Strathclyde Fire and Rescue received information regarding the above proposed Bill on 2nd January, 2006. Since that date senior officers have had meetings with key personnel, including the Senior Airport Fire Officers from both Glasgow and London (Heathrow) Airports.

With regards to the purpose of the Bill:

- the authorisation of the new railway spur from a new elevated station at Glasgow Airport causes Strathclyde Fire and Rescue no concerns in principle;
- the authorisation of works to the existing railway including the remodelling of Wallneuk Junction and the proposed additional track causes Strathclyde Fire and Rescue no concerns in principle;
- the authorisation of road and other works, including the relocation of the existing fuel farm at Glasgow Airport, necessitated by the railway works, causes Strathclyde Fire and Rescue no concerns in principle;

In all of the above cases, while there is no objection in principle, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue would expect to be kept fully updated on proposed works as they progress to ensure that the works themselves do not increase the risks to the public, or firefighters attending potential incidents, and that works will not adversely affect day to day operations of the Service.

With regard specifically to the relocation of the existing fuel farm, it is assumed that Strathclyde Fire and Rescue will be fully consulted on the detail throughout the process and that the relocated fuel farm will be developed to current industry standards, taking account of all relevant legislation, guidance and best practice. In that event, it is anticipated that the development of the new facility may actually reduce some of the risks inherent in such installations.