

Item 8 - Question Time

To the Leader of the Council

“What measures are the Administration putting in place to ensure the Highlands gets maximum benefit from the £6million rural tourism infrastructure fund?”

Response to Ms M Smith

Following the announcement by the First Minister of a dedicated Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, I wrote to Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs in which I welcomed the additional resources to support rural tourism and sought an early meeting with her to discuss how the Highlands can maximise the benefit from this fund, including opportunities to lever in additional funding.