

# Emails regarding Regional Controls

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**Date:** Fri, 21 May 2010 12:15:53 +0100

**To:** 20 All Officials<AllOfficials@fbu.org.uk>

**Subject:** Regional control comment

This was the line we put out to the press after CLG's statement to the BBC yesterday on regional control. Please forward it to anyone who needs clarification.

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**From:** Francis Beckett [mailto:francis.beckett@btinternet.com]

**Sent:** 20 May 2010 22:41

**To:** Matt Wrack; Paul Hampton; Sharon Riley; Andy Dark

**Subject:**

On the government's statement about control centres, FBU general secretary Matt Wrack said today:

"We wrote to the PM past week. We reminded him that both government parties pledged to scrap regional fire control. We look to them to live up to those promises. The government statement today is far from clear. FireControl is wasteful, inefficient and unproven and it should be scrapped before any more money is wasted."

Assistant general secretary Any Dark told the FBU conference in Southport: "If the new government fails to deliver, we will not allow FireControl 1 to be replaced by any sort of FireControl 2."

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**From:** Rhodri Jones [mailto:Rhodri.Jones@communities.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 20 May 2010 11:25

**To:** Ruth Lovell

**Subject:** FireControl - Communities and Local Government

Hi Ruth

Quote below from Fire Minister Bob Neill. We are looking closely at FireControl and considering what we can do to improve the situation.

Many thanks

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Fire Minister Bob Neill said:

"The last Government's FireControl project has been dogged by delays, cost over-runs and poor project management. Sadly, this is yet another example of a failed Government IT project.

"We are looking closely at this flawed and expensive programme to consider what we can do to improve the situation. We want to ensure value for money for taxpayers, improve resilience and stop the regionalisation of the fire service.

"We will look carefully at the implications of any decisions before announcing any next steps. We will end the excessive secrecy over the project and make more information available for Parliamentary scrutiny."

