

## Item 9 - Question Time

### Response to Mr M Reiss

The detailed reasons for the decision by Scottish Ministers not to award costs to the Council in relation to the Dalnessie Wind Farm application are set out in the decision letter dated 25 September 2014. The letter is available on the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals web-site at [www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk).

In essence, Scottish Ministers were of the view that the applicant acted without delay following an announcement about the “Contracts for Difference” which they considered rendered their scheme no longer financially viable. As a result, Scottish Ministers felt that the applicant did not act unreasonably in withdrawing the application.