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Subject: RE: Contribution Request: EEFW Committee Report - BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain
Date: 16 February 2021 09:19:54

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find our responses to this below:

- **The Committee notes the findings in Arup's report and the need to ensure sufficient port capacity to support the expansion of offshore wind activity in Scotland. The Committee asks Crown Estate Scotland to provide it with an update on timescales for the implementation of the report's recommendations.** A working group (representatives from Crown Estate Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government energy team) has been created to consider the recommendations contained in the report. Further work will now take place to agree workstreams and associated timelines.

ScotWind leases and Supply Chain Development Statements

- **The Committee notes Crown Estate Scotland's view that securing work for the Scottish supply chain cannot be a consideration when awarding licences. However, given Scotland is no longer bound by EU state aid restrictions to the same extent as prior to EU exit, the Committee calls on the Scottish Government and Crown Estate Scotland to urgently review the SCDS process with a view to strengthening local content requirements and monitoring powers.** As has been outlined previously to the Committee, Crown Estate Scotland is not legally able to require local content as part of ScotWind Leasing. Crown Estate Scotland's legal advice is that this remains the case following the UK's exit from the EU. Crown Estate Scotland has engaged extensively with all interested groups throughout the formulation of ScotWind Leasing, and remains committed to engaging and discussing the implementation of the SCDS with the Committee and any other interested stakeholders.
- **The UK Government's aim is to have 60% UK content in the offshore wind supply chain, yet under EU state aid restrictions it was previously unable to insist on UK content in its award of contracts for difference. The Scottish Government also felt unable to specify the levels of Scottish content during the awarding of seabed leases. With the new arrangements in place between the UK and the EU, it may be possible that public bodies in the UK could have more freedom to require benefits to local supply chains. The Committee asks the Scottish Government to clarify whether it now has the legal power to insist on Scottish content as part of current and future leases.** As above.

Many thanks

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Sorry to chase, but grateful for any contribution sooner rather than later?

If there's a challenge in meeting this, please say and I'll speak with the team co-ordinating the response.

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Dear both
Good morning – I recognise that Scotwind will be a priority
Any material that was considered for a reply to the committee would be most appreciated so that I can reply by 12pm today
Many thanks

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Many thanks – I have passed to [REDACTED] who will coordinate a response on these points for 9th February. Will come back if we need any further guidance.

Regards

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Hello [REDACTED] – I hope you are well.

The EEFW Committee had published their [report](#) into the above which energy colleagues are leading

As you would expect the Committee would like the Cabinet Secretary to respond to some questions and we need your guidance please to address some of the main findings of the Committee. The report is comprehensive so Energy colleagues are only seeking a paragraph or two against the below please.

Grateful for your input by 9 February – many thanks

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Investment in infrastructure

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