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Subject: Breach of the Scottish Ministerial Code 2016 edition Section 1 Para.1.2{C}.

Dear Nicola Sturgeon MSP and Paul Wheelhouse MSP,

It cannot have escaped anyone's notice recently that the SNP Scottish Government have have egg dripping from their face when their Legal representative at the High Court admitted that there ?was no legal ban on Fracking in Scotland? in spite of the First Minister saying that ?there will be no fracking in Scotland ? end of? when addressing the Holyrood Parliament. The Fracking Ban has also been confirmed at Holyrood by Paul Wheelhouse MSP Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy. By their actions it is my opinion that Nicola Sturgeon and Paul Wheelhouse are in breach of the Scottish Ministerial Code 2016 edition Section 1 Para.1.2{C}.

Do either of you have any comment?

Yours sincerely

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Scottish Ministerial Code 2016 edition

1. Scottish Ministers

General Principle

1.1. Scottish Ministers are expected to behave in a way that upholds the highest standards of propriety.

Ministerial Conduct

1.2. The Ministerial Code should be read against the background of the overarching duty on Ministers to comply with the law, including international law and treaty obligations, and to uphold the administration of justice and to protect the integrity of public life. They are expected to observe the Seven Principles of Public Life (set out in the Annex to this Code) and the following principles of Ministerial conduct:

(a) The principle of collective responsibility, as defined in section 2 below, applies to all Ministers;

(b) Ministers have a duty to the Parliament to account, and be held to account, for the

policies, decisions and actions taken within their field of responsibility;

(c) It is of paramount importance that Ministers give accurate and truthful information to the Parliament, correcting any inadvertent error at the earliest opportunity.

Ministers who knowingly mislead the Parliament will be expected to offer their resignation to the First Minister;

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