

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION'S
RAILWAY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4th Public Meeting**

**6:30pm Wednesday 7th July 2004
Carlton Highland Hotel, Cromarty Suite
North Bridge, Edinburgh**

PROGRAMME

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| 6:00 | Coffee and registration | |
| 6:30 | Introduction
An overview of the evening from Margaret Burns, Chair of RIAC, and James King, Rail Passengers Council (RPC), meeting facilitator. | Margaret Burns, CBE and James King. |
| 6:35 | What is RIAC?
Its background and the work it does. | Margaret Burns |
| | <i>Session 1</i> | |
| 6:45 | Controlling risks at level crossings | Ron McAulay, Network Rail |
| | | Mark Whitham, Health & Safety Executive (HSE) |
| | <i>Session 2</i> | |
| 7:30 | Are the railways safe enough? | Mike Lunan, RPC |
| | | Allan Sefton, HSE |
| 8:15 | Open Forum | |
| 8:45 | Close | |

This event is supported by the Rail Passengers Council

Notes on speakers

Mrs Margaret Burns CBE: is a part-time tutor of public law at the University of Aberdeen. She has wide-ranging experience of working with consumer organisations including Consumers Association and the Scottish Consumer Council who nominated her for the Health and Safety Commission. She was appointed as a HSC Commissioner in 1998 and as Chair of RIAC in 2001.

James King: After a successful career in the advertising industry James established his own strategic business and marketing consultancy in 1996, which he continues to run today. He is a member of the statutory passenger watchdog the Rail Passenger Committee Scotland, on which he is both the Safety representative and the convener of the ScotRail franchise sub committee. His interest in rail was established in student days when he campaigned for the retention of the Kyle line.

Ron McAulay: is currently Regional Director of Network Rail in Scotland. He joined the company in November 2003 following a career that has spanned the North of Scotland Water Authority and the Regional Councils of Tayside and Strathclyde. Before joining Network Rail, Ron set up McAulay Associates Ltd, a management consultancy business whose clients included Scottish Water, Yorkshire Water, Balfour Beatty, Highland Council, and May Gurney. Born and educated in Milngavie, Glasgow, Ron is a civil engineering graduate and MBA with considerable experience in leading and managing large teams involved in infrastructure asset management, where value for money, reliability of service and attention to the needs of the customer are essential. He is a 'fixer' with a known talent for turning around under-performing departments, and enjoys corporate strategy as well as engineering. Ron has been married for 23 years and lives in Strathpeffer in the Highlands with his wife and two teenage children.

Mark Whitham: is an Inspector of Railways working within the Scotland Field Team. He joined HM Railway Inspectorate in 2001 following an extensive period working within the Railway engineering industry, primarily in the field of track and infrastructure maintenance.

Allan Sefton: was appointed Director of Rail Safety in October 2003. He leads HM Railway Inspectorate and is a member of the Board of the Health and Safety Executive. He joined HSE in 1971 and has had a long career dealing with a variety of industries including a spell as head of Offshore Safety Division. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

Mike Lunan: is an actuary living on the Isle of Arran. He chairs the RPC's Safety Task Force and represents RPC on the National Level Crossing Safety Group. He is a member of the Community Safety Support Unit Review Panel.