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From: Gunn A (Andrew)
Sent: 30 March 2017 09:37
To: Gibson AI (AI)
Subject: FW: Ministerial Visit

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2017 11:38
To: Gunn A (Andrew)
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To: [REDACTED]
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From: Gunn A (Andrew)
Sent: 31 March 2017 16:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ministerial Visit

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That's excellent, that should be fine (and of course trusting no major flight delays).

If we can assume the meeting will be in Leinster House (where we're also assuming the meeting with Mr Coveney will be) this should allow a reasonable time to discuss FOI – and OGP – matters before the 4.00pm meeting.

I'll send across a final itinerary once arrangements are completed here.

Andrew

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2017 15:35
To: Gunn A (Andrew)
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The Minister is available to meet Mr FitzPatrick at 1500 on the 11th if this is ok from your side?

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From: Andrew.Gunn@gov.scot [mailto:Andrew.Gunn@gov.scot]
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Just to update.

Mr FitzPatrick's time in Dublin has been somewhat reduced but there remains the possibility of a meeting with Mr Donohoe if he was available.

The latest timetable/agenda is as follows:

11th April - Travel to Dublin
16.00 - Meeting with Minister **Simon Coveney TD** and officials from his Department re Electoral Policy (location tbc)
18.00 - Dinner with **Regina Doherty TD**, Government Chief Whip in Members Private Restaurant, Leinster House

12th April **10.30** - Meeting with Minister Regina Doherty TD in Leinster House re: Scottish experience of Minority Government

12.00 - Minister FitzPatrick to sit in for Leaders Questions in Dail

12.40 - Private Tour of Leinster House

13.30 - Meeting with **Ceann Comhairle** (Speaker) in Leinster House (lunch tbc)

14.30 - Meeting with officials from Parliament and Department of the Taoiseach – re. how the Scottish Parliament and Government deal with legislation in a minority government.

- Depart for Edinburgh

I realise it's highly unlikely but if a meeting with Mr Donohoe was possible this would probably need to be before his 16.00 meeting with Mr Coveney (he lands at about 1.00pm) or first thing on the 12th.

Thoughts welcome/happy to discuss

Andrew

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Indeed, Mr FitzPatrick has a broad remit but procurement as far as I'm aware is not part of it.

The primary purpose of the visit is to meet Regina Doherty (to discuss Parliamentary business management etc.). However, it's also an opportunity to meet Ministers/senior officials across Mr FitzPatrick's portfolio – with responsibility for FOI in Ireland I understand sitting with Paschal Donohoe.

Dates are still to be finalised but we're working to 11-13 April so presumably the bulk of meetings would be on 12 April. I'll obviously confirm more precise details once I hear more from Private Office/Parliament and Legislation Unit colleagues.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for Parliamentary Business
Sent: 06 April 2017 13:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business
Subject: RE: Mr FitzPatrick's visit to Dublin Arrangements

Hi [REDACTED]

We are meeting with Minister Paschal Donohoe to discuss FOI and Open Government from 15:00 – 16:00 and this is then followed by a meeting with Minister Simon Coveney to discuss Electoral Policy from 16:00 till 17:00.

Thanks for the other information.

Regards,

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Hi [REDACTED]

On your first point did you mean to say Minister Coveney? If not I don't know anything about a meeting with Minister Donohoe!

I am waiting to hear back about the lunch on Wednesday.

The location of the meeting with Parliament will take place in the Clerk's Office in Leinster House.

Taoiseach officials meeting is in the morning at 10.30 in Leinster House.

Regards,



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We are finalising out programme for Mr Fitzpatrick's trip to Dublin and need to clarify a few points which I would be grateful if you could respond to by return:

- I'd like to confirm that Mr FitzPatrick will now also be meeting with Mr Donohoe on Tuesday.
- I'd like to check whether the Dail Speaker will be lunching with Mr FitzPatrick on Wednesday, 12th April.
- I'd like to check the location of the meeting with Parliament and Taoiseach Officials (14.30 on Wednesday, 12th April)

Grateful if you could clarify these points.

Best wishes,

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