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Offshore Wind Executive Board 7: Papers and Agenda - 30 September 2025

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<u>Progress this quarter towards deliverables:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive management of agreement transactions. First milestone (scoping) achieved by all ScotWind projects. [Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request] [Information redacted - Reg 10 (5)(e) confidentiality of commercial information]	[Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request] [Information out of scope of request]
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain messaging on rationale for ScotWind and INTOG leasing design and expected supply chain and economic/social impact for Scotland. [Information out of scope of request]	

DOCUMENT 2:

Re: ACTIONS: Catch Up - CES, OWD & MD

From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] Thu 16/09/2025 09:35

To: Laura Murdoch <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>; Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; Annabel Turpie <Annabel.Turpie@gov.scot>; Malcolm Pentland <Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot>; Ronan O'Hara <Ronan.OHara@crownestatescotland.com [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Cc: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] >; Michelle Quinn <Michelle.Quinn@gov.scot>; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Hi Laura,

Following the meeting between CES/OWD/MD on 4th September, there was an action on CES to prepare a table of options in relation to [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

1.0 Context: SG colleagues have requested a table detailing potential options for [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] . Options are to consider [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

2.0 Key Considerations:

Implementing the [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

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4. Reviewing the situation from first principles is time consuming and unlikely to reach a different recommendation once legal constraints are taken into consideration

3.0 Financial Considerations:

Each commercial offshore wind farm in Scotland will cost many billions of pounds to develop. Although details are yet to be finalised, the [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

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Our recommended approach remains [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] as this is still a material [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] would be the next preferable approach, [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information][Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information][Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

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Regards,

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 12 September 2025 16:14

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Hi Laura and co.

We are working on the table of options and aim to get back to you on this early next
 week (target end of Tuesday).

Have a good weekend!!

Regards,

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From: Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>

Sent: 09 September 2025 15:10

To: DirectorOSW@gov.scot <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Ragne.Low@gov.scot
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 Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot <Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot>; Ronan O'Hara
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For the benefit of copy recipients, I spoke to [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) –
 personal information] on Monday on the highlighted action below and [Information

redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] will revert later this week with a suggested timescale.

Laura

From: Laura Murdoch

Sent: 04 September 2025 14:09

To: Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>; Ragne Low <Ragne.Low@gov.scot>; Annabel Turpie <Annabel.Turpie@gov.scot>; Malcolm Pentland <Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot>; Ronan O'Hara <ronan.ohara@crownestatescotland.com>; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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Hi All,

Just circulating the actions as agreed at the meeting:

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Meetings

- Michelle's office to arrange another meeting of this group in October.

Many thanks

Laura

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

From: Director of Offshore Wind <DirectorOSW@gov.scot>

Sent: 22 August 2025 13:54

To: Director of Offshore Wind; Laura Murdoch; Ragne Low; Annabel Turpie; Malcolm Pentland; Ronan O'Hara; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Cc: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]; Michelle Quinn; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Subject: Catch Up - CES, OWD & MD

When: 04 September 2025 11:30-12:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

As agreed with [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information], please accept this meeting invite for a catch-up meeting. Please find the agenda outlined below.

Agenda

- [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]
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- SCDS - update

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 27 August 2025 17:06

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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Subject: RE: Follow Up - Parliamentary Questions - Draft response - Leasing process -

[Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information], Hi,
Our response, plus background information, is attached.
Do get back to me with any queries,
Thanks

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:47 AM

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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Good morning

Thanks for the update, [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information].

Kind regards

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 24 August 2025 15:37

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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[Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information], Hi,

I do hope we can get you something in time. I have alerted my colleagues in OSW and asked for their help. But I'm training all day on Monday and interviewing on Tuesday and [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] is off this week so it may be more difficult than usual. But I will endeavour to get you what you want by the deadline.

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:57 PM

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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Hi [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] / CES colleagues

Good afternoon, hope you are all well. You may recall that you provided us with assistance in answering a couple of Parliamentary questions enquiring about the seabed leasing processes for ScotWind/INTOG. We have now received two follow up questions from Mercedes Villalba - MSP, that ask about seabed leasing for offshore wind and marine renewables projects. Questions provided below:

S6W-39996: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-39428 by Gillian Martin on 28 July 2025, whether it will list the criteria underpinning Crown Estate Scotland's assessment process in administering seabed leasing for (a) offshore wind development and (b) other marine renewable energy developments.

S6W-39997: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-39428 by Gillian Martin on 28 July 2025, what obligations Crown Estate Scotland has under the Fair Work Framework in administering seabed leasing for (a) offshore wind development and (b) other marine renewable energy developments.

These are not questions that I am able to answer, but I have had a go at pulling the basis of draft response and background note together, based on the helpful input you and colleagues provided to earlier queries (see attachment). Please note that earlier responses were just in relation to offshore wind and that these relate to both offshore wind and marine renewable energy projects, so some of that text may need tweaked accordingly.

If it is possible to get a response from you by no later that close on **Wednesday 27 August**, that will allow us to meet our deadline for submission to the Minister's office.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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[Attachment]

Incoming two Questions:

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S6W-39997: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-39428 by Gillian Martin on 28 July 2025, what obligations Crown Estate Scotland has under the Fair Work Framework in administering seabed leasing for (a) offshore wind development and (b) other marine renewable energy developments.

