

**Cabinet Committee – 1st June, 2023****Amendment to Item 5 – Scottish Government Consultation on Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan**

That Cabinet Committee agree the recommendations subject to the following amendments to the draft consultation response:-

<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>FC Response</u></b>	<b><u>SNP Response</u></b>
<b>20.</b> Should a rigorous Climate Compatibility Checkpoint (CCC) test be used as part of the process to determine whether or not to allow new oil and gas production?	Nil response	YES
<b>21.</b> If you do think a CCC test should be applied to new production, should that test be applied both to exploration and to fields already consented but not yet in production, as proposed in the strategy?	Nil response	YES
<b>22.</b> If you do not think a CCC test should be applied to new production, is this because your view is that:	Nil response	Nil Response
<b>23.</b> If there is to be a rigorous CCC test, what criteria would you use within such a test? In particular, in the context of understanding the impact of oil and gas production in the Scottish North Sea specifically on the global goals of the Paris Agreement, should a CCC test reflect:		
A) the emissions impact from the production side of oil and gas activity only	Nil response	NO
B) the emissions impact associated with both the production and consumption aspects of oil and gas activity i.e. also cover the global emissions associated with the use of oil and gas, even if the fossil fuel is produced in the Scottish North Sea but exported so that use occurs in another country – as proposed in the Strategy	Nil response	YES

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## Consultation Questions Response

24. As part of decisions on any new production, do you think that an assessment should be made on whether a project demonstrates clear economic and social benefit to Scotland? If so, how should economic and social benefit be determined?

25. Should there be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas?

Nil response

YES

26. If you do think there should be a presumption against new exploration, are there any exceptional circumstances under which you consider that exploration could be permitted?

Nil response

NO

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36. What are the key actions you would like to see the Scottish Government take in the next 5 years to support the development of CCUS in Scotland?

Nil response

Continue to promote the Scottish cluster.

Work with partners and showcase the new skills leadership in Carbon Capture.

38. What are the opportunities and challenges to CCUS deployment in Scotland?

Nil response.

Opportunities relate to job creation and the storage of substantial carbon dioxide.

Challenge is the UK Government cancelling Scottish projects.

39. Given Scotland's key CCUS resources, Scotland has the potential to work towards being at the centre of a European hub for the importation and storage of CO2 from Europe. What are your views on this?

Nil response

Peterhead Port provides opportunities for commercial CO2 shipping and opening up Scotland for the importation for storage opportunities from Europe.