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**Director General for Regulation**

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Dear Mr Macdonald

**Scottish Government Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin**

Thank you for your letter of 14 March and apologies for the delay in responding. I have been waiting to hear back from Scottish Government about their intentions regarding the Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin. Scottish Government has now confirmed to me that no Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin is scheduled for publication, although they keep the requirement for analytical bulletins under review.

Since the last publication of the Oil and Gas Analytical bulletin in 2015 Scottish Government has developed new statistics about the oil and gas sector in Scotland. Their Chief Statistician publishes regular publications providing detailed information on the oil and gas sector. These include:

- Oil and Gas Production Statistics 16-17 – an Official Statistics publication for Scotland last published on 13 September 2017. It includes estimates of oil and gas production activity in Scotland (including the Scottish adjacent waters). It can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Economy/oilgas>
- Energy in Scotland 2018 which is the Scottish Government's compendium of energy statistics and analysis published on 22 February 2018. It can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00531701.pdf>

Scottish Government has also been developing an enhanced analysis of the Oil and Gas sector publishing the work on 22 February 2018. A paper describing the work can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Economy/SNAP/satelliteaccounts>. This work presents new economic statistics about Scotland's oil and gas sector.

Thank you for raising this with me. I have copied this letter to Roger Halliday, the Scottish Government's Chief Statistician.

Your sincerely



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