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Previous Answer to related question:

28 July 2025

Index Heading: Economy

Mercedes Villalba (North East Scotland) (Scottish Labour Party): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will carry out assessments of new shareholders of ScotWind projects for developer information, such as their capability, experience and financial resources, as carried out during the initial leasing process.

S6W-39428

Gillian Martin: Seabed leasing for offshore wind is administered by Crown Estate Scotland. Crown Estate Scotland appraises lease applications as part of its internal assessment and due diligence process to confirm developer suitability, experience and financial strength, only making awards to organisations that satisfy this assessment process. As part of this process companies must provide a written statement to Crown Estate Scotland to confirm they have not been convicted of unlawful activity, including corruption, bribery, fraud, and human trafficking and exploitation, within the last five years. The criteria underpinning this assessment process is published for the purposes of transparency and accountability.

For the ScotWind leasing round, Crown Estate Scotland required a statement of commitment from each applicant and any project partners confirming that they are not, and have not been, in contravention of a range of legislation, including sanction regimes. This requirement safeguarded against the successful participation of companies convicted of unlawful conduct either within the UK or internationally, including unlawful conduct in relation to ecologically damaging developments. In terms of ScotWind, companies that have proposed a change in ownership or structure following the award of a lease option agreement, Crown Estate Scotland undertakes a review of any incoming party to ensure they have the required capability, financial standing and have provided a duly signed statement of commitment, before consent to such a change in the project is granted.

Crown Estate Scotland also has responsibilities under the Scottish Government's Slavery and Human trafficking statement and follow guidance on due diligence in relation to human rights.

Crown Estate Scotland are committed to taking all appropriate action to prevent the Scottish seabed from being used by any company that does not meet its terms of lease.

Crown Estate Scotland reserves the right to void any application (or terminate agreement) in relation to ScotWind, or other developments which is found to have provided false information.

From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 23 July 2025 11:26

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

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Dear [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Thanks for sight of this PQ draft response.

Colleagues and I have made some suggested, tracked, changes. Please see attached.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 12:44 PM

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Hi [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Perfect – many thanks for this helpful update.

Kind regards

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Sent: 22 July 2025 11:56

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 assessment of new Shareholders for Scotwind projects

Hello [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Thanks for your email.

I'll discuss with CES colleagues and we'll get back to you this week.

Kind regards,

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From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:46 AM

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Hi [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Good morning, I hope you are all well and managing to take a break over summer. You may recall last year we dealt with a number of Parliamentary Questions (PQs) that asked about checks made by CES as part of the Offshore Wind leasing process. You kindly provided us with input for those responses.

We have received two further PQs that are similar in nature to those raised last year and the questions ask specifically about assessments of new shareholders/developers of Scotwind projects and their financial robustness. I have drafted responses to these two questions and a background note, that utilises text from last year's responses. I would be grateful if you could consider the draft and provide input – additions, revisions or deletions as appropriate. You will see in the attached document I have added the two incoming questions and the draft responses and background note (Black Text). For reference purposes, I have also included the response to the PQs made last year (Blue Text).

I am afraid that we have a relatively short period to respond to Private Office, and I have not yet had a chance to fully discuss the draft with Lucy Law, my Deputy Director. If it is possible to get a response from you by the close of this week that would be helpful and would allow time for me to clear any draft with Lucy. If a meeting to discuss these matters would be helpful, very happy to set something up.

Kind regards

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DOCUMENT 4:

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From Ragne Low 27/08/25 09:18

To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]; Laura Murdoch <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]
Cc [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]; Malcolm Pentland <Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot>

Hi [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Thanks for this, really useful to see. I wonder if we could have a quick chat perhaps today or tomorrow? We have been looking in more detail at the material you sent through and have some outstanding thoughts on the extent to which alternatives have been fully explored. Would you be able to make a call with [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] and me in the next day or so?

Ragne

From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 26 August 2025 08:47

To: Laura Murdoch ; Ragne Low ; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Cc: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]; Malcolm Pentland

Subject: [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

Hi Laura

Responses below.

Best Regards

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From: Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:45 PM
To: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information];
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 information]; Malcolm.Pentland@gov.scot
Subject: RE: [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial
 information]

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Thanks for this [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]. As
 discussed yesterday, we will socialise our end, gather any remaining questions and
 share with you asap ([Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] **will
 be in touch mid next week** – I'll be on leave).

Michelle and Ronan are also meeting on Monday **1 September** and Michelle would
 like to add [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial
 information] to that agenda (invitation will be extended to you). Following that, we will
 need to revert to Ministers.

The **key question** arising so far having looked at [Information redacted – Reg
 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

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CES of course considered the [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality
 of commercial information]. We also recognised that [Information redacted – Reg
 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]. However, given that
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And the extent to which CES has considered the [Information redacted – Reg
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We considered the potential impact [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]
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While I understand it is [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information] [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

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Nothing in the feedback we've received suggests [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information].

Many thanks

Laura

From: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Sent: 21 August 2025 14:38

To: Ragne Low <ragne.low@gov.scot>; Laura Murdoch <laura.murdoch2@gov.scot>; [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Cc: [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information] [Information redacted - Reg 11(2) – personal information]

Subject: [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]

Ragne *et al*

Further to our discussion this morning, please see attached response [Information redacted – Reg 10(5)(e) – confidentiality of commercial information]– please review and come back with any questions or comments (if necessary). I'd also appreciate being able to confirm next steps and overall timeline at the earliest opportunity.

Best Regards

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