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19 August 2025

Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 15 July 2025. We subsequently requested clarification on your request, and you responded on 21 July 2025. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

You asked us:

I see that FES 2025 was published today. Could you please release transcripts of all communications between the senior authors of the report and officials from DESNZ regarding this report and other related documents released today please.

We asked you to clarify what you meant by 'transcripts of all communications' and specifically:

- the communication methods you intended 'transcripts of all communications' to cover
- the date range you would like the search to cover

You confirmed:

I had in mind emails, physical letters and notes of verbal communications over the phone or video conference. As for time frame, up to 3 months before publication would be appropriate, I think.

We have therefore understood your request to be for:

'emails, physical letters and notes of verbal communications over the phone or video conference between the senior author of the FES 2025 Report and staff at DESNZ dated between 14th April and 14th July 2025'.

Our response

We confirm that we hold some information in scope of your request.

We do not hold any 'physical letters' or 'notes of verbal communications over the phone or video conference'.

We enclose email communications between the senior author of FES 2025 and DESNZ staff, that relate to the report published on 14th July 2025 and that were sent or received by the senior author between 14th April and 14th July 2025.

The emails have been redacted to remove personal data of both NESO and DESNZ staff. Personal data is exempt from disclosure under the exemption at Section 40(2) of the FOIA. We have decided to redact personal data based on the scope of your request, the seniority of the individuals concerned, and the likely expectations of the individuals regarding the processing of their personal data.

Other redactions have been made where the information is not in scope of your request.

This concludes our response to your request.

Advice and assistance

The Future Energy Scenarios (FES) publication was introduced by National Grid in 2011. The complete FES archive is available here: [FES Documents | National Energy System Operator](#).

FES 25 is the first since NESO was established in October 2024 as an independent, public corporation at the centre of the energy system. FES provides an independent view of a range of future pathways for the whole energy system. Over the past 15 years it has become an important publication in the energy sector and is the result of a programme of close engagement with stakeholders across the industry, alongside our own extensive research and analysis.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)

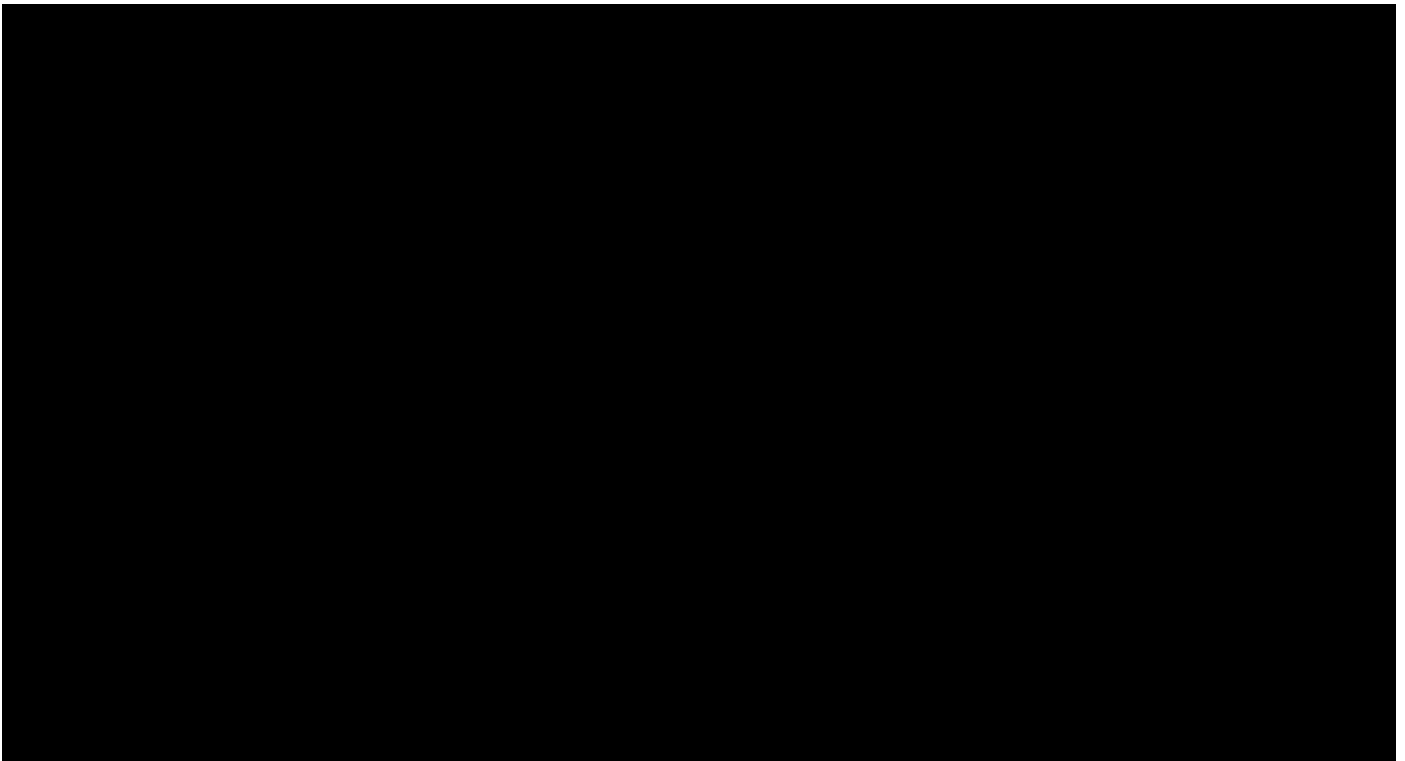
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Good afternoon,

