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 11/02/16

Dear Mr Robertson,

**Correspondence to Ministers and further FOI request**

Thank you for letter of 1st February (ref A13308968) saying you could not find my FOI sent to the Correspondence Unit for Ministers by email on 30th November. I have checked and the email address I had used, and which you traced, appears to be exactly the same as the one which I used to send the FOI review request. I would be grateful if you could confirm that this is your understanding too and if so ask that this is addressed. I am quite happy to accept a mistake has been made in this case and to take the date of the FOI from my FOI review request.

However, this had made me very concerned that my other correspondence to Ministers may not have been received. I sent a number of letters to the Ministerial email address between October and January all of which I had assumed had been received because received no email delivery notification failure. The only acknowledgements I appear to have received for these were two dated 19th November and then acknoweldgements for my letters of 22/01 and 27/01. I will therefore forward all that correspondence to you but would be grateful if you could confirm with e which of the correspondence listed below has been received by Ministers and what may have gone missing in the government’s email system or or over the internet.

I would be grateful if you inform me of how I can be certain my correspondence has been received in future and think it may be sensible if from now on I copy you into all correspondence to Ministers so I can be certain my correspondence has been received.

**Date of emails and letters**

1/10/15 Letter to Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead

23/10/15 copy of letter to Linda McKay FAO Aileen McLeod

03/11/15 Copy of letter to Linda McKay FAO Aileen McLeod

13/11/15 Letter to Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead

19/11/15 Letter to Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead

19/11/15 two acknowledgements rec’d for recent correspondence, contact Sarah McLeod, saying reply will be made shortly (References 0040213 and 0040139). I assume but would like confirmation these relate to my leters of 13/11 and 19/11 but as the acknowledgemnt refers to “recent letter” rather than give the date of the letter it is hard to be sure).

26/11/15 FAO Aileen McLeod copy of Park’s response to my letter about changes to the Park’s Stadning Orders

30/11/15 Letter to Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead (which you now have but am awating a response for the parts that are not included in my FOI request)

16/12/15 Letter to Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead

20/12/15 FAO Aileen McLeod and Richard Lochhead copy of my follow up letter to Gordon Watson on matters raised Ministers 16/12/15

**Futher FOI request**

In the Government’s Press Release announcing approval of the byelaws Aileen refers to the damage she had seen about damage caused by campers. I would like to request under the Freedom of Information and the Environment Information Regulstions what this evidence consists of over and above the evidence which I know is publicly available (namely that attached to the Park’s Letter of 18th May 2015 making recommendations to Ministers, the Review of the east Loch Lomond bye-laws and the photographic links attached to the Park’s press release). If there is other information publicly available which the Minister has considered, I would be grateful if you could point me to it. In terms of other information which is not as far as I am aware publicly available I request:

* The dates and locations of the Ministers visits to the National Park and what evidence she saw on these occasions
* Any further information that would count as evidence as damage provided by Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to the Minister
* Any further information that would count as evidence as damage provided by other public authorities: in particular I would like to know if any advice was requested from SNH or Forest Commission Scotland on the question of damage or impacts and their responee.
* Any other information that would count as evidence as damage or impacts provided by people resident in the Park or by other individuals or organisatins

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

Nick Kempe