca@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Can I check if officials advice is that Cab Sec or Dr Allan should agree to meet with GMB Union?

I'm happy to put a draft response & PS Minute to Cab Sec if officials feel there is value in her meeting with GMB, although if it's more appropriate for Dr Allan to take on then we should be putting advice to the Cab Sec stating this.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP  
The Scottish Government  
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG  
Email: [CabSecforNZE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforNZE@gov.scot)

**Document 062**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:20 PM  
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Minister for Climate Action <ministerforca@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: Nuclear themed micases from unions

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

CC: Minister for Climate Action

I am getting in touch in regards to the most recent micases from GMB [Redacted Reg 10(4)e] and the Trade Unionists for Safe Nuclear Energy (TUSNE) [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]. [Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Instead GMB has issued the most recent invitation for the DFM and now it was also been extended to the Cabinet Secretary.

[Redacted Reg 10(4)e]

Please let us know of your final decision in regards to delegation of responsibility.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)] Directorate for Energy and Climate Change: Onshore  
Electricity, Strategy and Consents |Scottish Government

## **Document 063**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 8:56 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)- - please review by COP 1st August

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thanks for your work on this – I've made some tracked changes in the draft responses, mostly to reduce length, and to action a remaining comment from Redacted Reg 11(2)

. The PS Minute on the Micase system looks good and I think covers what's needed. Once you've accepted these changes I'd be happy for this to go to Redacted Reg 11(2) for clearance – she will need to review the PS Minute as well.

Many thanks!

Redacted Reg 11(2)

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Redacted Reg 11(2)  
Energy Strategy & Markets Unit | Onshore Electricity, Strategy & Consents Division  
Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government  
M: Redacted Reg 11(2)

## **Document 064**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 12:19 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)- please review by COP 1st August

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Thank you for your work on this, I have left a couple of comments:

Comments on the PS minute:

- On the section for the recommendation comments I would also add more detail on SG's stance on nuclear as well.
- [Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)]

Comments on reply:

I have left comments on the file that you shared.

Kind regards,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

### **Document 065**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
, [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
,

Outstanding work for [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
clearance ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)] (**out of scope**)  
[Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)] Trade Unions for Safe Nuclear Energy diary [Redacted Reg  
10(4)(e)]. [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

- ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e) this is now ready for your review. ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)
- ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)– GMB invite to DFM/Cab Sec to meet on nuclear energy and jobs [Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)] ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e) “I confirmed in the Programme for Government that we will shortly publish the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan to support Scotland’s just transition to a green economy.” ([Redacted Reg 10(4)(e
- [Written question and answer: S6W-29952 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Thank you,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
Energy and Climate Change Directorate  
DG Net Zero, Scottish Government (5 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow)

### **Document 066**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

I’m sorry to hear that but thanks for letting me know. We will, of course, be happy to host the Cabinet Secretary at some point in the future should diaries allow.

Best wishes,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Mobile: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

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**Document 067**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot <[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot>  
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:20 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@edf-energy.com>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot  
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

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Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

,

With sincere apologies for this unexpected change, I'm afraid the Cabinet Secretary's office have just let us know that Ms Martin will no longer be able to go ahead with her visit to Hunterston next week. Thank you again for all your help with the arrangements, and if it proves possible for Ms Martin's office to reschedule this visit to a later date I will get in touch again to let you know.

Best regards,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
Energy Strategy & Markets Unit | Onshore Electricity, Strategy & Consents Division  
Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government  
M: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

**Document 068**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@edf-energy.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 11:14 AM

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

Thanks [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

All good on the parking. No need for reg details.

