

# Freedom of Information (FOI) request

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## Your request:

Freedom of Information request

Research by Dr Alister Hamilton of Edinburgh University among others finds that the efficiency of North Sea Oil extraction has declined substantially in recent years, and this would certainly contribute to the further decline and possible collapse of the North Sea fossil fuel industries.

My questions are:

1. Has the CCC reviewed the information provided by Dr Alister Hamilton of Edinburgh University (<https://shorturl.at/7gJp4>), and if so, what is the CCC's response?
- 2.a If not, does the CCC in any of its internal documents discuss the 'Energy Return On Energy Invested' (EROEI) with relation to North Sea oil and gas - as opposed to 'Energy Return On Invested' (EROI).
- 2.b If so how does the CCC calculate EROEI - ie what is included in the calculation?
3. Has the CCC reviewed the research carried out by Lena I. Brand-Correa et al (<https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/4/534>) or Louise Delannoy et al (<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03360253/document>). If so, what is the CCCs response to that research?
4. Is the CCC aware of any risk assessment / due diligence report on the recent issuance of 100 oil and gas licences?

Best wishes

[name redacted]

## Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Questions 1-4: The CCC does not hold information on this.

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Kind regards, Climate Change Committee