

**DSG/SESG(2014)M002/A006: Ken Nicol to respond to questions raised on one projects within the impact assessment report.**

David,

With regards to your request at the last DSG Socio Economic Board for further information on one of the projects within the impact assessment report, please see the information below.

An independent socio economic impact assessment has been completed and a summary of the conclusions was presented to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (socio economic sub group) meeting in April 2014. The purpose of the report was to assess the impact and also to learn from the projects supported to date. Please find enclosed an advanced copy of the full report of the Socio Economic Impact of the NDA and DSRL interventions. The complete report is not yet in the public domain, and therefore I would appreciate if you would not distribute this further until it is published. I trust that this gives you the further information you required as it expands the basis of the summary report presented to the sub group meeting.

Over the last few years, the basis for funding of projects by DSRL has evolved, and we will continue to develop our process based on our experiences.

Our current process for DSRL funding involves receipt of an initial enquiry followed by an application process. The application is discussed at an internal meeting which includes the NDA and PBO. Should an application be successful there are terms and conditions for the applicant to accept and then agreement of expected deliverables / milestones. The deliverables and milestones are developed with the applicant to ensure that expectations are clear. In supporting projects, we acknowledge that not all projects will be successful. However, our support maybe sufficient to allow a project to develop further and be taken to the next stage.

The report has given rise to an number of areas where DSRL could improve our funding process. These are:

- In considering funding application, examine if the organisation has the capacity and capability to deliver the proposed project(s).
- The funding recipient provides a report on the impact of the funding at the end of the project.
- Consideration of a move to funding on completion of the project or for major projects payment in arrears against project deliverables / project milestones.

Regards

Ken

Attachment: Impact Assessments paper