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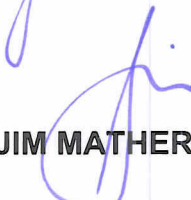
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Dear Ms. Morris,

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2010 following the Dornoch Summer Cabinet Discussion, asking whether the Scottish Government will support the International Fusion Material Irradiation Facility (IFMIF) at Dounreay.

Economic recovery is top of the Scottish Government's strategic direction and we are keen to grow the economy throughout Scotland, including Caithness and Sutherland. Safeguarding and increasing skilled work in rural locations is extremely important to us and with this in mind officials are in discussion with Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Department of Energy and Climate Change and other policy areas within the Scottish Government to carefully and thoroughly consider the merits of the IFMIF project in line with our current energy policy, and we hope to be in a position to outline our policy position in due course.

*Yours sincerely*  
  
**JIM MATHER**