Best wishes,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Mobile: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

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**Document 069**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot <[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

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Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 11:12 AM

To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@edf-energy.com>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

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Thanks [Redacted Reg 11(2)],, im not sure if [Redacted Reg 11(2)], and [Redacted Reg 11(2)], are already liaising with the relevant GMB folks but they can pick up with you when they are back next week if they need anything.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)], and [Redacted Reg 11(2)], can follow up as well with a fuller list of attendees but to get the ball rolling my details are;

Name - [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

DOB - [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Nationality - British

Email address - [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot

Will you also need car details for parking? If so my reg is [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Many thanks

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
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**Document 070**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@edf-energy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 1:04 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot>  
Cc:[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

<[Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],< [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],< [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],,

Thanks for coming back with this guidance – we can cover all this. The Station Director, [Redacted Reg 11(2)],, is also on leave this week but I'll discuss in more detail with him when he's back and we'll get an agenda pulled together and over to you for review.

We're happy to accommodate the Cabinet Secretary's request to meet with the unions and can provide a suitable room. Please let me know if you need us to organise representatives or if that liaison will take place directly with the unions through the Cabinet Secretary's office.

In the meantime any details that can be sent over to start the paperwork process would be appreciated.

Thanks,  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)],  
Mobile: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

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**Document 071**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot <[Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:29 PM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],< [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@edf-energy.com>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)],@gov.scot; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot  
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

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Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

I hope all is well with you.

Just keeping things moving while [Redacted Reg 11(2)]and [Redacted Reg 11(2)] are on leave. Weve touched base with the Cabinet Secretary's office and have some initial thoughts for a visit.

Balancing the art of the possible in the time allowed and any other thoughts you might have, the Cabinet Secretary might find it interesting to get a sense of:

- the current work at Hunterston B during its defueling stage, and any changes that have been made on site thus far;
- how Hunterston B is preparing to enter its decommissioning phase, and the future work planned as part of that (Redacted Reg 11(2))< mentioned that there was an interesting display when she visited previously);
- and how the B site will work with the Hunterston A site during the decommissioning process.

I think the Cabinet Secretary will also want to end the visit with a meeting with reps from the GMB Union (and possibly some others) who I understand were unavailable for the recent visit to Torness. Possibly the last half an hour of the visit in the Station Directors office or suitable space.

Let me know if its helpful to talk any of this through. Im off tomorrow myself but back in on Thursday and Friday and colleagues will be back next week.

Im planning to come across on the visit as part of the support team and will pass my details on in due course - ive only been to the A site before so am looking forward to it!

Kind Regards

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)], Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning  
Scottish Government Directorate for Environment and Forestry  
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## **Document 072**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@edf-energy.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:46 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial Visit - Hunterston B

Hi[Redacted Reg 11(2)],

I've been in touch with the site and they would be happy to accommodate a visit by the Minister on 21<sup>st</sup> August at 15:00-17:00.

Can you let me know if the Minister has any particular areas of interest she would like to discuss, people she would like to meet, or things she would like to see while on site? I know she went to the viewing galleries at Torness when she visited, so it would be good to give her a slightly different experience.

As with the Torness visit, I will need the following details from anyone visiting site to arrange access:

Name

DOB

Nationality

Email address

And a reminder – anyone attending will need to bring photo ID (passport or driving licence accepted) or access will not be possible.

Best wishes,

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Mobile: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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### **Document 073**

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Thanks very much for taking this forward over the past week, that's very helpful. I'll pick up those points below – we have contacts in GMB who I plan to get in touch with today, and can send across the details of attendees to [Redacted Reg 11(2)]. We'll also get back into the briefing to finalise our contributions and generally get it ready for clearance.

Many thanks!

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Energy Strategy & Markets Unit | Onshore Electricity, Strategy & Consents Division  
Directorate for Energy & Climate Change | Scottish Government  
M: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

**Document 074**

From: [Redacted Reg 11(2)] <[Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 11:56 AM  
To: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Cc: [Redacted Reg 11(2)]<- [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Reg 11(2)]< [Redacted Reg 11(2)]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: Hunterston B visit

Hi Guys,

I hope you had nice breaks.

You'll see that things have moved on slightly in that Cab Sec came back and was happy with the suggested programme which I passed on to [Redacted Reg 11(2)]. She thinks that's all doable and so she said she will send over a planned agenda idc.

