

SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN EVIDENCE

FORTH REPLACEMENT CROSSING TEAM

I refer to the evidence given by officials of the Forth Replacement Crossing team to the Infrastructure and Capital investment Committee on 6 March 2013. At the Committee session officials agreed to provide clarification in respect of the installation of air quality monitoring equipment at Echline.

Air quality has been monitored on site using both automatic light scatter dust meters and Frisbee gauge dust deposition monitoring. A Frisbee gauge was installed at Echline on 16 August 2011 and a light scatter meter, monitoring PM10 (Particulate Matter) and TSP (Total Suspended Particles) was installed on 10 November 2011.

The light scatter meter was not operational from 19 May 2012 until 03 October 2012, due to loss of the electricity supply. The Frisbee remained operational and hand-held readings were taken in place of the light scatter meter during August and September 2012. The light scatter meter was again out of action from 1 December 2012 to 10 December 2012 due to a pump failure.

Air quality monitoring reports covering the period from November 2011 to January 2013 are published on the Forth Replacement Crossing project website and can be found at the following link: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/forth-replacement-crossing/project-library/monitoring-reports/air-quality>. These include details of the monitoring equipment used and the locations.

It should be noted that the South Community Forum was held on the evening of 6 March, and covered a number of the issues that were discussed earlier that day at the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee. A draft copy of the minutes will be sent to the Committee for information. Agreed minutes and agendas of the Community Forums are published on the FRC website and can be found at: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/forth-replacement-crossing/communities/community-forums>

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