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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2010 16:50
To: Fairweather S (Sharon)
Cc: Stewart L (Lesley)
Subject: RE: Meeting with FETA - Briefing for Mr Stevenson - Contractual Commitments

Sharon,
Thank you for those comments.

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From: Fairweather S (Sharon)
Sent: 04 October 2010 17:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stewart L (Lesley); Shedden L (Lee) [REDACTED]
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I don't think that Mr Stevenson is in a position to say anything more than the lines that you already have. Legal commitments are being treated as the first priority for the funding available so to that extent current commitments should be covered. I do not see any need to get FETA overly concerned about their current contractual commitments at this stage.

The key message to Mr Stevenson is that capital funding is going to be extremely tight and we need to ensure that any future spend on FETA is prioritised against the rest of SG (not just transport) and we cannot at this stage guarantee anything further.

Thanks
Sharon

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Sharon,
Further to the correspondence below, if possible, we would like to provide additional guidance to the Minister as to what he is able to say when he meets with the FETA Board. We expect the Board to raise the issue of FETA's future budget and existing commitments into which FETA has already entered (on the basis of this year's award of Grant in Aid) and which stretch into next FY and beyond. Are you able to say what level of assurances Mr Stevenson can provide with regards existing contracts / commitments?

There are a number of projects which FETA are already committed to, below. (The full Spending Review submission is attached).

Table 1 – Committed Projects, and Remainder

Project	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	SR Total
Viaduct Bearings Replacement	7,094 – 6,044	528 – 3,960	210 – 714	0	7,832 – 10,718
Main Cable Dehumidification	15	15 - 0	15 - 0	15 - 0	60 - 15
Main Expansion Joint Replacement	55 - 50	0	0	0	55 - 50
Parking Areas, Landscaping and Reconstruction	5 - 0	0	0 – 1,000	0	5 – 1,000
M9 Spur Extension/ A800 Upgrade	139 - 153	175 - 194	0	0	314 - 347
Main Cable Acoustic Monitoring	100	0	900 - 0	50 - 0	1,050 - 100
Total Committed Spend	7,408 – 6,362	718 – 4,154	1,125 – 1,714	65 – 0	9,316 – 12,230
Remainder	2,335 – 6,640	7,090 - 10,690	11,010 – 9,770	11,420 – 9,495	31,855 – 36,595
Total (£million)	9,743 - 13,002	7,808 - 14,844	12,135 - 11,484	11,485 – 9,495	41,171 – 48,825

It would be much appreciated if you could reply by Tuesday, 5th October.

Thank you.

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From: Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS)
Sent: 20 September 2010 11:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Fairweather S (Sharon)
Subject: FW: Meeting with FETA - Briefing for Mr Stevenson - Contractual Commitments

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Happy to proceed with your suggested lines.

Lee

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2010 11:45
To: Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS)
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I am content as I don't believe anything contentious is being stated in Raymond's lines to take.

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I couldn't see any problem with supporting the suggested lines. Are you content?

Lee

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2010 11:23
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Lee,

In Sharon Fairweather's absence, are you able to assist with the following query?
Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2010 11:07
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Sharon,

Meeting with FETA - Briefing for Mr Stevenson - Contractual Commitments

In Lesley Stewart's absence, she has asked me to clarify with you the following. As you may know, Stewart Stevenson is due to meet with the FETA Board on 12 October, an event for which we shall be providing briefing. The Board has asked to discuss FETA's future budget. Our view is that there is little the Minister can say prior to the Spending Review and UK Budget announcements, but wonder what the Minister can say about contractual commitments into which FETA has already entered and that reach into next FY and indeed 2012/13. I would be grateful for your views on the following lines, in particular the final two.

- Ministers' involvement with FETA is the same as any other organisation participating in the Spending Review process. Equally, FETA will be informed of the Scottish Budget's outcomes in the same way as others.
- Scottish Government (SG) is concerned that the UK Government is seeking to reduce public expenditure too far and too fast in the Spending Review.
- Appreciate the efforts FETA has already made to phase capital spend. Would encourage FETA to continue to seek efficiencies.
- Wrong to anticipate the outcome of the Spending Review.
- SG's budget priorities are to promote economic recovery, protect services on which the public depend and develop a low carbon Scotland. This includes maintaining and safely operating existing assets, such as the Forth Road Bridge.
- Funding for existing essential contracts is being prioritised by SG as part of the Spending Review.
- Would expect all bodies in Scotland to review their existing contracts to ensure best value is being achieved. With regards FETA, this applies most notably in respect of the Viaduct Bearing Replacement works.

It would be very helpful if you could reply by Thursday 23rd.

Thank you,

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