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Dear Finlay,

In my response (dated 25 February 2025) to the points raised in the Committee's evidence on the 2025-26 Budget, I undertook to provide an update on the Marine Directorate's internal budget allocations once the Annual Delivery Planning (ADP) process had concluded.

The planning process was completed prior to the start of the new budget year and the resulting portfolio allocations have been agreed. These are presented against the indicative allocations that were previously shared with the Committee.

Marine Directorate (Portfolio Breakdown)	2024 -25 Budget £m	2025-26 Indicative Budget £m	2025-26 Approved Budget £m
Operational Delivery	29.3	29.9	28.9
Science Evidence, Data and Digital	16.5	17.7	19.1
Marine Economy and Communities	4.1	4.2	3.9
Marine Environment	8.2	8.2	8
Corporate, Strategy and Marine Planning	6.5	6.6	6.7
Fiscal Resource Total	64.6	66.6	66.6
Non-cash	6.1	5.7	5.7
Capital	7.3	7.3	7.3
Total	78	79.6	79.6

I hope this information is helpful in providing greater visibility to the split of resources within Marine Directorate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairi Gougeon', positioned below a horizontal line.

MAIRI GOUGEON