

NGO forum meeting with Minister Hunt

Date, time and location: 13:00-13:30, 30/7/2024, 55 Whitehall

Readout:

Minister Hunt (MH) welcomed the forum. He outlined his new position in the role and was in the process of familiarising himself with the work ongoing across the department as well as listening to several stakeholders.

MH invited Alison Downes (AD) to make her opening comments. AD then moved to introduce other members of the forum to the Minister and inviting them to make comments.

MH listened to views from several members, including views on: transparency in the processes for developing nuclear sites, environmental planning and preservation, siting, protection of SSSI, nuclear in Scotland, regulation, geological disposal, and community partnerships and engagement.

MH offered his assurances that he had heard and understood these views from NGO forum members. He also offered his assurances that he would be taking a strong interest in nuclear safety and regulation in his role.

AD outlined that there were a number of other views and issues that the group would like to raise in another session.

MH recognised the challenge from some views on the issues raised, was grateful for their input, and was open to further dialogue.

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