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Dear Committee Members

**POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY OF THE FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM
ACCOMPANYING THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL**

I attach on behalf of East Lothian Council a completed questionnaire in response to your Convener's letter of 29 June which sought financial information about the implementation of Flood Risk Management legislation.

Yours sincerely



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**FINANCE COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE
RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL**

The Committee would welcome your response to any of the questions below. You do not need to respond to every question – please only respond to those which you consider relevant.

It would be helpful if a breakdown of any costs and savings could be provided along with any further evidence which might assist the Committee's consideration.

Please provide all information broken down by financial year.

1. What were the total costs for your organisation of producing the preliminary flood risk assessments **by December 2011**? How did these compare to the estimates set out in the FM (and in the supplementary high and low ranges provided by the Government) and to any estimates submitted by your organisation?

The cost of producing the preliminary flood risk assessments was not identified separately within the flooding and coastal protection budget.

2. What were the total costs for your organisation of producing flood hazard and risk maps **by December 2013**? How did these compare to the estimates set out in the FM (and in the supplementary high and low ranges provided by the Government) and to any estimates submitted by your organisation?

As above, the cost of producing the flood hazard and risk maps was not identified separately within the flooding and coastal protection budget.

3. What are the current estimated costs for your organisation of producing the **flood risk management plans by December 2015**? How did these compare to the estimates set out in the FM (and in the supplementary high and low ranges provided by the Government) and to any estimates submitted by your organisation?

The Authorities in the Forth Estuary Local Flood Risk Management Plan District (FELFRMPD) have agreed to engage consultants to produce the Local Flood Risk Management Plan. No cost estimates have been produced to date.

4. What are the total costs for your organisation of implementing the Directive for the first planning cycle (up to December 2015)? How do these compare to the estimates set out in the FM (and in the supplementary high and low ranges provided by the Government) and to any estimates submitted by your organisation?

Total costs are not known as the costs of implementing the Directive was not identified separately (see above).

5. What are the current total estimated costs for your organisation of reviewing and updating the assessments, maps and plans every six years post-2015? How do these compare to the estimates set out in the FM (and in the supplementary high and low ranges provided by the Government) and to any estimates submitted by your organisation?

An estimate of the cost of reviewing and updating the assessments, maps and plans in future cycles will be undertaken in conjunction with other Local Authorities in the FELFRMPD once the current cycle is completed.

6. Do you have any other comments in relation to the FM and the supplementary higher and lower ranges provided by the Government that might assist the Committee in its post-legislative scrutiny of the FM?

No