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Dear Convener

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill – Revised Financial Memorandum

The Financial Memorandum for the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill has been revised following Stage 2 in light of amendments made to the Bill in line with the standing orders. However, I have taken the opportunity to include some updated information on the costs of the Bill that emerged during stage 1 evidence. As that does not all directly relate to the amendments, I thought it would be helpful to provide some further information in relation to the various updates that have been made.

The original Financial Memorandum has been updated in the following ways:

- First, one of the assumptions that was made to inform the illustrative analysis on demand reduction scenarios as a result of provisions across the Bill has been revised. This is on the basis of additional information provided to the Finance and Public Administration Committee by the British Fireworks Association during Stage 1 scrutiny which clarified that F2 and F3 fireworks account for 100% of the estimated 250,000 total retail sales of fireworks annually. This has resulted in revised figures for each of the low, medium and high impact scenarios that illustrate the possible scale of the effects of the Bill. As a result updates have been made to the figures in Table 1 and then consequentially to the figures in tables 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 20 along with associated text. Summary tables B and C have also been updated accordingly.

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- Second, of the amendments agreed at Stage 2, three are likely to have a bearing on the costs of the Bill. These are section 32A (prohibition of pyrotechnic articles in public places), section 44A (report on operation of Act) and the change to the exemption in paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 (removal of professional firework operators to be engaged for a private display in firework control zones). As a result changes have been made to the revised Financial Memorandum accordingly – paragraph 50 reflects the change to the prohibition of pyrotechnic articles in public places; paragraphs 62 to 66 reflect the new requirement for Scottish Ministers to report on the operation of the Act; while paragraphs 97 to 99 reflect the removal of the exemption for professional firework operators to provide a private display within a firework control zone.
- Third, corrections have been made to the incident numbers from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) on page 16, paragraph 54, as identified during Stage 1.

While additional information becoming available would not necessarily require a revised or supplemental Financial Memorandum under the Standing Orders, and the costs flowing from the amendments are – in relative terms - not substantial, I felt it appropriate on this occasion to make a revised Financial Memorandum available in the interests of transparency and informed debate.

I hope this is helpful.

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