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Hi Simon,

For your records, please find attached a short minute of the phone call between Amanda and the Cab Sec last week.

It's been cleared by Cab Sec and is a simple read out of where we were at that time.

If there are any issues, do let me know.

Thanks,

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PS / Cabinet Secretary ECCLR,

Please find below a minute of the meeting held with Amanda Bryan, Chair of Crown Estate Scotland on the implications for the ScotWind Leasing Round, following the outcome of the UK Round 4 leasing process. Once content, we'll send on to Amanda for her consideration and record.

Many thanks,

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**Meeting Minute – Cabinet Secretary ECCLR and Amanda Bryan, Chair,
Crown Estate Scotland – 14:00 – 09-02-2021**

1. Amanda Bryan, Chair Crown Estate Scotland, raised concerns to the Cabinet Secretary ECCLR around the likely revenues to be accrued from the ScotWind Offshore Wind Leasing Round (£86m) in comparison to the recent announcement from The Crown Estate (UK) on the revenues (£900m deposits potentially rising to £4.5-9bn in additional option fees) which have been generated by their Round 4 leasing round. It was noted that the ScotWind application window is due to close on 31st March 2021.
2. Both the Cabinet Secretary and CES Chair acknowledged that there has been a significant shift in the dynamics of the offshore wind market during the last 12 months, and following the point at which the Crown Estate Scotland Board and Scottish Ministers originally signed off on ScotWind revenue cap.
3. Both the Cabinet Secretary and CES Chair agreed that a sensible next step would be to pause the ScotWind bidding round in to consider the implications of The Crown Estate (UK) Round 4 results on the current pricing strategy.
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5. In terms of the next steps, a news release will be prepared outlining the pause and next steps. Officials from CES and Marine Scotland will liaise to develop and clear with PO and SpAds.
6. The CES Board will meet on the 25th February to determine any proposed adjustment to the current pricing strategy. The outcomes of this process will then be presented, along with any other related considerations, to Scottish Ministers in early March.
7. It was agreed that it would be desirable for the pause in ScotWind to be completed, if possible, by 25th March, at which point the current Parliamentary session would come to an end. Otherwise ScotWind could not be re-commenced until after the Scottish Parliamentary Elections in May, which would result in a lengthy delay for developers preparing bids.
8. Marine Scotland Officials sought to clarify the next steps in terms of ministerial clearance, given the cross-portfolio and sensitive nature of the subject. The Cabinet Secretary consulted  (SpAd), and stated that there was no current requirement to raise this issue to the Cabinet or First Minister at this stage.