

**Safer Communities Directorate**

Resilience Division

Mr David Mackenzie, Ms Tallents and Ms Fenton

Nukewatch UK

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Dear Mr Mackenzie, Ms Tallents and Ms Fenton

Thank you for your email on behalf of Nukewatch received on 12 September 2018. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Minister for Community Safety.

As alluded to in my correspondence of 3 September, the preparedness review being undertaken following the commitment made by the then Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs in the Scottish Parliament debate on 2 May 2018, is being led by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland, who are engaging fully with other response organisations and agencies including the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives in Scotland.

It is important to all those engaged in the preparedness review that it is comprehensive in nature, as open and transparent as possible and culminates in a publicly available report, within a reasonable timescale.

Ensuring the review is comprehensive is a key priority for those involved and also has the greatest influence on the timescale of the review process. For this reason, specific dates have not been set for the conclusion of the review or publishing of a report.

I can however assure you that, in light of the work achieved to date by the inspectorates and other response organisations and agencies, our expectations are that the review will be completed and report published in early 2019.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

James Urquhart

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