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OPEN LETTER

Dear Mr Temple,

Thank you for your response dated 18 August 2017.

Please note that there are now two people attending the aircraft cabin air conference from the CAA, with one being Dr Dowdall.

We cannot however agree with your statement *"there is nothing to indicate that responsibilities between CAA and HSE are not being discharged."* We have clearly demonstrated in our previous letter that the MOU regarding the example of aircraft cabin air contamination is not working, however you have simply dismissed all this very strong evidence and referred back to the MOU.

While we are very pleased that the CAA will be attending the event, the CAA does not have the expertise regarding the regulatory requirements involving hazardous substances, the health and safety at work act and the related regulations and guidance material.

The CAA via the Civil Aviation (Working Time) Regulations 2004 must ensure crew members are provided with adequate health and safety protection and prevention servicesappropriate to the nature of their employment. This amounts in effect to the Aviation Health Unit (AHU) relying entirely upon aviation industry or government studies and is without any doubt failing to review the issue via the OHS regulations, directives and guidelines. Aircrew put simply, under the MOU have in reality no protection from the various OHS protections. The CAA cannot provide these. The following CAA statement is just one small example of this.

- CAA considers 'COSHH to be of little relevance' with regard to the aircraft contaminated air concerns. [1]

1. CAA (2013) Email from Tim Williams, CAA health safety & Environmental advisor to S. Michaelis, GCAQE, 6/4/13

This is the reason we are quite certain that the HSE must attend the conference, as your representative will have a differing understanding of the important information presented than that gained by the CAA. You have two differing backgrounds and it is simply too important to dismiss your duties under an MOU, that we are demonstrating is not working.

Step one to address this problem, would be for you to send a suitable HSE representative to attend the conference. We trust you will take this important information on board. We believe UK aviation workers are entitled to this.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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