

## ANSWERS

1. What did the preliminary OVOS say about the location for the ski resort, including alternative locations?

Answer. Please find attached an extract from the preliminary OVOS report on resort construction. No alternative locations were discussed at public hearings.

2. With respect to the hearing on 11 January 2013 hearing, was the public told in advance that they needed to arrive 40 minutes in advance? If so, in what way was this information provided?

Answer. No one told the public before the hearing on 11 January 2013 that they needed to arrive 40 minutes in advance. The only information was that participant registration will begin at 8.30 a.m.

3. Was the public hearing on 11 January 2013, the only opportunity for the public to provide their comments on the preliminary OVOS report and to have them taken into account, or could they also send written comments before and after the hearing and if so, what was the timeframe for sending written comments?

Answer. In accordance with Clause 19 of the Public Hearing Rules dated 7 May 2007, proposals and remarks may be submitted only with respect to the contents of the minutes of the hearing.

4. For how many days in the period between the public notice on 27 December 2012 and the public hearing on 11 January 2013, did the link to the preliminary OVOS report on the Office of Tourism website not work?

Answer. The documents for the hearing were not published on official websites in a timely manner. Initially, they were published on 8 January 2013, three days before the hearing, on Green Salvation's website:

<http://www.greensalvation.org/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=414&cntnt01returnid=67>.

The Almaty Office of Tourism provided Green Salvation, after its request, with an electronic version of the preliminary OVOS report on the Kok-Zhailau ski resort feasibility study. Since the Office of Tourism's website (<http://www.almatytourism.kz/>) did not work at that time, Green Salvation published documents on its website to ensure public access to the preliminary OVOS report.

5. Could the preliminary OVOS report be inspected in person at the Office of Tourism in the period between 27 December 2012 and 11 January 2013? If so, how many days in this period were the public able to go in person to the Office of Tourism to inspect the preliminary OVOS report?

Answer. It was impossible to get into the Office of Tourism to inspect the preliminary OVOS report, because it was located in the office of the Almaty Akimat, which has strict entrance control.

6. Please provide the full text of the public notice posted on the website on 27 December 2012.

Answer. The public hearing on the Kok Zhailau ski resort project will take place on 11 January 2013 in the conference room at Kazhydromet (32 Abai Ave., corner Seifullin St.). **The hearing will begin at 9.00 and participant registration at 8.30** (registration is obligatory). Information on the project is available at the Office of Tourism (243-85-74, 279-51-66, 279-52-61, [uturizm@mail.ru](mailto:uturizm@mail.ru)). All interested parties are invited to take part.

*The announcement was published in the Vecherny Almaty newspaper (No. 159 dated 27 December 2012).*

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7. Was the public hearing on 25 February 2014, the only opportunity for the public to provide their comments on the “Feasibility study of the transfer of land plot of the Ile Alatau national park for the construction of the ski resort on Kok Zhailau” and to have them taken into account, or could they also send written comments before and after the hearing and if so, what was the timeframe for sending written comments?

Answer. In accordance with Clause 19 of the Public Hearing Rules dated 7 May 2007, proposals and remarks may be submitted only with respect to the contents of the minutes of the hearing.

8. With respect to the hearing on 25 February 2014, the communicants allege that the free buses arrived late. How many minutes/hours late did the buses arrive at the hearing, and did members of the public who caught the free buses miss all or some of the hearing? If they missed some of the hearing, how long after the start of the hearing did the people who took the free buses arrive at the hearing venue?

Answer. We don't have this information.

### **Questions to the communicants**

11. Do the communicants have pending court proceedings regarding the decision to permit the construction of ski resort? If so, what do the proceedings seek to challenge, at what stage are the proceedings and when are they likely to be completed?

Answer. At present, two court proceedings initiated by Green Salvation are pending in Almaty, but they have no relation to Application 088.

12. With respect to the hearing on 11 January 2013, how many people do the communicants allege spoke but did not have their views recorded due to being unable to register because of the security forces initially blocking access to the venue?

Answer. We don't have this information.

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