

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

WRITTEN ANSWER

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Index Heading: Strategy and External Affairs

Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Scottish Green Party): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has had discussions with (a) the Crown Estate, (b) Stirling Council and (c) the Scotland Office over plans to sell King's Park in Stirling and, if so, what the outcome of these discussions was.

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Ms Fiona Hyslop :

There have been meetings between Historic Scotland, the Crown Estate and Stirling Council on this topic on a number of occasions. The Scotland Office was not involved in these meetings.

These meetings have discussed (a) how best to secure the future day-to-day management of certain relatively small areas of land which are particularly relevant for Historic Scotland's visitor operations at Stirling Castle and (b) how to ensure that preservation of the wider amenity of the Castle is given proper weight in future. Discussions are ongoing.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE