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Dear Ms Howard,

GB WATER POLO - FUNDING

We thank you for your letter of 1st May 2009 in response to our earlier letter.

We have copied Ken Fussell into our letter of concern however however, as he is not present at British Swimming meetings where these funding decisions are taken, we felt it more relevant to call upon the support of the Scottish Swimming representative to these meetings.

We note the forthcoming meeting and look forward to receiving feedback and learn why the support for the youngsters has been withdrawn by British Swimming. The suspicion remains that the opportunity has been taken with the withdrawal of the Elite Olympic funding to remove all support from areas which were previously supported i.e. Youth & Juniors, currently it would appear that British Swimming supports no Water polo activity.

Your comments regarding the provision of kit are noted, we were bringing to your attention that GB representative teams without branded kit may lead to issues with the sponsors of Team GB. We are confident that the SWPC will be in a position to address the question of kit provision for Scottish teams although the same situation may arise.

We note your comments regarding an allocation being made available to Scottish Swimming from the British Gas funds and would suggest that part of this be used to fund the Development Officer rather than be taken out of the Scottish water polo budget, we understand that this represents around 25% of the 2009 Budget.

We note that Scottish Swimming is committed to supporting our discipline however we do not feel that your comparison of relative budgets is valid as each of these disciplines have different needs with Water polo being a team event comprising 13 players. The real picture suggests that the annual water polo budget is decreasing in real terms and has dramatically reduced from around £32k some thirty years ago. This is of course a matter for the SWPC and we shall leave this issue with them.

We look forward to reviewing British Water polo developments in the coming months.

Yours in Sport,

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