

ANNEX A

A small amount of information and documentation has been withheld under Regulation 10(4)(e) (internal communications). This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is some public interest in releasing the information as part of an open, transparent and accountable government. However, this is outweighed by the greater public interest in allowing Scottish Ministers and Scottish Government officials a private space to share advice for the purpose of deliberation on any given policy.

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

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Subject: Submission on statutory nature restoration targets - Routine for comments / decision by 21 June 2023

PO/Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

[REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]

Please find attached routine submission that provides an update on the development of the policy framework for the introduction of **statutory nature restoration targets** and proposed next steps.

It recommends the Minister approves:

- a. the approach to the handling of nature restoration targets in legislation;
- b. the broad approach to the summer consultation – the Minister will have an opportunity to approve the final form of the consultation in due course; and
- c. [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]

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Regards

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PS / Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
PS / Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

Please see the attached routine advice from [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]for Ministers' information which

- a. Sets out where we have reached in the process to develop and introduce statutory targets for nature restoration;
- b. [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]
- c. Sets out next steps, including how and when we will seek decisions from Ministers on how to proceed.

The attached diagram also provides for ease of reference a ready-reckoner setting out the relationship between targets, monitoring and metrics

This topic is on the agenda for discussion at the forthcoming quadrilateral meeting on 14 December.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] *Why have I put this?* | Biodiversity Team Leader

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Subject: RE: Natural Environment/Marine Bill provisions

Attachment: [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Please see the attached response from Ms Slater to Ms McAllan.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]- Private Secretary to the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity - Lorna Slater MSP

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Subject: RE: Natural Environment/Marine Bill provisions, plus note of meeting and 2 page Bill overview

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Ms Slater is content with the note to Ms McAllan, we'll send it out shortly.

We'll let you know when the Minister has cleared the meeting note below.

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Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

cc. Harry

Following on from our meeting with the Minister on 16 November, [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]

I have also copied below the note of our catch-up with Ms Slater on 16 November (with erdm link) and I've attached a 2-page Bill overview briefing for the Natural Environment Bill, which Ms Slater may find helpful.

I've attached again our draft response from Ms Slater to Ms McAllan [REDACTED: REGULATION 10(4)(e)]. We're happy to discuss this with Ms Slater at the 3-weekly catch-up we have scheduled for Wednesday.

Kind regards

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Natural Environment Bill

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