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Nadia

I enclose the updated response. This now includes Appendix B which shows the comparison of the durations for key critical path activities. It also includes and explanation of the current risk position. I am waiting for Nina to correct a couple of points that I picked up on my review. Once I have that I will send it on to you later this afternoon/evening.

On the point of indexation our calculations show that the 375m funding indexes to 490m strictly following the TS methodology, i.e. within 2% of the 500m figure. However, as mentioned there is a fairly wide tolerance around the data used as the basis for the indices and the 375m is not a construction cost estimate. There is also the question of how future changes in indexation affect the indexed funding, i.e. what happens if we commit to contracts within funding only for future changes in indices to reduce the grant. This needs to be clarified.

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss any aspect of the enclosed.

Regards

Geoff Gilbert mob

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