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Dear Mr. Skarratts,

### **MRT Duty System**

Further to our meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 I regarding the risk assessment with respect to the proposed revised duty system for the MRT, I understand that Nick Searle and Gary Bennett have now met and in response to the concerns expressed by the FBU, a number of amendments have now been made to the risk assessment. I have enclosed a copy of the latest version and would be grateful if you could confirm that you are now content with this version.

At the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 you also raised a number of other issues emerged which I believe I am now in position to respond to.

1. MRT SOP's – My understanding is that Nick Searle has now provided Gary Bennett with electronic copies of the relevant documents, although these are also available via the Portal.
2. Sleep In Duties – I have now had opportunity to discuss this matter with Nick Mernock and ACFO Stephens and I can confirm that during the 'sleep in' periods crews will only be required to respond to mobilisation requests from MACC and attend to other risk critical tasks and that they will be paid for these duties at the appropriate rate of pay.
3. Mobilisations/Attendances – During the period covered by the KIM report there were a total of 283 instances in which the Marine Fire 1 was mobilised to an incident, of which 195 resulted in an attendance. This total includes all instances where the appliance attended the incident (those included in the original report) and those where Marine Fire 1 did not attend (did not receive an "on scene time" but did receive a "mobilised time").

I note that the FBU were unable to attend the meeting offered by Mr. Mernock on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> June and I will therefore seek a further date from Mr. Mernock for early next week and I will contact you directly when I am in possession of the options.

In my letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 you will recall that I did request that the FBU provide a position statement detailing any residual matters of concern, although apart from the issues you raised during the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which I have dealt with in this letter, I have not received any further correspondence from you that would indicate that there are any further matters that you would require the Service to respond to. I am therefore currently working under the assumption that we have now dealt with all the matters raised by the FBU concerning this matter, but if the position is otherwise I would be grateful if you could advise me accordingly as the agreed consultation period for this matter is rapidly drawing to a close.

However, if there is any further way in which I can be of assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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