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Subject: RE: Continuing Delay on Financial Close

Thanks for your note and I understand the position. I can only sympathise over the difficulties and frustrations you must be facing. As you know, Bill Reeve was due to meet with Willie G last night but as yet I don't know the outcomes of that. To a degree, that is the real issue I need to discuss with you. The currency and lack of real time information especially over the question of delay has been and still is causing us some angst at the moment.

In this case I have to reply to Ministers' concerns to provide reassurance etc as soon as etc. however given the developing picture I am unlikely to be in a position to do anything before middle of next week at the earliest. The added problem is that Ministers are unhappy about the delay to 2 May (which was the latest advice on Wednesday this week when the advice went forward) so I still need to inform them that date has slipped. However until we know what the full extent of the developing situation and mitigation etc, I am very reluctant to advise them further.

The weekend is thankfully when they get a chance to concentrate on constituency and more formal politics. I just hope no-one tells them about the current developments!!

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John,

Thanks for your email, due to the sensitivity of current negotiations (Elliot and I don't have the full picture yet), it is unlikely that the report will give you all the information you require on Monday. However, we will be able to update you further as next week progresses and should hopefully be in a better position by Wednesday.

Rebecca

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Rebecca

As discussed this is a follow-up to my earlier note alerting you to Ministers' concerns about the continuing delay on Financial Close.

Mr Swinney has asked me to make very clear to the City of Edinburgh Council (and Tie) that, "as major funders, they are deeply concerned by the delays and want assurances that the delay is at an end"

You have advised me this afternoon that further uncertainty has developed over the course of the last few days focussed on the new additional demand for a further £12m on the final contract price and that BBS representatives from Germany are due to meet Tie.Ltd on Monday. I am assuming that we will have information on CEC's / Tie's formal position in the Promoter Report due Monday with a further updated position on the potential for further delay / impact when we meet on Wednesday afternoon. As said before, it is likely that we will raise a number of queries on the developing programme.

Regards

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