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CONSULTATIONS

CONSULTATION OF FEES PAYABLE FOR CONSENT UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 1990 (SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE 21/01/05) The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on whether the range of fees associated with applications for consent to build, operate or extend power stations under section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 should be adjusted with a view to ensuring that they cover the associated costs of the application and that part of the fee is used to meet the costs of the planning authority. The deadline for responses is the 14/02/05. For more information on the consultation please go to the following webpage:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/enterprise/cfpce/cfpce.pdf>

EVENTS

RECONNECTING PEOPLE AND PLACE SEMINAR SERIES 14-18 FEB 2005 These seminars are based around the concept of placemaking, presented by Greenspace Scotland. The cost of the events is £155 each. To obtain a booking form for the events please contact Joy Nelson at joy.nelson@greenspacescotland.org.uk.

GHS EDINBURGH SPRING LECTURES The Garden History Society in Scotland is holding two lectures at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 March, 2pm. Tickets are priced at £15, students £7. For more information please contact Grace Ellis on 0131 447 4124.

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT WEEK 7-13 FEBRUARY 2005 Organised by Scottish Environment LINK and sponsored by National Grid Transco, this week will create an opportunity to focus, in Holyrood, on the importance of the environment and its value to the society and economy in Scotland. There will be an exhibition on the Garden Lobby of the Scottish Parliament, discussion events, and opportunity for MSPs to make their own pledge to the environment in a Holyrood Declaration. For more information contact the Parliamentary office of Scottish Environment LINK on 0131 225 4345 or email Jessica at Jessica@scotlink.org

URBAN DESIGN CONFERENCE 24 FEBRUARY 2005 This conference will be exploring Scotland's Urban Design Agenda. The conference venue is the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh. The programme starts at 9am and the price of the event is £176.25. For more information on booking a place at the conference please contact the RIAS on 0131 29 7545 or email jpelan@rias.org.uk

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – PROMOTING BEST PRACTICE IN WALES AND SCOTLAND This one day conference will take place on 7 March in Edinburgh. It will be hosted by the Sustainable Development Commission; keynote speakers include Jonathon Porritt, Ross Finnie MSP and Carwyn Jones AM. It will feature workshops on transport, health, procurement and food, energy and communities. For more information visit: www.holyrood.com or call 0131 272 2130.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASES

BUILDING STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (12/01/2005) The Deputy Minister for Communities recently announced the appointment of nine new members to the Building Standards Advisory Committee. The new members are Dr Stephen Garvin, Professor Bimal Kumar, Ms Trisha McAuley, Mr Charles McFadyen, Mr Keith

MacGillivray, Mr Ian Paterson, Miss Lindy Patterson, Mr Mervyn Toshner and Mr Bryan Woodley. For more information please go to the following web-page:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2005/01/12130319>

BURNS HERITAGE PARK FUTURE (20/01/2005) A £50,000 grant was recently announced by the Scottish Executive for the Burns Heritage Park in Ayrshire. The Culture Minister is due to meet with the National Trust for Scotland and South Ayrshire Council in a bid to secure the park's long term viability. For more information please go to the following web-page:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2005/01/19151058>

FUNDING FOR GREEN PROJECTS (13/01/2005) Scots are being encouraged to think about how the way they live impacts on the environment through £150,000 in Executive funding each year for the next three years. The funding will be granted to national and regional projects of between one and three years duration that address the sustainable use of resources, energy and travel, and environmental justice. For more information please go to the following website:

<http://www.sustainable.scotland.gov.uk/>

NEWS RELEASES

HISTORIC SCOTLAND APPOINTS THREE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (HS-13/01/05) Historic Scotland has appointed three non-executive directors to the agency's Board. They are Marc Ellington, a Marketing, Tourism and Management Consultant. David Campbell McGibbon of the project consultancy McGibbon Associates and former Group Finance Director of Grampian Holdings and Sheila Terry, Head of Planning and Transportation for Falkirk Council. The introduction for the first time of non-executive members is intended to provide challenging and innovative input to the Board from different perspectives. They will bring an external view and contribute at strategic level on corporate management issues. The new directors will also monitor, analyse and evaluate key issues. For more information please go the Historic Scotland website:

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=14008>

MOTIONS & BILLS

S2M-2249 ROBIN HARPER: SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT WEEK IN THE PARLIAMENT, 7 TO 13 FEBRUARY 2005 (14/01/05)

That the Parliament welcomes the forthcoming Scottish Environment Week in Holyrood from 7 to 13 February 2005 which will focus on the importance of the environment and its value to the society and economy of Scotland; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate our rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage, to acknowledge the active involvement of people across the country in caring for the environment in their own communities and workplaces and to showcase sustainable development successes in practice, and looks forward to the exhibition and events throughout that week which will bring people together to look towards challenges and opportunities in securing the well-being of our environment and our future.

