

1. EMAIL1

From: Pryce JM (Jonathan)
Sent: 15 May 2016 16:25
To: Barnes D (David); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Commissioner Hogan Visit - FM

David – very good, thanks
Jonathan

From: Barnes D (David)
Sent: 13 May 2016 21:02
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Cc: Pryce JM (Jonathan); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Commissioner Hogan Visit - FM

To minimise work, let's do what FM office have asked for but include our key point in it namely the payments deadline.

[Out of scope material omitted]

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Subject: Official - sensitive: Hogan meetings

As discussed earlier, here are the key bits of the speaking notes prepared for our First Minister at her photo-op with Hogan at 9.00 and our new Minister (now named – Fergus Ewing MSP) for the lunch.

- In this first year of the new policy SG is working very hard to meet the EU's threshold for payments made by the end of June.
- We acknowledge that there have been problems with our IT system. They have been exacerbated by the rigidity of EU rules on mapping.
- Our progress has been hampered by additional complexity requested by NFU Scotland to tailor the CAP to Scotland's needs, and by the short implementation timetable set by the EU.
- The extension of the application period for these payments, by a month last Spring, delayed our ability to start processing them.
- We do not yet know whether we will need extra time, but there is sufficient uncertainty that we would request an extension to the payment window, for as long as possible.

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