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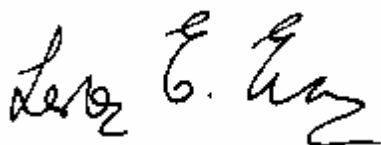
Dear Ms Dugdale

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, MAY 2016

With effect from 1 December 2015, The First Minister has authorised me to conduct discussions with Opposition Party Leaders. These will be on the basis of the established pre-election arrangements and will enable us to discuss any questions you may have on the way we are currently organised and to obtain factual information to assist in the formation of policies. I cannot of course advise you on the policies themselves.

Perhaps we could have an initial discussion on how we should best approach this from your point of view.

As we have yet to have an introductory meeting since I became Permanent Secretary, we could also use any pre-election meeting to have a more general discussion.



LESLIE EVANS
Permanent Secretary