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To: Graham Short  
Executive Director of Educational & Social Services

For your information.  
Many Thanks

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Dear Ms Lees

**FURTHER 3 YEAR CYCLE OF PROPORTIONATE JOINT INSPECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES FROM APRIL 2009**

On 4 February 2009 Adam Ingram, Minister for Children and Early Years, wrote to me directing HMIE to coordinate and lead a further proportionate 3 year cycle of joint inspection of the provision of child protection services in Scotland. He requested that in the period up to the commencement of the next cycle from April 2009, HMIE and SWIA work with partners, including COSLA, to develop the timing, scope, form and focus of the next cycle of inspection. There has been considerable engagement with stakeholders in the development of the inspection model, resulting in broad support for the scope, form and focus of the inspection.

The sequence of specific council areas which will be inspected in the first year of the cycle has been part of the joint arrangements with Audit Scotland to schedule scrutiny activity. Inspections have been timed to coordinate, and where possible, integrate with social work and other relevant inspections and audits. In almost all local authority areas planned follow-through inspection activity will be incorporated into the next cycle of proportionate inspection, reducing the incidence of inspection.

The inspection programme is detailed overleaf. The programme will also appear on the HMIE website and will be included in the updated Joint Scrutiny Schedule 2009/10 to be issued to the Chief Executives of all Scottish Councils.



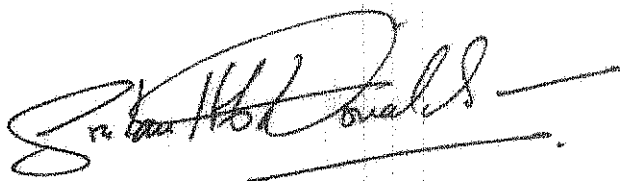
# CHILD PROTECTION INSPECTION PROGRAMME 2009/10

FULL INSPECTIONS		
Orkney	24 August 2009	7 September 2009
Aberdeenshire	31 August 2009	14 September 2009
Edinburgh	21 September 2009	5 October 2009
Western Isles	19 October 2009	2 November 2009
East Ayrshire	26 October 2009	9 November 2009
East Dunbartonshire	16 November 2009	30 November 2009
Clackmannanshire	11 January 2010	25 January 2010
Highland	18 January 2010	1 February 2010
Dumfries & Galloway	22 February 2010	8 March 2010
Stirling	1 March 2010	15 March 2010

INTERIM FOLLOW-THROUGH INSPECTIONS	
Moray	15 June 2009
Fife	8 February 2010

I look forward to working with you on this cycle of inspection to improve further child protection services in Scotland.

Yours sincerely



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HM Senior Chief Inspector