S2M-2246 ROSIE KANE: CLIMATE CHANGE (14/01/05) That the Parliament notes with concern the bad weather currently experienced by Scotland; agrees that the impact of this weather is a direct result of a lack of commitment on the part of successive Westminster and Holyrood governments to address the issue of climate change; calls on the Scottish Executive, in light of the current flooding and the upcoming G8 summit being hosted by Scotland, to initiate an immediate cessation of all non-essential road building projects in Scotland such as the M74 extension, an immediate cessation of all building on floodplains, an immediate cessation of draining of wetlands including proper river basin management and an immediate nationwide project of native broadleaf tree planting.

S2M-2181 COLIN FOX: FORTH RAIL BRIDGE (14/01/05) That the Parliament supports the bid for World Heritage Site status for the Forth Rail Bridge; recognises the magnificent feat of engineering involved in the construction of the Forth Rail Bridge; acknowledges the dedication, hard work and skill of the working men who built the Forth Rail Bridge; regrets that in the construction of the bridge 57 men lost their lives; calls on the Scottish Executive to recognise these facts within the context of the symbol of Scotland that the bridge represents, and further calls on the Executive to erect a plaque in memory of those workers who lost their lives in the construction.

S2M-2255 PATRICIA FERGUSON: NATIONAL LOTTERY BILL UK LEGISLATION (14/01/05) That the Parliament agrees that the provisions in the National Lottery Bill that relate to the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers should be considered by the UK Parliament.

S2M-2288 CATHY JAMIESON: THE DRAFT LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (MODIFICATION) ORDER 2005 (21/01/05) That the Justice 1 Committee recommends that the draft Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (Modification) Order 2005 be approved.

NEW PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

S2W-13431 Ms SANDRA WHITE (14/01/05) To ask the Scottish Executive how it will evaluate the work of community planning partnerships following the introduction of the Community Regeneration Fund.

S2W-13476 BRUCE CRAWFORD (14/01/05) To ask the Scottish Executive what consideration it has given to the impact of the roadwork's provisions in the Transport (Scotland) Bill on urban regeneration.

S2W-13325 Des McNULTY (11/01/05) To ask the Scottish Executive how it will respond to the unanticipated use of the reallocation provisions within the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 regarding the transfer of feudal superiority over certain domestic properties.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q (S2W-12999) LINDA FABIANI, RENEWABLE ENERGY

A The provision of community benefit by a developer is a matter for that developer and the communities concerned. The Executive has not discussed these matters with Scottish Power nor has it signed any concordats. **ALLAN WILSON (05/01/05)**
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-05/wa0105.htm>

Q (S2W-12569) WENDY ALEXANDER, REGENERATION

A As part of the vision to 2025, the National Planning Framework identifies the Clyde Corridor as an area in the Central Belt where major change is taking place. The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan approved by the Scottish ministers in 2002 identified the Clyde Waterfront and the Clyde Gateway as priorities for regeneration and renewal. Regeneration of the Clyde is therefore being addressed without the need for a National Planning Policy Guideline. **MALCOLM CHISHOLM (05/01/05)**
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-05/wa0105.htm>

Q (S2W-13060) ALEX NEIL, PLANNING

A The final decision is dependent on the satisfactory conclusion of a legal agreement between the applicant and North Lanarkshire Council. I understand the council hopes to conclude this agreement by early February. On receipt of the agreement Scottish ministers will make every effort to issue an early decision. **JOHANN LAMONT (17/01/05)**
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-05/wa0117.htm>

Q (S2W-13307) RICHARD LOCHHEAD, NUCLEAR POWER

A There have been no applications from the nuclear industry to construct, extend or operate a generating station in any of the last five years. **ALLAN WILSON (19/01/05)**
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-05/wa0119.htm>

Information in the Bulletin is extracted from a number of websites (mainly Scottish Executive and Scottish Parliament). If you have any questions or comments on the above, or would like to submit information to be included, please get in touch with Chris Stuart cstuart@befso.org.uk or Jo Robertson jrobertson@befso.org.uk at the BEFS office on 0131 556 5353.