She also asked if we want EDF to liaise with GMB Unions reps re the meeting but I wasn't sure if that was already in hand so said you would let her know if we need anything.

[Redacted Reg 11(2)] was also after details of attendees to start the paperwork for access so I sent mine across – I was assuming you may already have Ms Martin's details from her recent visit to Torness so didn't do anything else on that.

Lastly, I've added some content re ENFOR policy to the draft briefing. We haven't had the chance to send much general background briefing to Ms Martin yet so I've kept it quite high level but I think that should be fine as there's not much specific to say about HNB at this stage.

I hope that's helpful. Things should be in a good state for you to pick back up.

Many thanks

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Subject: RE: Hunterston B visit

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well! Please find attached the confirmation from Redacted Reg 11(2)]< that the engagement can go ahead. [Redacted Reg 11(2)]and [Redacted Reg 11(2)] do you have any view's on Redacted Reg 11(2)]<questions since you have been to Hunterston before and you might have an idea what would be interesting for Ms Martin to see in comparison to the tour that was given at Torness? Redacted Reg 11(2)]<then will also check with PO in case Ms Martin has any specific preferences.

The plan for tomorrow is for [Redacted Reg 11(2)]to get back to Redacted Reg 11(2)]< with more information and to get in touch with GMB to invite their representatives to the engagement.

Can I please ask that contributions to the briefing [\[Regulation 6\(1\)\(b\)\]](#) should be completed by next Thursday (8/8).

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]t and I will both be on annual leave for awareness and [Redacted Reg 11(2)]'s team will be leading during our absence.

Kind regards,

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**Document 076**

Good morning both,



I hope you are well. I was looking yesterday for nuclear news and I stumbled upon this article: [EDF Seeks to Raise Up to £4 Billion to Help Fund Construction of UK's Hinkley Nuclear Plant – BNN Bloomberg](#). The article contained the following on costs for the two reactors for Hinkley:

“The cost of building the two reactors Hinkley is expected to reach £47.9 billion in current terms, due in part to lingering labour shortages and supply chain issues. EDF’s bill for the project has also increased after China General Nuclear Power Corp., its partner in the Somerset project, stopped funding its minority share of project at the end of 2023, having fulfilled its contractual commitment. The costs and the long timescales for nuclear projects make it difficult to attract investors. “

Is there a way that we can verify this/ use this as source to update our costs lines on the nuclear brief?

Kind regards,  
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**Document 077**

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**Document 078**

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Our Reference: 202400424520  
8 August 2024

Dear [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you for your letter of 29 July inviting Màiri McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, to speak at the 9th European Nuclear Industry Congress 2024 in Paris. Ms McAllan is currently on maternity leave. Gillian Martin MSP is the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, but due to significant diary pressures she is unfortunately unable to attend. Please accept the Cabinet Secretary’s apologies and best wishes for the Conference.

Yours sincerely  
[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

**Document 079**

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Your Reference: Trade Unions for Safe Nuclear Energy - 2024 Nuclear Jobs Map  
27 September 2024

Dear [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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Thank you for your letter of 10 September 2024 inviting the First Minister and myself to meet with representatives of the TUSNE.

Unfortunately, I am unable to accept your kind invitation at this time, although I intend to meet directly with the GMB, one of TUSNE's affiliate unions, in the coming weeks.

The Scottish Government's position on new nuclear is clear - the Scottish Government opposes new nuclear power stations, and considers the significant growth in renewables, storage, hydrogen and carbon capture to provide the best pathway to net zero by 2045 to deliver affordable, resilient and clean energy supplies for Scotland. Boosting economic growth is a top priority for this government - supporting fair, green economic growth for a purpose: to create good jobs and promote fair work, and to boost tax revenues that sustain highquality public services.

