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From: McAllister J (Jackie)
Sent: 30 June 2009 17:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: BE AWARE: FETA/TAY BRIDGES

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2009 07:36
To: McAllister J (Jackie)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: BE AWARE: FETA/TAY BRIDGES

Jackie/ [REDACTED]

Reply from [REDACTED] regarding FETA/TAY for your information.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2009 15:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FETA/TAY BRIDGES

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See my comments added.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2009 15:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FETA/TAY BRIDGES

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1. FETA/TAY budget lines are due to be transferred to TS in the Autumn Budget Review 2009/10.
Yes – [REDACTED] is aware of this requirement.

2. Currently FETA are forecasting an overspend of £6.44m against their published Budget Bill figure in 2010/11.
That makes sense to me, hence your question 3.

3. I am aware that FETA gave up £7.8m of their budget in 2008/09 to TS and they expect to spend this in 2010/11. Was there a formal agreement for this?

I don't think there is anything legally binding. However, there were several meetings and email exchanges (involving FETA, TD and TS) to the effect that we would manage FETA's budget fluctuations by reducing their budget in 2008-09 (making the excess available to TS), and reversing the process in 2010-11. FETA would be seriously aggrieved, and with good reason, if TS were to renege on this arrangement (which suited both parties).

4. What flexibility does TS have in dealings with FETA/TAY on budgetary matters?

There are two main constraints: (a) TS has to live within its budget; and (b) FETA/Tay have to keep the bridges standing. Subject to those two constraints you have some flexibility. The most likely areas of flexibility are: (a) the timing of capital projects and of cyclical maintenance on the two bridges; and (b) and the extent to which we run down or build up the boards' reserves.

You should be aware that both boards are quite open about their board deliberations and their finances. Therefore if board members felt that they were not receiving grant that they could reasonably expect to receive, it will not be long before their concerns are reported in the local press.

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