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I refer to your letter dated 3 August 2010, together with the attached consultation document and draft franchising policy statement, in respect of the requirement on the Scottish Ministers to publish a statement - a franchising policy statement - about how they propose to select the franchisee to operate the ScotRail services from among bidders.

I would advise of the Council's view in respect of the specific questions posed within the consultation document, as follows.

Q) Does the content of the policy statement comply with the statutory requirements – It appears to do so.

Q) Does the content of the policy statement make clear Scottish Ministers' policy with regard to the matters mentioned above – Yes, the policy is clear.