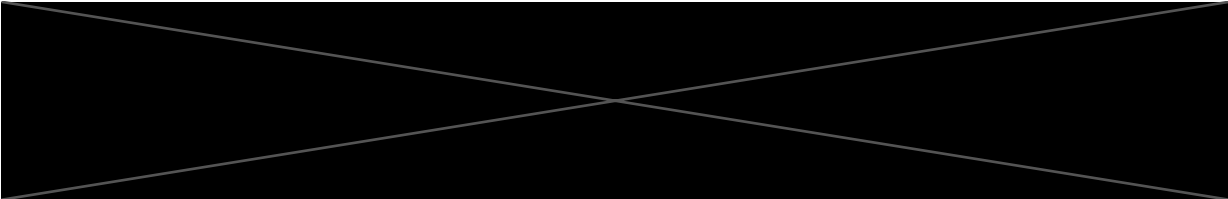


From: [redacted]@snp.org>
Sent: 4 June 2024 14:55



Subject: Re: Manifesto analysis of scoring next week - please see below

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for the opportunity to clarify our policy positions.

The SNP is committed to taking bold action to transition to net zero. We are taking forward a substantial programme of work in the Scottish Government, including the forthcoming statutory Climate Change Plan, launching the world's largest floating offshore wind leasing round through ScotWind and offering some of the most generous grants and loans in the UK to support the move to clean heating.

We are in a different position from other major political parties in that our manifesto outlines policies only in areas of reserved responsibility. As many of your asks fall into a devolved space, they are not included in our manifesto.

Below is a list of policy clarifications where we believe our score should be updated either to be treated as an N/A, or the score revised based on actions and commitments in Government.

We are happy for this clarification to be published alongside your manifesto analysis.

Many thanks,



1. We agree that the UK Government should bring forward a comprehensive and fair climate plan to ensure international and domestic greenhouse gas reduction targets are met, inequalities are reduced and the UK is developing the green industries and jobs of the future. In Scotland, the SNP Scottish Government has already done this. The latter part on regulations and guidance in England does not apply to Scotland.

4. We agree with this and are happy to support.

7. We agree with this. Our manifesto calls on the UK Government to scrap the current fiscal rules, which choke off borrowing for investment, and introduce new ones to allow greater investment in renewing infrastructure and services. We have also called on the UK Government to invest £28bn a year in the green economy to deliver a step change in public and private investment in net zero and major investment in the domestic supply chain.

8. We agree with this and are happy to support.

9. Scotland was the first developed nation in the world to commit funding to address loss and damage, sparking debate and showing global leadership. We have called on the UK Government to provide a new contribution to the new Loss and Damage Fund which is truly additional to existing commitments. We have not defined where the funding should come from.

10. Job creation is a shared responsibility between the UK and Scottish Governments and we would support the policy set out in relation to that. Skills and retraining are almost entirely devolved and, while we presume the specific figure cited is for the rest of the UK, in Scotland we have a substantial programme of green skills support. We support increased obligations on green industry, such as renewables and heat pumps, to grow supply chains and guarantee more good quality, secure UK jobs.

11. We agree with this in full. We have frequently called on the UK Government to revoke anti-strikes legislation and the Trade Union Act 2016. In addition, following consultation with communities, Local Authorities, businesses, and their workers, we published a Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. We were due to publish the final strategy before summer recess, however, due to the election being called and pre-election propriety guidance applying, the publication has had to be postponed until the summer.

12. This policy ask is entirely devolved, and therefore does not feature in our manifesto. However, in Government we are taking forward a substantial programme of action, including our recent consultation on a Heat in Buildings Bill which proposes new laws around energy efficiency and how we heat our homes and buildings. The consultation also sought views on the introduction of a new Heat in Buildings Standard, which would require privately-owned homes across Scotland to meet a minimum standard of energy efficiency before the end of 2033, and before the end of 2028 for homes in the private rented sector.

13. As above. Due to this area being devolved, we have not included it in our manifesto. In Government we are taking bold action and are committed to introducing a new minimum environmental design standard for all new build housing to meet a 'Scottish equivalent' to the passive house standard. A cross-industry working group is currently working to help define how an equivalent to the Passivhaus standard will look in Scotland.

14. As above. Due to this area being devolved, we have not included it in our manifesto. In Government, we are taking forward a substantial programme of action, including our recent consultation on a Heat in Buildings Bill which proposes new laws around energy efficiency and how we heat our homes and buildings.

16. In Government, we have published a Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan with decarbonisation and renewables at its heart. Our ambition is to achieve 8-11 GW of offshore wind in Scottish waters by 2030 - which exceeds the asks contained in this document. We were due to publish the final strategy before summer recess, however, due to the election being called and pre-election propriety guidance applying, the publication has had to be postponed until the summer.

20. We remain committed to phasing out the need to buy new petrol and diesel cars and vans in Scotland by 2030, and are committed to increasing funding for the EV network. Scotland already has one of the most comprehensive public charging networks in the UK, and through the EV Infrastructure Fund, the SNP Scottish Government is working to invest a further £60m in public charging across Scotland.

23. The SNP Scottish Government is taking forward substantial action in this area. We have an existing commitment to cut car km by 20% by 2030, and have fully funded Low Emission Zones in our four largest cities - Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

24. Unlike England, Scotland's water industry is publicly owned, and we remain resolutely committed to keeping Scottish Water in public hands. Scottish Water is already committing up to £500m to improve water quality, increase monitoring of the highest priority waters and tackle debris and spills. This includes a commitment to install at least 1000 new monitors on the network by the end of 2024. As Scottish Water is a public agency, there are no bonuses/dividends and therefore part of this ask does not apply to Scotland.

25. The SNP Scottish Government has introduced a Circular Economy Bill to establish the legislative framework required to support Scotland's transition to a zero waste and circular economy. The Bill, which is going through its final stages in parliament this week, aims to tackle throw away culture and significantly increase reuse and recycling rates. We support an all-in Deposit Return Scheme and Extended Producer Responsibility.

27. This is entirely devolved. We have recently passed the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill which enables the delivery of support schemes that will ensure that agriculture continues to play its part in cutting emissions, mitigating climate change, enhancing nature and biodiversity, together with food production.

29. We agree that the UK Government should bring forward a plan to increase woodland. We already have a plan in Scotland, and with around 75% of all new woodland throughout the UK created in Scotland, it is making a significant impact in tackling the effects of climate change.



32 - As the name suggests, Scottish Right to Roam is already in place in Scotland. We would support its extension across the UK. The second part of this ask is devolved and therefore does not feature in our manifesto.

34. We support the ratification of the new UN Global Ocean Treaty.

35. We support a UN Global Plastic Treaty.

36. We support the revocation of legislation where it applies on a UK-wide basis. Aspects that relate to England only are not applicable to Scotland. In Holyrood, we have just passed the Abortion Care Safe Access Zones Bill to protect those accessing and providing this healthcare from unwanted influence, harassment and intimidation. This was fully supported by the SNP Scottish Government.

37. The SNP have called for the UK Government to repeal the sections of the Election Act 2022 which allow the government to direct the Commission.

39. We agree with this and are happy to support.

40. We wholly agree with this and are happy to support. The SNP have led the way at Westminster in standing against the UK Government's inhumane approach to asylum.

