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Thanks

No doubt we will be speaking again.

Amanda

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My readout is that it's ask and encourage rather than ministerial direction but I haven't seen the formal cabinet readout so I can't confirm until then.

We are keen (and this is what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are speaking to Simon just now) to understand what can do on timing as this further assurance can only help to minimise legal risk.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Can I ask what the exact position is with regard to seeking further assurance. Is this guidance from Scottish Ministers or something more formal. We need to be very clear on this in relation to governance, accountability and who is actually taking the decision.

Thanks

Amanda

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Hi Amanda,

The readout broadly as we discussed briefly yesterday around seeking further assurance. We passed on the potential impact on delay. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are meeting with Simon now to discuss.

In terms of immediate actions in next few days, I would be grateful for briefing by tomorrow morning from CES to explain exactly what lies behind the timelines for delay and to explain whether these can be compressed and by how much. We anticipate that Ms Cunningham will then write to CES by Friday at latest.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Afternoon [REDACTED]

I was wondering at what point we may get a read out on the Cabinet's position on ScotWind. I have arranged for a further Board Meeting tomorrow to consider the decision and our next steps and it would be very helpful for a read out so we can plan accordingly for any decisions that may have to be taken.

Thanks

Amanda

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