The Green Industrial Strategy was recently published, which aims to ensure that Scotland gets the maximum possible economic benefit from the opportunities created by the global transition to net zero. Contribution of nuclear to Scotland's energy mix is set to fall as the the country increases generation from renewable and other low carbon sources, decommissioning Scotland's nuclear sites will still take decades, requiring the retention of a highly skilled workforce.

Independent analysis from Ernst and Young suggests that with the right support, there could be 2,044 jobs and £383 million of GVA in nuclear decommissioning in Scotland in 2045. The National Planning Framework 4 also supports the redevelopment of the Hunterston and Chapelcross sites and notes opportunities to repurpose existing assets to create greener jobs.

The same analysis from Ernst and Young suggests that the overall low carbon and renewable energy sector could support nearly 80,000 Scottish jobs by 2050, and the forthcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will set out how the Scottish Government supports the energy workforce to take advantage of the enormous opportunities offered by the net zero energy transition.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

**Document 080**

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Our Reference: 202400431320 Your Reference: GMB

27 September 2024

Dear Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Thank you for your letter of 10 September inviting Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, and I to meet with representatives of the GMB. During my previous role as Minister for Energy, I was originally scheduled to meet with GMB to discuss nuclear energy as part of her visit to Torness Power Station in April. In addition, I was sadly unable to attend the meeting at Hunterston B in August due to prior commitments. I would therefore be delighted to accept your invitation, subject to Parliamentary business.

## Document 081

Out of scope

Date of last review: 06 September 2024 Redacted Reg 11(2)]

## Contents

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- **Great British Nuclear** – exploring how Great British Energy and Great British Nuclear will work together, including considering how Great British Nuclear functions will fit with Great British Energy

(out of scope)

- **GB Nuclear**: The Scottish Government's position is that the UK Government's intended investment in nuclear should instead be used to bolster further renewables.

- (out of scope)

[Redacted Reg 10(4)(e)]

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Draft Lines (embargoed until UKG announcement)

Deputy First Minister, Kate Forbes said: (out of scope)

Current SG on Nuclear in context of GB energy

“Whilst there is a great deal of agreement between the two Governments on many of the priorities that have been identified, one area where we diverge is on new nuclear power stations. We are clear that UK Government's intended investment in nuclear should instead be used to bolster further renewables.”

Deputy First Minister, Kate Forbes said: “While there is a great deal of common priorities between the two governments on energy, we simply cannot agree with the UK Government's fundamentally flawed plans for new nuclear power stations.

“We are embracing renewables, hydrogen and carbon capture and storage to drive economic growth, support green jobs and deliver secure, affordable and clean energy for Scotland.

“New nuclear power is expensive, will take years to become operational and involves significant environmental concerns due to the radioactive waste which must be safely managed over many decades while protecting people and the environment. The Scottish Government has been clear that it makes far greater economic and

environmental sense to prioritise continued growth in renewable electricity generation.

“Our upcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will set out how we will support workers to take advantage of the enormous opportunities offered by becoming a net zero economy.

“Based on analysis from EY, low carbon and renewable energy could support nearly 80,000 jobs in Scotland by 2050.”

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## **Document 082**

(out of scope)

**14 Sept:** The Scotsman reports on GMB’s letter to the DFM and Cab Sec for NZE, which calls for the Scottish Government to end its opposition to new nuclear energy, citing the need to create jobs.

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## **4. NUCLEAR ENERGY – SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT’S POSITION** **The Scottish Government opposes the building of any new nuclear power stations in Scotland.**

- It must be recognised that new nuclear is incredibly expensive.
- In 2013 the UK Government awarded a Contract for Difference for 35 years for Hinkley Point C, at £92.50 per MWh (in 2012 prices).
  - This is significantly higher than the strike prices set for solar, and onshore and fixed offshore wind in the March 2024 allocation round.
- Nuclear energy also creates radioactive waste which must be safely managed over many decades while protecting people and the environment.
- The contribution nuclear makes to the current energy mix in Scotland is set to fall as we grow generation from renewable and other low carbon sources.
  - In 2022, 15.8% of electricity generated in Scotland was from nuclear, compared to 71% from renewables.

