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Dear Ms Rutherford

Thank you for your letter of 13 January which requested a quote for your book "Carefully Does It". I would be delighted to supply a quote to help you with the promotion of your book. The Scottish Government recognises the important role unpaid carers and organisations, such as The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, play in the delivery of health and social care provision in Scotland, and the need to support carers further. The publication of our Carers Strategy with COSLA in July 2010 focuses on improving outcomes for carers through better recognition and support.

Please see my quote below. I hope this helps you with the promotion of your book.

"I am delighted to endorse this book which details many carers in the Borders own personal, physical and emotional journeys while caring. The book itself is very true to life and will be a great read to many carers and other professionals who support carers. As a sign of our continued commitment we will continue to support carers in partnership with the statutory and voluntary sector".

I hope this reassures you of the Government's continued commitment to support carers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with your book promotion.

Yours for Scotland

ALEX SALMOND