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**From:** Nick Smith  
**Sent:** 16 June 2009 13:59  
**To:** Colin MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Alan Coyle; Max Thomson; Andy Conway  
**Subject:** RE: EDINBURGH TRAM : OPINION OF SENIOR COUNSEL

It would be useful to see the wider opinion anyway. This smells a bit fishy to me. I may be wrong, but the suspicion has to be that the opinion does not provide the comfort required or raises issues about past conduct.

Kind regards

Nick

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*Please note that I am not in the office on a Monday*

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Nick,

Update from Andrew Fitchie for information.

Kind regards

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Colin

After receipt of the opinion, it was decided that a further set of succinct questions would be asked. The supplemented opinion should be available on Thursday this week.

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Andrew,

I am just going through a list of outstanding items from the Finance, Commercial and Legal Committee and noted a reference to the Opinion of Senior Counsel. The Committee was advised that this Opinion was expected on or around 3 June. Could you let me know when DLA Piper or **tie** will be in a position to share the Opinion with us ?

Kind regards,

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