I'm delighted to share early sight of our Future Energy Scenarios: Pathways to Net Zero 2025 report, to be published by 10am on Monday 14th July.

We ask that you please respect the embargo on the attached report to allow our launch comms to go as smoothly as possible next week.

Thank you for your support throughout the development of our analysis. As always we look forward to your feedback and continued conversations.



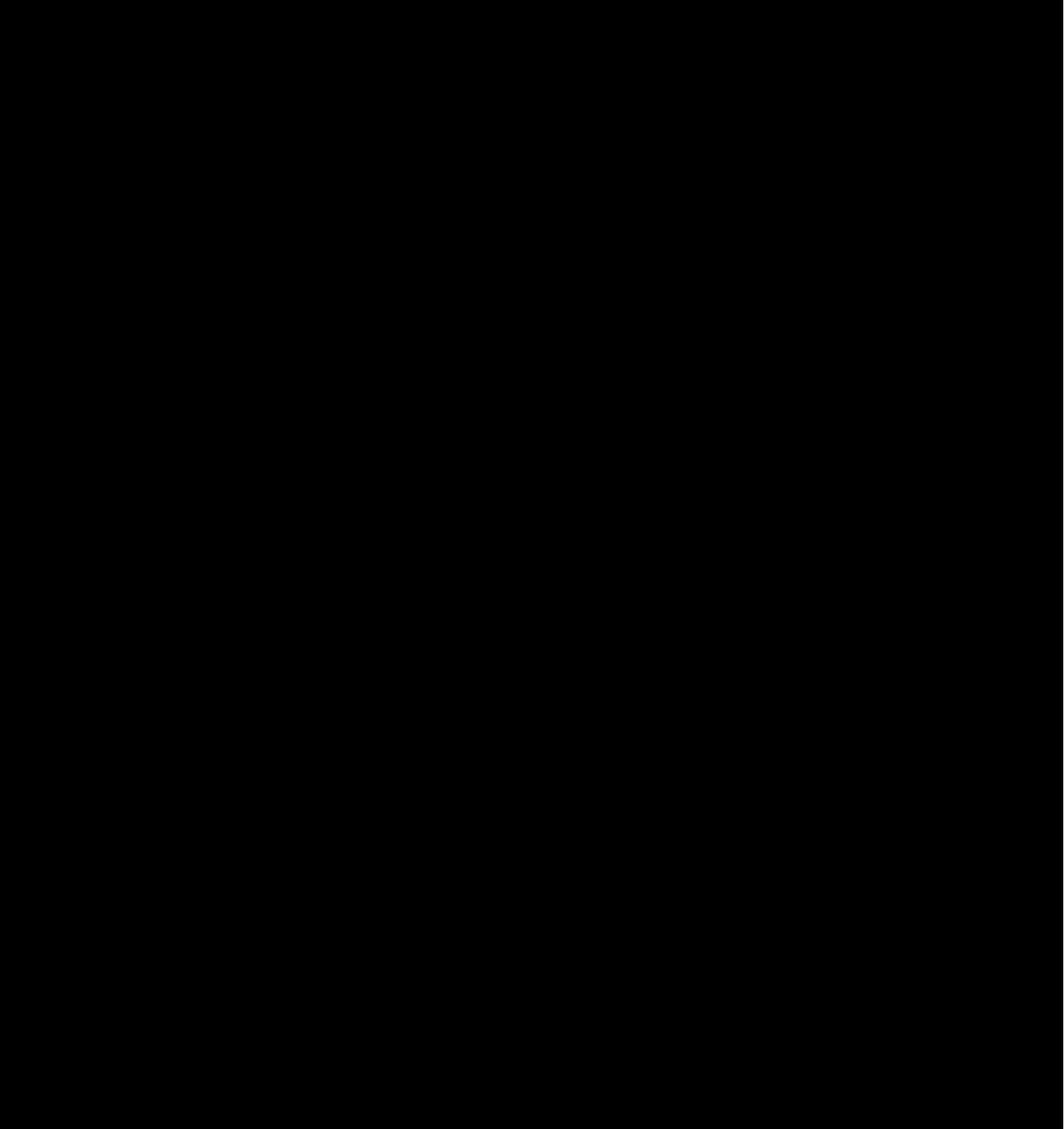
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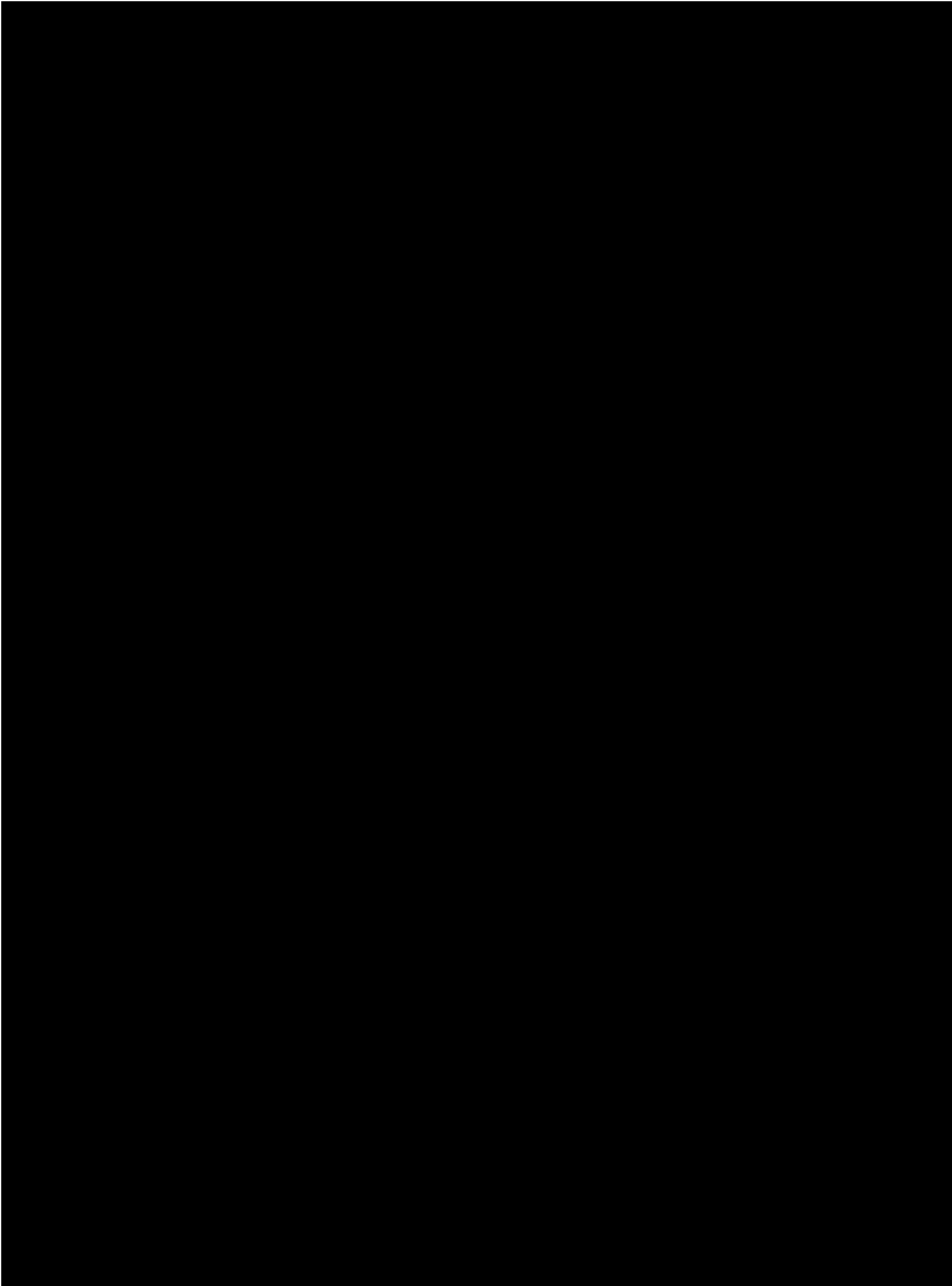
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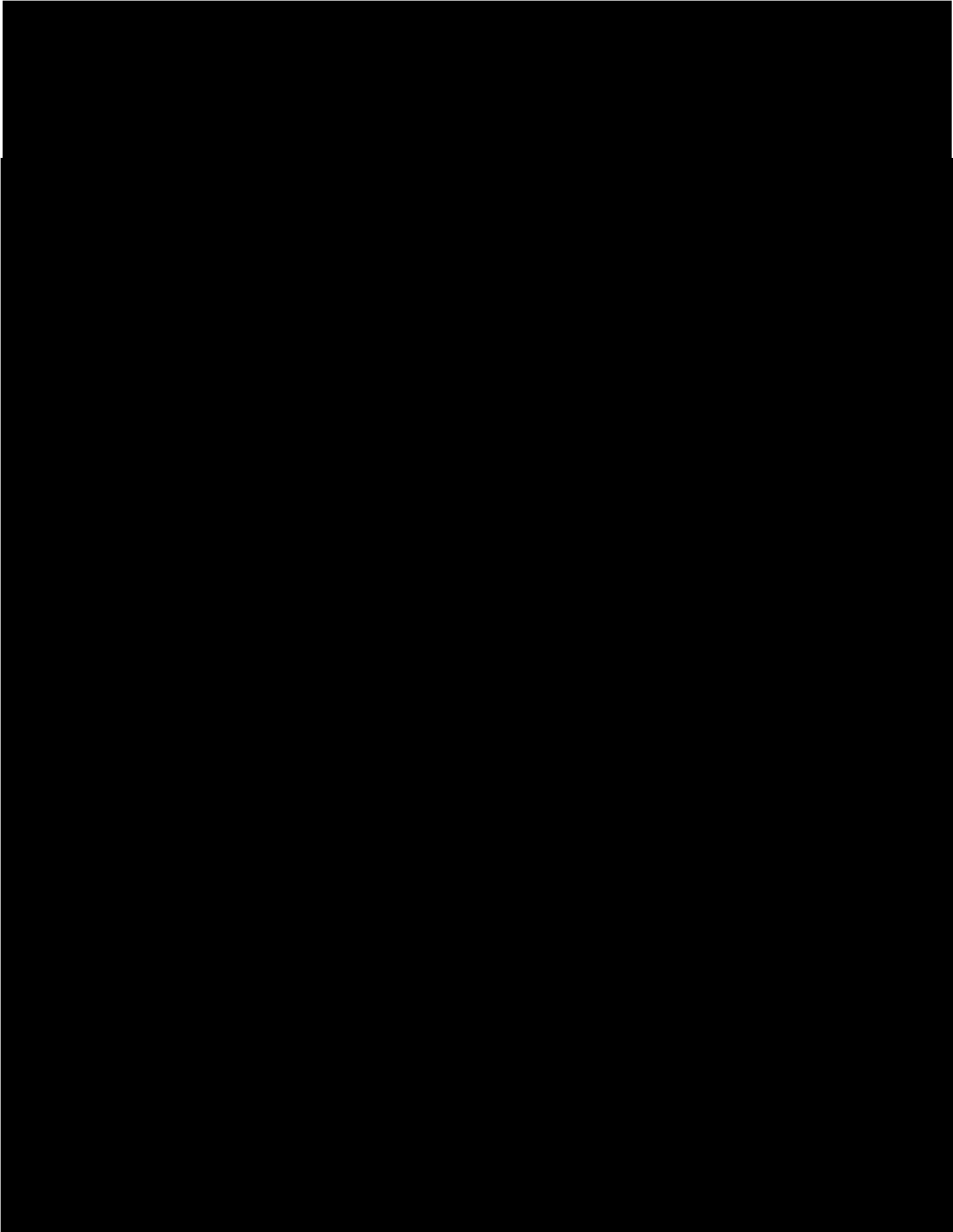
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Hi both – hope you're well! Wondering whether it's worth us having a catch up on FES?

