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Dear Andrew

**Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Session,
Tuesday 17 April 2018**

Thank you for your letter of 14 May 2018 providing additional information on Crown Estate Scotland's view of Section 7(2) of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill and further explanation around the level of revenue transfers provided for in the Bill, which was received by the Committee on 15 May. Whilst it is helpful to have this clarification, it comes extremely late in the process, as you are aware the Committee was considering its report on that date.

The letter raises a number of questions on which we would welcome clarification:

- 1) The Committee is interested in your interpretation of operating within the principles of sustainable development. In relation to Section 7(2) we would welcome examples of when you would consider it inappropriate for Crown Estate Scotland to be obliged to contribute to the promotion or the improvement of economic, social and environmental wellbeing.
- 2) Can you outline your understanding of how sustainable development is interpreted by Crown Estate Scotland managers?
- 3) Is there a process for monitoring how sustainable development is taken into account at a) manager level and b) Crown Estate Scotland level?
- 4) The Committee appreciates the example you have provided of how the 9% revenue transfer figure is calculated. Can you clarify if the 9% revenue figure is always calculated as a proportion of 'gross turnover'? The terms 'gross revenue' and 'gross turnover' appear to have been used interchangeably throughout the evidence and this confusion has been unhelpful.

The Committee would appreciate an early response to these questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized, looped flourish at the end.

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
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