

**PE1474/A**

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Public Petitions Committee  
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Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Andrew

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1474**

In response to your letter of 17 May 2013, please see below a summary of Scottish Enterprise's (SE) dealings with the Trump Organisation.

Over recent years, our engagement with the Trump Organisation has been the subject of numerous FoI requests and as such this information is in the public domain. At all times we have endeavoured to provide a full and comprehensive account of all staff engagement and SE's relationship and role with regard to the Menie Estate development.

The key engagement points to note are as follows:

- In 2005/6 SE Grampian conducted a Feasibility Study of the Menie House Estate to assess the economic viability of a 5 star hotel and golf resort. It also commissioned a promotional DVD to showcase the project to the international market and to promote and increase the profile of Grampian as an attractive inward investment location.
- This Feasibility Study and promotional DVD were used by the Menie Estate to promote itself. The Trump Organisation contacted the Menie Estate directly, with no involvement from SE. As noted above, the Feasibility Study has been made public under FoI and we would be happy to forward a copy to the Committee.
- Through our international arm, Scottish Development International we were alerted by a third party that the Trump Organisation was looking for locations in Scotland and Ireland for a prospective golf development. When we met with representatives of the Trump Organisation, the Menie Estate had already been identified by the organisation as a possible site.

- SE Grampian was supportive of the proposals for a golf development at the Menie Estate, given the economic impact it would have on the region.
- SE Grampian (and subsequently SE) did not offer or commit funds in support of the proposed Trump development in Aberdeen.
- In 2007, our former Chief Executive wrote to the Trump Organisation on the matter of the planning application decision.

Yours sincerely

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