



Environment Information Regulations

JNCC submission to FIG's oil EIS consultation

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Request

We're inputting via Falklands Conservation into the consultations etc going on around hydrocarbon development in the Falkland Islands. We've noted that there is a very interesting clause in the local Falklands oil legislation, which requires that a licence for development can only be granted with permission from the UK Foreign Secretary. We're therefore trying to understand better what technical inputs the Foreign Secretary will use when deciding whether to grant permission, and wondering whether JNCC submitted a response to FIG's recent oil EIS consultation, given your North Sea expertise, and whether this is something that you have shared with the FCO as a technical input?

Any information that you can share would be greatly appreciated.

Reply

Thank you for your request for information, received by JNCC on Tuesday 22nd May, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

In response to your queries regarding JNCC submission to FIG's recent oil EIS consultation, we can confirm that:

- 1) JNCC did submit a formal response to the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) on the public consultation on Environmental Impact Statement (January 2018).
- 2) FIG has shared this response with the FCO. In line with FIG procedures, the JNCC response together with all other consultee comments provided during the consultation, as well as Premier Oil's response to these comments, will go forwards in the FIG Executive Council approval process as part of the consultation paper. It is FIG Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) expectation that all those documents will be published in due course, when Executive Council considers the EIS.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. If you require any further detail please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also informed that the Director of FIG-DMR, Stephen Luxton would be happy to directly address any further enquires you may have, and he may be contacted on sluxton@mineralresources.gov.fk.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint please contact Kirsty Meadows (kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk).

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