

**PE1722/N**

Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands submission of 8 December 2020

At the Committee for the above Petition on Thursday 12 November, I gave two commitments:

- To provide a list of Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) work carried out “in the spirit of the 2018 Act” before they were formally introduced; and
- to revert to the Committee with the results of any positive discussions that we have with the local authority (Argyll and Bute Council) and with colleagues in Transport Scotland, as well as with wider local authorities that have an interest.

My officials have produced a list as requested (annexed to this letter), detailing examples of where advice has been given in regard to the preparation of ICIA's. This list augments the examples already given to Committee, being:

- On-going work on the Strategic Transport Projects Review, which will be completed in two phases. The first phase will look at Active Travel and locking in the good behaviours that have resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic. The second phase will look at the investment opportunities.
- Phase 3 of the Covid Route Map.
- Deposit Return Scheme.
- Producer responsibility for recycling and packaging.
- The Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy.

I can also confirm that parking charges at lifeline ferry ports is an agenda item at the forthcoming Islands Strategic Group where the matter will be discussed with islands authorities' leaders and Chief Executives on 9 December. I can confirm that I will write to you further regarding progress of these imminent discussions.

**Advice given on the preparation of Island Communities Impact Assessments:**

1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Incorporation Bill
2. Sport Scotland's Review of Cumbrae National Watersports Centre
3. Regulations relating to the Scottish Nursery Milk Scheme
4. Internal Review of Scottish Government Impact Assessments
5. Scotland's Environment Strategy - screening report
6. Burial regulations
7. Future Fisheries Management
8. HIAL - Proposal for Remote Air traffic Control screening document
9. Good Food Nation Bill Screening assessment
10. Bioenergy Action Plan
11. Scottish Crown Estate Strategic Management Plan
12. Early Learning and Childcare Recovery
13. Age of Criminal Responsibility - ChIRPs Regulations
14. St Andrews University (Medical Degrees) Bill
15. Transport Transition Plan
16. Events Sectoral Guidance - ICIA Screening Report
17. Construction guidance
18. National Development Plan for Crofting
19. SSI to align with a recast of EU legislation on PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)
20. Winter Heating Benefits
21. Scottish Government's Cleaner Air for Scotland Strategy
22. SSI is to extend the "relevant period" specified in schedule 14 of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020
23. Single-Use Plastics Directive - Islands Screening Assessment
24. Housing to 2040 Route Map
25. Food Waste Consultation
26. Travel Restrictions - regulations
27. NTS2 Delivery Plan
28. ICIA National Transport Strategy (NTS2)
29. ICIA Scotland's Census 2021
30. Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019
31. Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership's Guidance on ICIA's
32. ICIA for the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill