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Keep to yourselves meantime but this is what I wrote to Terry today re Innovation.

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**From:** Sinclair, Douglas  
**Sent:** 10 February 2016 09:00  
**To:** Ahearn, Terry  
**Cc:** Baird, Stuart  
**Subject:** Salmon farm Innovation Site

Hi Terry

I'm sorry I missed your presentation to the island offices yesterday, I was tied up in a meeting about the shellfish farming sector.

A colleague mentioned that you had discussed the issue of the possibility of an "Innovation Site" and I thought I should see if we can schedule a quick chat over the next couple of days as I think it's important that we are aligned on this key topic.

We have a couple of initiatives, one significant, the other fundamental which will be in place by the end of the year. These dramatically change the way we regulate the sector, will give the salmon sector what they seek in terms of bigger sites and a lighter day-to-day regulatory touch but crucially will have a backbone of scientific rigour.

I am in the office all day Thursday and Friday if you happened to have a window then.

Let me know what you think.

Best regards

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