

You asked for:

“Minutes from the meetings held between Petrolneos and Scottish Government Ministers on the Biofuels Productions Options Review

Minutes from the meetings held between Petrolneos and Scottish Government Ministers on Decarbonisation Interventions

Minutes from the meetings held between Petrolneos and Scottish Government Ministers on the viability of a blue hydrogen production plant”

An exception applies

An exception under Regulation 10(5)(e) (substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial or industrial information) of the EIRs applies to some of the information you have requested. These exceptions apply because disclosure would, or would be likely to, substantially prejudice the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information pertaining to INEOS, PetroChina, and Petroineos.

Regulation 11(2) (personal data of a third party) of the EIRs applies to some of the information you have requested.

The application of Regulation 11(2) is subject to the 'public interest test' in some specific circumstances, however the Scottish Government does not disclose the names of individuals who are below Senior Civil Service level or equivalent to below this level in the instance of private sector individuals. This approach has been taken in the respect of the names of individuals in the minutes being disclosed as part of this request. It is in the public interest to protect the personal information of junior civil servants and equivalent private sector actors and that is why the exception has been used.

Returns for your request are as follows:

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition Meeting with INEOS, Grangemouth April 19

Attendees:

Mairi McAllan, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

[REDACTED – Exception 11(2)] Deputy Private Secretary

Official Support:

[REDACTED – Exception 11(2)]

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INEOS Attendees:

Andrew Gardner, INEOS Olefins & Polymers Chairman

Colin Pritchard, INEOS Sustainability Director

09:30	Arrival The Cabinet Secretary arrived at INEOS HQ and was met by officials at the INEOS Grangemouth HQ main entrance, before being introduced to Andrew Gardner and Colin Pritchard.
09:30-10:30	Introductions with INEOS team and Net Zero Road Map Presentation Andrew Gardner and Colin Pritchard opened with an overview of Grangemouth site, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crude Oil Refinery• Petrochemicals plant• Forties Pipeline System Overview covered a history of the complex, function of each facility and products manufactured today. INEOS provided an overview of emissions levels, noting significant CO2 reduction of c. 2 MtCO2e to date (industry figure). Wider aspects were also covered, such as INEOS' graduate and apprenticeship programmes, [REDACTED – Exception 10(5)(e)] Cabinet Secretary noted the significant role INEOS plays as an employer in the area INEOS representatives underlined their commitment to Scotland's 2045 climate change targets, to Just Transition for Scotland and position Grangemouth as a manufacturing location the long-term. The Cabinet Secretary noted that this was very welcome, whilst understanding the scale of the challenge to reach net-zero.

	<p>Presentation then focused in on INEOS Grangemouth’s sustainability plans to achieve Net Zero, with a focus on the publicised £1bn of investment into the facility, focusing on recent projects such as the new energy plant and future hydrogen facilities which will be designed to supply much of the energy needs of the complex, and interlinked with the Scottish Cluster to capture, evacuate and store emissions from the complex.</p> <p>Some detail was provided of the infrastructure and resilience requirements for new facilities.</p> <p>[REDACTED – Exception 10(5)(e)]</p> <p>Both parties acknowledged the criticality of Track 2 Cluster Sequencing funding to all of this, and a desire to see a stronger commitment from the UK Government on this. It was noted that both parties should continue efforts to press this to UK Government.</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary thanked INEOS representatives for the presentation, noting the scale of challenge and detailed work required to ensure delivery of current net-zero projects. Further discussion took place on the importance of Just Transition, and INEOS’s role for Grangemouth here as a key operator and employer. Both parties acknowledged that this would be critical in the journey to net-zero.</p>
<p>10:30-12:00</p>	<p>Site tour.</p> <p>The INEOS team facilitated a tour of the INEOS Petrochemicals plant.</p> <p>Further detail on the history of the site was provided, and INEOS explained further construction work conducted to date on the new energy plant.</p> <p>The group then moved on to the ethane tank which provided a good view over the site. From there various other aspect of the site were discussed including an overview of operations, employment and investment projects.</p>
<p>12:00-13:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p>During the lunch break, the Cabinet Secretary was also introduced to Executive Council Member for Unite the Union for quarter of an hour. Short discussion involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of the workforce views in the future of operations; • The Grangemouth Just Transition Plan and union/worker roles therein; • The importance of the site to the local community and workers; • The opportunity areas in low carbon manufacturing / fuel sources; • A shared commitment to engage closely and meaningfully in the development of the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster Just Transition Plan.

13:00-14:00

Break and travel to Forth Ports Facility for second visit of the day.