## **JOBS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY**

**I recognise the significant contribution our nuclear energy workforce has made over many decades to Scotland’s economy and local communities.**

- Decommissioning Scotland’s nuclear sites will take decades and will require the retention of a highly skilled workforce.
  - Analysis suggests that with the right support, there could be 2,044 jobs and £383 million of GVA in nuclear decommissioning in Scotland in 2045.
- Our National Planning Framework 4 supports the redevelopment of the Hunterston and Chapelcross sites and notes opportunities to repurpose existing assets to create greener jobs.
- I also want to make clear our support for extending the operating lifespan of Torness, if strict environment and safety criteria continue to be met.
- The forthcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will also set out how we will support our energy workforce to take advantage of the enormous opportunities offered by the net zero energy transition.
- For example, independent analysis from Ernst and Young says low carbon and renewable energy could support nearly 80,000 Scottish jobs by 2050.

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### **Document 083**

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## **NUCLEAR**

**Whilst there is a great deal of agreement between the two Governments on many of the priorities that have been identified, one area where we diverge is on new nuclear power stations.**

- We are clear that the UK Government’s intended investment in nuclear should instead be used to bolster further renewables.
  - **Great British Nuclear** – exploring how Great British Energy and Great British Nuclear will work together, including considering how Great British Nuclear functions will fit with Great British Energy

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### **Nuclear**

- The Scottish Government’s position is that the UK Government’s intended investment in nuclear should instead be used to bolster further renewables.

- The Scottish Government's position on traditional fission nuclear energy is clear: we do not support the building of any new nuclear power stations in Scotland under current technologies.
- (out of scope)




#### Document 084

<b>What</b>	Ministerial visit to Chapelcross - a former nuclear power station due to become a new green energy centre. Timing-wise, this location was selected to connect into, and follow on from, the recent Programme for Government (PfG) announcements. In particular, it provides a good place for the Minister to talk about the new Planning Hub given its initial focus on hydrogen applications. Chapelcross is also a National Development in National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).
<b>When</b>	9 September (PO diary correct 11:00am to 12:00noon).
<b>Where</b>	Chapelcross Power Station, British Nuclear Fuels, Annan, DG12 6RF.
<b>Who</b>	<[Redacted Reg 11(2)]
<b>Why</b>	This visit was set out in the Comms Plan that was shared with the Minister on 7 August. Within that, it was suggested that the Minister would undertake a, post Programme for Government themed visit, relating to the Planning Hub and Planning Apprenticeships.
<b>Key messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Government (SG) supports renewables for Scotland's green energy future.</li> <li>• PfG has committed to (1) new Planning Hub to support authorities to make quicker decisions with a priority focus on hydrogen applications and (2) new Graduate Apprenticeship Programme to illustrate investment in young talent for the future.</li> <li>• Package of planning measures, along with PfG commitments combine to make Scotland an attractive place for businesses - from a local to a global scale - to invest.</li> </ul>
<b>Official</b>	[Redacted Reg 11(2)]
<b>Media</b>	<p>Proposed media handling agreed with the Minister (5 September).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A news release detailing the launch of the hub has been cleared by SpAds.</li> <li>• An open media invitation issued, with names being confirmed in advance for security reasons. Interviews will take place at the end of the tour. Images and video will also be captured for SG channels, including a piece to camera with Mr. McKee on the hub.</li> <li>• Comms are proposing embargoing all content, from it, until the following day so that it does not clash with the First Minister's visit to Buckie.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comms around the Borderlands Deal - checked, agreed and cleared.</li> <li>• SOSE have notified the UK Government (UKG) that the visit is happening.</li> </ul>
<b>Twitter/ LinkedIn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Images and video captured at Chapelcross to be issued on 10 September from @scotgoveconomy and reposted from @scotgovplanning plus shared on LinkedIn Planning Architecture and Regeneration Division (PARD).</li> </ul>

