Letter from Jackie Baillie MSP, to the Convener of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, dated 29 February 2016

I write to you in your capacity as the Convener of Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee.

I have been contacted by the above noted constituent [The name of the constituent was removed for data protection purposes] regarding the water supply to his and neighbouring homes.

My constituents have had an on-going issue with their water supply. They have been pursuing first time connection for some time; originally with West of Scotland Water and now with Scottish Water.

West of Scotland Water approved the connection and plans were in place to proceed, indeed letters exchanged at the time confirm this to be the case, copies of which have been provided to Scottish Water.

Scottish Water however have now denied the promises that were made to connect the properties to the water supply.

The residents have made it clear that they are content to make a contribution but the scale of the cost individually makes the scheme unaffordable. In light of the inherited liabilities from West of Scotland Water, I believe that Scottish Water should increase their support to allow connections to proceed. However Scottish Water have said they have no money allocated for capital investment in first time connections.

I would be grateful if the issue of first time connections could be put on a future agenda for the next Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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