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**Sent:** 22 June 2010 15:19  
**To:** Nick Smith  
**Subject:** FW: File note on Swinney meeting

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Regards

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**From:** Donna Rodger  
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**To:** Richard Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: File note on Swinney meeting

Richard  
I would add one more key issue viz JS keen to see matters brought to a head and asked for a further progress meeting by the end of July.  
Donald.

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**From:** Richard Jeffrey [<mailto:Richard.Jeffrey@tie.ltd.uk>]  
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As a base to add your own notes.

21<sup>st</sup> June 2010

St Andrew's House

Attendees

John Swinney  
Stewart Stevenson  
David Middleton  
Bill reeve  
Ainslie Mclaughlin  
Donald McGougan  
David Mackay  
Stewart Stevenson

DJM opened the meeting  
RJ then followed up on details of Notice then Carlisle  
JS invited DM to discuss CEC financing  
JS then conducted the meeting by directing questions, mostly on Carlisle mechanics and timing  
TS team said almost nothing

Meeting was cordial and good natured, no raised tempers/voices/body language

Key issues

- Swinney did not directly express a view on Notice or Carlisle, but body language etc seemed he understood the risks with Carlisle
- No mention of the £500m
- JS most interested in any signs of progress, either on the ground or in the negotiations
- Stevenson raised the issue of Gogar interchange, Swinney followed up, this was a significant part of the discussion. Gogar clearly very important to JS/SS
- Stevenson raised the issue of concessionary travel, more forcefully than on previous occasions, we confirmed we continue to plan on the basis that it is available. SS asked us to look at sensitivities on this

Notes of a conversation with Bill Reeve on 22/6/10 RJ/BR

- Minister remains concerned about the project
- Watches progress with interest
- Does not have a better plan
- TS will not be responding to CEC on the grant letter until we have more clarity
- Gogar must be settled before Minister will approve Carlisle

Any comments/additions?

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