

# Networks Parliamentary Events

## March 2013: Summary

### Purpose

To engage with MPs and MSPs on the work of our distribution and transmission networks in their area and to consult them about our future business plans for our electricity distribution networks.

### Materials provided

- Depot fact sheets, outlining area specific investment plans,
- Depot maps mapping investment projects
- Transmission overview
- Distribution overview
- Future networks
- Investing in people
- Our Second Consultation: Innovating for a greener, more efficient future

### Attendance from MSPs/MPs

- Rob Gibson, MSP for Caithness Sutherland and Ross
- Stewart Stevenson, MSP for Banffshire and Buchan Coast
- Alasdair Allan, MSP for Western Isles
- Graeme Dey, MSP for Angus South
- Liam McArthur, MSP for Orkney
- Jamie McGrigor, MSP for Highlands and Islands
- Mike McKenzie, MSP for Highlands and Islands
- Mary Scanlon, MSP for Highlands and Islands (and Conservative Energy spokesperson)
- Rhoda Grant, MSP for Highlands and Islands (and Labour Shadow Energy Minister)
- Margaret McDougall, MSP for West Scotland
- Nanette Milne, MSP for North East Scotland
- Eilidh Whiteford, MP for Banff and Buchan
- Pete Wishart, MP for Perth and North Perthshire
- Mike Weir, MP for Angus (and SNP Energy spokesperson)
- Anne McGuire, MP for Stirling
- Angus MacNeil, MP for the Western Isles
- Frank Doran, MP for Aberdeen North
- Robert Smith, MP for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
- Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire
- Parliamentary research to John Thurso, MP for Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
- Parliamentary researcher to Fiona Mactaggart, MP for Slough

**Overview**

There was a varying degree of knowledge from the attendees about SHE Transmission, SHEPD and SEPD, however, their desire to know more was indicated by their attendance at the events.

The main area of interest at the Westminster event was the upgrade to the transmission network, the announcement prior to Christmas 2012 about the delay to some of the projects and opportunities for training and apprenticeships.

There were as expected a number of queries about power cuts but generally, the tone was very supportive of our business plan approach. For Holyrood, there was general support for the business and more interest in some of the post storm activity and general resilience as well as connections, constraints, Active Network Management and safety.

**Topics discussed**

- Transmission programme
- Connections
- Unplanned interruptions
- Investment
- Jobs and Apprenticeship
- Safety
- Active Network Management
- RIIIO-ED1 business planning process

**Follow Up**

- Build on the knowledge and understanding of the Networks business for all those who attended and for those couldn't attend.
- Send out all the information to all invitees
- Follow up on the actions in the meetings log
- Ensure that MSP/MP, who have constituencies in an area served by SSEPD networks, are aware of Our Programme of Listening and encourage them to input to their views to our RIIIO-ED1 business planning process
- Look at opportunities for site visits in constituencies over the summer recess