



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Devolution (Further Powers) Committee

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Dear Ms Nimmo,

As you are aware, the Scottish Parliament's Devolution (Further Powers) Committee is leading on the consideration of aspects relating to the Scotland Bill. One strand of this activity relates to the planned devolution for the management and revenues of the Crown Estate in Scotland. This includes the consideration of the draft Memorandum of Understanding and the transfer scheme.

These matters were considered by the Committee at its meeting of Thursday 4 February and it was agreed that I write to you with a couple of queries for The Crown Estate.

Firstly, we understand that the new scheme as well as current practice requires The Crown Estate to maintain an estate-in-land and that whilst this does not prevent the body from a sale of assets, any revenues need to be re-invested into other assets to maintain an estate-in-land. We would be grateful for an explanation on how this process works at the moment and what timescales would be allowable between the sale of one asset and the purchase of another. We would also appreciate if you could clarify who would hold the revenues generated from the sale of the first asset and to whom any interest would accrue.

Secondly, we would be grateful if you could explain in more detail the overall duty placed upon you in terms of the management of your portfolio of assets and the efforts to generate revenues and how you interpret the obligations placed upon you as the manager of The Crown Estate's assets in Scotland.

I am grateful for any information you are able to supply on these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener