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Without Prejudice

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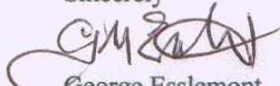
Dear Ms Ramsden,

In response to your Questions below :-

- 1) As I have already said in our local paper just a month ago if this government has approx., £200,000,000 to spend on a new prison then to me they should get their priorities right by looking after the general public first and foremost.
- 2) Yes I will oppose any privatization of key council services.
- 3) The current standards are suffering due to the current Government, so your members should remember this when it comes to voting time.
- 4) This I feel is a difficult question and needs to be looked at together with the Social work department, something that I am keen to see how this is budgeted at present as I feel the warder system should have been left intact in Sheltered housing to start with.
- 5) Yes I feel that it is right that everyone gets a Living Wage in this day and age.
- 6) I do recognize that our children's education is very much an important issue and if that means class room assistants be retained and this is verified then I believe it should be kept.
- 7) With this situation I can only say that the sooner we are rid of the present Government (SNP) the better, they are failing to tell the general public exactly what is happening and getting away with it, there are a host of things can be done to help stop the general public having to suffer all these cut backs we need to look after our own people before we attempt to help any other countries.
- 8) I think it is totally unfair to hold staffs pay for the length of time it has been held at present and no sign of reprieve for any one.
- 9) I am unsure what you intend on the question of a Green Workplace agreement as at present the SNP government Green policy does not make any sense, let me briefly explain, they are all for wind power which when it is not windy they will need the back up of both oil and coal fired power stations to keep the lights on so where is the saving in Carbon – a nil gain!

I hope I have been able to clarify some of your points but I must also point out that your members should ensure to treat the people who are causing your Union the pain at present to remember this when it comes to the next time they are asked to Vote.

Sincerely


George Esslemont.