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Clarification Questions on Invitation to quote - (IQ15-2022) – Research to inform a monitoring and evaluation framework for a just transition in Scotland

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Please see below responses to clarification questions received on the above tender:

- Q. The project specification describes the fourth main project aim as being about piloting a monitoring framework specifically for the first sectoral Just Transition Plan (Energy). We were wondering if you could provide any clarity on the publication timeline for this Energy Sector JT plan (e.g., will it be available by the start of the project, halfway through etc.)? If it will be unavailable during this project timeframe, are you able to provide any further details at this stage on your expectations for the scope and structure of the Energy sector JT plan?
- A. Phase 1 will inform the development of the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. It is expected that the Plan will be available to inform work during phase 2.
- Q. The project specification also describes the need to engage with relevant stakeholders in Scottish Government and elsewhere. At this stage, do you have a clear preference for whether these stakeholder workshops are conducted physically or virtually?
- A. There is no preference for physical or virtual engagement.
- Q. Phase 1 (19th August – 12th September) is key in establishing experience with, principles for, and practice of Just Transition monitoring at multiple levels. Given that it sets much of the shape for Phase 2, and identification of likely stakeholders and consultees, is there scope to extend the timeline for the outputs from Phase 1?
- A. As outlined in the specification we expect this phase to consist of a desk-based rapid evidence review. A draft of this review will need to be delivered on the timeline set out.
- Q. We recognise the pace at which work on a Just Transition and climate action in Scotland is proceeding. Are there wider drivers or timeline milestones for this work that it would be helpful for us to consider in addition to the frameworks footnoted in the RFP? e.g. the work of the JTC Scotland and its workplan, the prioritisation of Energy as the first sectoral JT plan, and the Scottish Just Transition Fund for the north east oil and gas region, and the launch of the consultation on Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation.
- A. The policies and initiatives mentioned are all relevant to the project. However, given the tight timelines of the project priority should be given to the first sectoral Just Transition Plan on energy as per the specification under aim 4.
- Q. We note, e.g. the draft Scottish Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (ESJTP) is deferred to sometime in the autumn, and will in turn be informed by the UK Government's energy security plan etc. Are there other processes and consultations underway that would inform this work and review?
- A. We expect phase 2 of the project to consider this wider context through stakeholder engagement and policy analysis.

- Q. Given that Scotland has emphasised deliberative processes in its Climate Assembly and Programme for Government, and that the ESJTP and other frameworks and plans are to follow the principles of the Net Zero Nation public engagement strategy, please can you indicate which other initiatives launched by ScotGov would be priorities for engagement?
- A. Engagement is a priority across net zero policies. The role of engagement should be discussed in both phases of the project.