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Dear Convenor,

During the Committee's evidence session on 5 November, I undertook to provide further information in response to the question from the Deputy Convener, Dawn Black MSP:

"Will you elaborate on the level of contracts to Scottish supply chain companies since 2022? Do you have that information? What evidence have you had from the ScotWind leaseholders on that supply chain? What percentage of supply chain contracts going to Scottish companies would be considered to be a success?"

The information requested is set out below.

The Scottish Government does not hold comprehensive data on the number or value of individual contracts awarded by ScotWind developers to Scottish companies. The principal source of information available is information reported by developers to Crown Estate Scotland through the Supply Chain Development Statement (SCDS) process.

Through the latest SCDS update exercise developers reported total expenditure of £528 million, including £218 million with Scottish suppliers, covering the period from the launch of ScotWind to April 2026. This demonstrates that ScotWind is already generating economic activity and supply chain opportunities during the development phase, ahead of project construction.

Developers continue to update their SCDS commitments and expenditure data, providing an increasingly detailed picture of supply chain activity as projects mature. In addition, developers are taking practical steps to increase Scottish supply chain participation. For example, Thistle Wind Partners has established a programme with DEME Offshore, supported by Scotland's enterprise agencies, to help Scottish companies become qualified suppliers for project contracts and wider offshore wind opportunities in the UK and internationally.

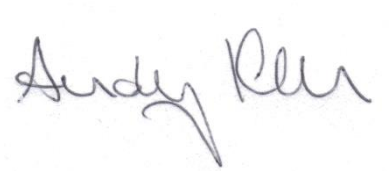
SCDS only reflect ScotWind supply chain commitments, and there are examples where Scottish companies are securing major contracts on other offshore wind developments. For example, while not a ScotWind project, Aberdeen-based Seaway7 was selected in October 2026 as preferred supplier for foundations and inter-array cables on the 1.4GW Berwick Bank B. The contract is expected to support around 400 jobs in Scotland and demonstrates the ability of Scottish-based companies to secure major offshore wind supply chain opportunities.

The Committee also asked what percentage of contracts awarded to Scottish companies would be considered a success. Neither Crown Estate Scotland nor the Scottish Government established a minimum Scottish content requirement or target percentage as part of the ScotWind leasing process.

Instead, our objective is to maximise the economic benefit to Scotland from offshore wind deployment by creating the conditions for Scottish businesses to compete successfully for work across the project lifecycle. Success will be demonstrated through increasing Scottish expenditure, growth in supply chain capability and capacity, investment in infrastructure such as ports and harbours, and the creation of high-quality jobs across Scotland's offshore wind sector.

The Scottish Government continues to work closely with developers, Crown Estate Scotland, enterprise agencies and industry to strengthen Scotland's offshore wind supply chain and maximise the economic opportunities arising from ScotWind and the wider offshore wind pipeline.

Yours sincerely,



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