<b>Dress code</b>	Business.
<b>Entrance &amp; greeting party</b>	<p><b>Location:</b> Drop off area (yellow box) adjacent to pedestrian walkway - <b>see Annex A.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> <li>• <b>Gail Macgregor</b>   Leader of DGC</li> <li>• <b>Jane Morrison-Ross</b>   Chief Executive Officer (CEO) SOSE</li> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> <li>• <b>Richard Murray</b>   Site Director – Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS)</li> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>
<b>Parking for Min. car</b>	DG12 6RF (same as above) What3Words – headboard.skirt.balancing. Recommended that the driver uses the drop off area, for the Minister, then parks in the designated visitor car park. Collection point Visitor Car park (post Media slot).
<b>Briefing contents</b>	<p>Annex A Event programme (highlighting the Ministers time slot)</p> <p>Annex B Attendees</p> <p>Annex C Main issues / sensitivities and lines to take on each</p> <p>Annex D Background</p>

## ANNEX A

### EVENT PROGRAMME – 1 HOUR

TIME	EVENT	
11:00	<p><b>Location:</b> Drop off area (yellow box) adjacent to the pedestrian walkway which leads to the front Reception.</p>	
	<p>Redacted Reg 11(2)]</p> <p>Redacted Reg 11(2)] will meet/greet the Minister and introduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gail Macgregor</b>   Leader of DGC.</li> <li>• <b>Jane Morrison-Ross</b>   CEO – SOSE.</li> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]  </li> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul> <p>Sign-in and security passes allocated. <b>Photo ID will be required.</b></p>	
11:05	Meet more of the team in Conference Room.	
	<p><b>Short presentations:</b></p> <p>Redacted Reg 11(2)]  </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Site history</li> <li>• NRS current and future site plans</li> </ul>	 <p>New vision by Ironside Farrar</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterplan campus areas</li> </ul> <p>Redacted Reg 11(2)] Live workstreams &amp; schedule</p> <p>Redacted Reg 11(2)]  </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOSE land purchase</li> <li>• Development progress</li> </ul>	
<b>11:25</b>	Questions and preparation to tour the site.	<b>Note:</b> Take all belongings on walk in order to expedite leaving the site.
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Site Walking Tour</b> To show extent of land and future plans.	<b>Note:</b> Opportunity for more detailed conversation and questions.
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Return to Security</b> Accessed via Visitor Car Park area for Media.	<b>Note:</b> Location selected for best media 'backdrop' to the site.
<b>11:50</b>	Media	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Minister DEPARTS</b>	<b><u>END</u></b>

## ANNEX B

### ATTENDEES

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cllr Gail Macgregor.</b> Leader of DGC, COSLA Spokesperson for Environment and Economy. She also co-chairs the High Level Group, on Planning Performance, with Mr. McKee.</p> <p>Spokesperson – United Nations Sustainable Development Goals &amp; Agenda 2030 for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For the purpose of this Ministerial visit, Cllr Macgregor will <b>only</b> be in her Council Lead capacity. This is under strict COSLA guidelines and for any Media handling.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>	<b>Jane Morrison-Ross.</b> CEO of SOSE. Jane was previously CEO of ScotlandIS (non profit digital organisation). Jane sits on the Scottish Energy Advisory Board.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>	Redacted Reg 11(2)]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>	<b>Richard Murray.</b> Site Director Chapelcross, Nuclear Restoration Services. Richard has over 30 years' experience in the nuclear industry and has held several senior leadership positions. He has experience in engineering, operations, maintenance and project delivery.

	Richard`s last two roles have been in managing programmes containing NRS`s most challenging projects from reactor decommissioning to fuel pond draining and cleaning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redacted Reg 11(2)]</li> </ul>

**(out of scope)**

**PROPOSITION OF SITING OF GB ENERGY ON CHAPELCROSS SITE:** There has been press coverage on the proposition to site GB Energy, a State owned energy company in process of being set up, at Chapelcross.

