
From: Middleton DF (David)
Sent: 05 November 2010 13:42
To: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
Subject: Re: Tram

As I understood Tom and Donald yesterday they are thinking in terms of an interim chair for Tie - maybe 6 months to steady the ship - or await the return of Peter Strachan. The next 6 months could need some pretty hard nosed chairmanship.

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From: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
To: Middleton DF (David)
Sent: Fri Nov 05 13:37:02 2010
Subject: RE: Tram

Funnily enough the thought had crossed my mind but only in respect of the tie role. I doubt he would relish the prospect of weaving his way through the bus issues involved in TEL. The other issue is whether John could adapt to the role of chairman rather than doing things, but assuming the contract is bust and Ministers still prepared to back some sort of tram going forward then as someone to keep an eye on process and governance together with a good eye for a duff contract he would certainly fit the bill.

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From: Middleton DF (David)
Sent: 05 November 2010 13:30
To: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
Subject: Re: Tram

This may be insane.

Would John Howison have any interest in a role in the Tram?

See you in a wee while.

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From: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
To: Middleton DF (David)
Sent: Thu Nov 04 18:39:40 2010
Subject: Re: Tram

Yes Monday 8 and yes in BH tomorrow

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From: Middleton DF (David)
To: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
Sent: Thu Nov 04 18:37:44 2010
Subject: Re: Tram

Ainslie

Is that Monday coming? 8 November?

Are you in BH tomorrow afternoon?

David

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From: McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)
To: Middleton DF (David)
Sent: Thu Nov 04 18:31:34 2010
Subject: Tram

David

Just to let you know that I took a call from Cab Sec's office. JS has agreed to meet contractor next Monday. Has stipulated he only wants one from Bilfinger and one from Seimens and has asked that I attend in support. I will prepare a short brief for him tomorrow.

Got the impression he wants to keep it tight and if possible private.

Ainslie