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Dear Dr Moroney,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August to Judith Gough, where you requested clarification to the sentence "it would not have been appropriate for DECC to separately evaluate the Guidance" mentioned in the response dated 18 July 2013 (reference EIR13/0803). I have been asked to reply and would like to apologise for the delay in doing so.

DECC is satisfied that the IOA subjected their Good Practice Guidance to an extensive and rigorous quality assurance process including public consultation and extensive peer review. DECC is also satisfied that the process followed in developing the Guidance conformed to the standards for preparing codes of practice.

Although the Government oversight group included technical expertise, it was the purpose of instructing/commissioning the IOA for this work (the scope of which had been specifically defined by DECC), that the IOA's expertise and professional capabilities were properly utilised to complete the work. DECC did not intend, therefore, to conduct a detailed technical evaluation of the document. DECC conducted a high-level review of the guidance, and if it had not been satisfied that a broad range of professional expertise and experience had been brought to bear in producing the document or had found that there was cause for further scrutiny, DECC would have ensured that this happened.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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