

From: Christopher Lambton  
Sent: 19 January 2009 10:05  
To: liz.kirk@forestry.gsi.gov.uk  
Subject: consultation on forestry provisions in Scottish Climate Change Bill

I refer to the four questions in the consultation document

1. It is a good idea to allow Forestry Commissions to enter into joint ventures rather than being bound into inactivity by legislation.

2. If a private company is prepared to pay for a lease then it stands to reason that a public body (eg the Forestry Commission) should be able to make money on its own account from its own forests. If a private company can only make money with FC support then the idea is ludicrous.

3. It seems a complicated way of generating funds for woodland creation. As in 2 above it would make more sense for the FC to get their act together and sell their own timber and use the profits to create new woodland.

4. The public and private sectors could do a lot more within existing legislation.

The proposals outlined in the consultation document are almost meaningless without specific costings and examples. The proposals appear to be more concerned with financial engineering than actually doing anything about increasing forest cover.

-----  
Christopher Lambton