Finance and Constitution Committee Questionnaire

This questionnaire is being sent to those organisations that have an interest in, or which may be affected by, the **Scottish Crown Estate Bill — Financial Memorandum (FM)**.

In addition to the questions below, please add any other comments you may have which would assist the Committee’s scrutiny of the FM.

Consultation

Responses of Peter Macalister Hall, Secretary of a recreational moorings association in the Kyles of Bute “Seven Sisters / Milton Bay Mooring Association.”

1. Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill Yes, by written and then by ‘phone interview, but as is common with a broad, unfocused consultation, some interview questions were poorly drafted or lacked definitions. Felt rather like a case of a contractor just “going through the motions.” and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made? No.

2. If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM? n/a

3. Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise? Yes

Costs

4. If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, Potentially Yes, but difficult to say until fees/rents and admin system are agreed do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details. ?

5. Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate? Probably, to +/- 20%.

6. If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met? We can probably meet most likely costs; “any” is too open.

7. Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise? No, I don’t really think so -see answer in Q5

Wider Issues

8. Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom? Pass

9. Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs? Not best placed to answer that one.