



Environment, Food
and Rural Affairs
Committee

Olivia Thomas
Head of Marine Planning
The Crown Estate
By email

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Dear Olivia

Thank you for appearing before the Committee. We appreciated your time and your willingness to explore a variety of subjects in detail during the session. During the hearing, you made a number of commitments to provide further information, and time constraints meant some issues could not be explored fully. I would therefore be grateful if you could provide responses to the following outstanding points.

- Which specific communities The Crown Estate has engaged with in the South West of England and further detail on the nature of that engagement **(Q51)**?
- How much of the revenue generated by The Crown Estate is transferred to the Treasury, and how much is retained by The Crown Estate **(Q95)**? Could you also outline the amount of this revenue that is generated from The Crown Estate's marine activities?
- Can you confirm whether rent charged to aquaculture interests is calculated on the basis of turnover or by another mechanism **(Q98)**.
- How many tonnes of aggregate are extracted from the seabed each year by the aggregate sector **(Q136)**?
- Is it The Crown Estate's official policy to support the establishment of a sea-use framework **(Q130)**?
- Could you outline the mechanisms through which The Crown Estate is accountable to Parliament **(Q163)**.
- Please provide details of the specific ports in which The Crown Estate invests, and the nature of those investments **(Q164)**.
- With your new duties under the Crown Estate Act 2025, how are you assessing the impact of your activities on sustainable development – particularly with regards to the Environment Act targets?

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I would be grateful for your responses to the above questions by Monday 23 February.

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Alistair Carmichael MP
Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee