

## **Minute note - Cross Party Group on Oil and Gas**

Held on Wednesday 24 April 2012, 17:30 - 19:00

TG20-21, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

### **In attendance**

Richard Baker MSP

Nigel Don MSP

Lewis Macdonald MSP

Jamie McGrigor MSP

Alison McInnes MSP

Nanette Milne MSP

Dennis Robertson MSP

Tavish Scott MSP

Kevin Stewart MSP

Maureen Watt MSP

Gillian Black, OPITO

Gemma Cheek, MSP Researcher

Iain Macaulay, McGrigors

Gillian Frew, McGrigors

Nigel Hares, EnQuest

Alex Hill, Met Office

Michael Hogg, RMT

Christine Jones, Total

Alison Langford, Exxonmobil

Bristow Muldoon, Royal Society

Edinburgh

Miles Oglethorpe, Scottish Government

Ally Rae, BP

Malcolm Ricketts, Wood Mackenzie

Jenny Stanning, Oil & Gas UK

Michael Tholen, Oil & Gas UK

James Trolland

Kate Yuill, Aberdeen Chamber of  
Commerce

### **Apologies:**

Fiona Bayne, Shell

Chic Brodie MSP

Annabel Ewing MSP

Rhoda Grant MSP

Brian Nixon, DecomNorth Sea

Jenny Marra MSP

Mark McDonald MSP

Jake Molloy, RMT

Trisha O'Reilly, Oil & Gas UK

Muriel Roberts, Chevron

Tim Smith, BP

John Taylor, National Grid

### **Group administration**

Lewis Macdonald MSP welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

The group elected Nanette Milne as co-convener

### **Elgin update**

Christine Jones, Total, gave a short update about the Elgin situation and action underway by Total in response.

### **UK Budget - Oil & Gas UK**

Michael Tholen, Oil & Gas UK, made some reflections on exploration activity and responded to measures announced in the UK Government's Budget that will have an impact on the offshore oil and gas industry.

### **UK Budget - Industry**

Nigel Hares, EnQuest, gave an industry reflection on measures announced in the Budget and the future for oil and gas in the North Sea.

The group discussed all three presentations, covering a range of issues including the role for government in the process of transferring assets in the North Sea, more information about decommissioning, more information about the development of brownfield assets, the health and safety record in the North Sea, the impact of the Elgin situation on the campaign against the EU taking control of offshore health and safety.

### **AOB**

Ally Rae, BP, extended an invitation to the MSPs present to a breakfast preview briefing BP are arranging in conjunction with the Scottish Parliament and Business Exchange: Statistical Review of World Energy 2012, 08:00 – 09:30, 21 June in Committee Room 2, the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh.

Christine Jones, Total, reminded the group that the next meeting would be sponsored by Total E&P and will take place on 20 June in Committee 1 of the Scottish Parliament, starting with tea and coffee at 17:30 and finishing after a presentation, food and wine at 20:30.

### **Close of event**

Lewis Macdonald MSP thanked attendees and the meeting closed at 19:00.

Ends.