- [Chapelcross suggested for GB Energy HQ - DNG Online Limited \(dng24.co.uk\)](https://www.dng24.co.uk)
- [Dumfries and Galloway Council lobbies the UK Government to position GB Energy headquarters at Chapelcross site. \(dgwgo.com\)](https://www.dgwgo.com)
- [Dumfries and Galloway Council asks MSPs and MPs to back Chapelcross masterplan - Daily Record](#)

**Sensitivities** – There could be a ‘spotlight’ on this subject during a media interview. Plus, Cllr Macgregor has written to the Right Hon Ed Milliband (Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) and the Right Hon Ian Murray (Secretary of State for Scotland) to express the interest of the region.

**Lines to take**

- Too early for any decisions:** Aware of local support but it’s not for Ministers to get involved at this stage.
- Commitment of the UKG:** The UKG **must** consult with devolved administrations on any initiatives that affect their devolved responsibilities. Scotland’s planning system is fully devolved and any initiatives undertaken by GB Energy, that could impact on its operation, must be undertaken with agreement of Scottish Ministers.

**(out of scope)**

**ANNEX B**

## BACKGROUND

**INVESTING IN PLANNING CONSULTATION (MARCH 2024)** The intention of this research paper was to address resources within planning. In particular, delays in the system undermine investment decisions. The outcome, therefore, is to address skills and capacity challenges within local authorities to speed up consenting. With regard to the creation of the Hub, this received strong support through the Consultation.

**CHAPELCROSS** The Chapelcross site (over 200 hectares) lies close to the Scotland and England border in D&G. The site lies close to the M74 Motorway providing direct links to the M6 and the rest of the UK Motorway network. It’s also near to the West coast Glasgow and London main railway line which also provides freight services. The nearest railway station is in the town of Annan, approximately 2 miles southwest. Annan has a wide range of amenities including schools, health facilities and shops. Overall, the site offers a unique opportunity to bring forward a high-quality, green energy-focused regional employment centre. It’s aim is to make a significant contribution to meeting net zero targets.

**HISTORY OF THE SITE AND DECOMMISSIONING** The site opened in 1959 as a first nuclear power station and stopped production twenty years ago (2004). It is now in decommission. The site is operated by the NDA's subsidiary, NRS Ltd. The current end date for decommissioning is circa 2060's, however, a revised site strategy is being developed. Circa 60 hectares is available now for development, out with the nuclear licensed site boundary. Site map is helpful to see the scale of change.



The NDA is the key UK delivery body and is subject to regulation by the Office for Nuclear Regulation and SEPA amongst others. The NDA has an annual budget of over £4 billion per year to cover its operations across the UK. Most of this comes from UKG's budgets with the remainder coming from NDA commercial operations. Over £280 million, per year, of this is spent in Scotland - the majority on its main sites are Hunterston A, Chapelcross and Dounreay. This supports over 2000 jobs and over 400 supply chain companies.

### Top Lines

- **Radioactive waste:** SG places great importance on the need to address Scotland's radioactive waste legacy and is committed to the safe, secure and responsible management of waste with care for people and the environment.
- **Partnership:** We work closely with partners including SEPA, Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and the NDA to ensure the efficient and effective management of radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning in Scotland.  
**(out of scope)**

### Document 085

Dear Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you for your email of 6 August regarding nuclear power stations and GB Energy.

I work in the Energy Strategy and Markets unit and have been asked to reply to your email on behalf of Mr Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture.

The Scottish Government does not support the building of any new nuclear power stations in Scotland under current technologies. Whilst there is a great deal of agreement between the Scottish and UK Governments on many of the priorities that

have been identified for GB Energy, one area where we diverge is on new nuclear power stations. We are clear that the UK Government's intended investment in nuclear should instead be used to bolster further renewables.

In March 2023, the previous UK government announced that nuclear energy will be classified as "environmentally sustainable" and given the same investment incentives as renewable energy. However, the Scottish Government does not agree this classification, as nuclear energy creates radioactive waste which must be safely managed over many decades to protect people and the environment.

The Scottish Government's draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (ESJTP) sets out our position that significant growth in renewables, storage, hydrogen and carbon capture provides the best pathway to net zero by 2045 and will supply secure, affordable and clean energy for Scotland.

Scottish Ministers are responsible for approving applications to build, operate or modify onshore electricity generating stations with capacities exceeding 50 megawatts. The Scottish Government has no intention to change our position on new nuclear power stations and therefore does not intend to hold a referendum to prevent further nuclear power development in Scotland. I hope I have been able to answer your questions satisfactorily. Please do not hesitate to contact the Scottish Government again should you require.

Yours sincerely,

Redacted Reg 11(2)]

OESC : Whole Systems and Technical Policy Unit

I would be grateful if you could contact my Private Secretary via email at [cabsecfornze@gov.scot](mailto:cabsecfornze@gov.scot) to arrange a mutually convenient date and make the necessary arrangements.

In response to your question regarding the UK Government's plans for a nuclear reactor in Scotland, as set out by then Scottish Secretary Alister Jack: As the First Minister set out in parliament on 16 May in reiterating his opposition to these plans, the then Secretary for Scotland had made no formal mention of the proposal to the Scottish Government, an approach which was incompatible with good intergovernmental working.

Officials and Ministers continue to engage with the UK Government on GB Nuclear's plans.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN MARTIN

### **Document 086**

[Redacted Reg 11(2)]

Thank you for letting us know.

The previous meeting at Torness was scheduled last minute and for 15 minutes which was why GMB couldn't attend.

We are very keen to meet with the Cabinet Secretary, so would be grateful of advance notice of a visit and to meet with her at her nearest convenience.

I will be attending a meeting with the Deputy First Minister on Monday to discuss the Green Industrial Strategy. It's vital that the discussions on nuclear are had around the strategy's development and also the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. If nuclear isn't going to be part of these plans, then we need to know how and where the Scottish Government is going to secure a just transition for our members in nuclear energy.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Meeting proposal - Minister Hunterston visit 21 Aug

Hi Redacted Reg 11(2)]

With sincere apologies for the sudden change, I'm afraid the Cabinet Secretary's office have just let us know that Ms Martin will no longer be able to go ahead with her visit to Hunterston next week. If it is possible for Ms Martin's office to reschedule the visit to a later date I will get in touch again to let you know.

Best regards,  
Redacted Reg 11(2)]

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Subject: RE: Meeting proposal - Minister Hunterston visit 21 Aug

Redacted Reg 11(2)],

Thank you for the invitation. Both myself and Redacted Reg 11(2)]will be in attendance.

GMB reps will also join us and I can come back to you soon with their details.

Thanks again,

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Subject: Meeting proposal - Minister Hunterston visit 21 Aug

Hi [Redacted Reg 11(2)]

I hope you are well. I'm getting in touch from the Energy Strategy & Markets Unit in the Scottish Government, in follow-up to the emails we exchanged around the time of Gillian Martin's visit to Torness in April.

Although it unfortunately wasn't possible in the end for GMB reps to make it to Ms Martin's visit, I'm aware that you noted the possibility of arranging a meeting with the Minister at Hunterston instead, and that GMB has written to Ministers since then to propose a meeting about nuclear energy.

Ms Martin (now acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Energy) plans to visit Hunterston B Power Station on 21st August (15:00-17:00), and would be happy to meet with GMB representatives as part of this, ideally at 16:30 following her tour of the station. EDF have confirmed that they would be happy to accommodate this and provide a suitable room.

I'd be very grateful if you could confirm as soon as possible whether this date/time would suit GMB for a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary. Apologies that we were not able to provide more notice of this.

Best regards,

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