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By email

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Dear Graeme,

I am writing to let you know of an important step that I am taking to ensure the early transfer of the management of the Crown Estate assets to Scotland.

As you will be aware, the Scotland Act 2016 provides that management of the assets be transferred to the Scottish Ministers or a person nominated by them. The transfer will be via a statutory transfer scheme (a form of secondary legislation) made by the Treasury. The Scottish Government recently consulted on proposals to set up a new public body to manage the assets on an interim basis using Order in Council powers provided in the Scotland Act 2016. The interim arrangements are being put in place to ensure a smooth transition, from the point of devolution, until the Scottish Parliament has legislated on the long term framework for management of the assets.

I am today laying a draft Order in Council in Parliament that will establish Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management), a body corporate nominated as the transferee, to manage the interim arrangements.

Later this year, the Scottish Government will commence a consultation on the long term arrangements.

I hope you find this update helpful.

*Yours
Roseanna.*

ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM

cc: Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee