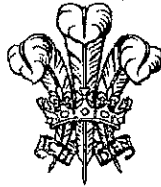


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From: The Private Secretary to TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall

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12th July, 2010

*New First Minister*

You very kindly wrote to The Duke of Rothesay inviting him to attend and speak at the Low Carbon Investment Conference in Edinburgh at the end of September.

I hope you will forgive my responding on His Royal Highness's behalf, but I thought it might save a little time to let you know that, unfortunately, The Duke of Rothesay is not available to travel to Edinburgh at that time. I am sorry to have to send a disappointing response, and I have informed His Royal Highness of your kind invitation. As you are aware, this in no way reflects on the subject matter and The Duke of Rothesay has asked me to send his very best wishes for the success of the conference but, sadly, pressures on the diary mean that it is simply impossible for him to be there. May I ask, however, if a message from His Royal Highness would be of any help? If so, I will put the necessary arrangements in place...

In the meantime, this comes with The Duke of Rothesay's renewed thanks and kindest good wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

Mark Leishman

The First Minister of Scotland