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Dear Bob

Dounreay Stakeholder Group Attendance and SCORRS

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2011.

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting of the stakeholder group on 14 September 2011. I was on annual leave. As you know on occasions that I am unable to attend, I endeavour to have a substitute presence there. This is unfortunately not always possible. In any case, such a substitute is unlikely to have been of assistance with regard to the low level waste facility on this occasion or for that matter any specific details of other developments at Dounreay generally. I am glad however that I was able to participate and assist with the meeting on 19 October which hopefully addressed the outstanding matters for members. I felt that this was a useful meeting.

On the matter of SCORRS, I need to clarify my position. I am not the Highland Council representative on SCORRS; that is a position reserved for Members only with the post currently taken by Councillor lan Ross.

While I have attended SCORRS meetings and I am involved in the Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Technical Advisory Group on behalf of SCORRS, as a Council official and non-member of DSG I do not feel best placed to advise the DSG on matters raised at SCORRS. This I suggest would be a role more suited to a Member of the Council that sits on both the DSG and SCORRS. I understand that only recently it has been agreed that Councillor David Flear would fulfil this role.

Yours sincerely

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