

Subject: FW: media enquiry - flag complaint

From: [redacted]

Sent: 02 February 2018 18:25

To: Booth J (John); Lloyd E (Elizabeth); [redacted]Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]Corporate Communications; [redacted] Allison B (Barbara); DG Constitution and External Affairs; [redacted] Permanent Secretary; First Minister; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities; Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director); Hynd JS (James); Protocol and Honours Mailbox; [redacted]

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I've verbally briefed the journalist that we have written to the papers to complaint at this stage. He confirmed that they won't be running anything at this stage.

Thanks,

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From: Booth J (John)

Sent: 02 February 2018 14:57

To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth); [redacted]Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser; [redacted]

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Happy with that. We should avoid saying anything further, particularly about the nature of the complaints, to avoid jeopardising any potential IPSO involvement.

Liz – response to the points made by Telegraph and Express will be with you shortly.

John

John Booth
Head of Communications
Scottish Government

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From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth)

Sent: 02 February 2018 14:15

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Thanks

If pushed I'd be happy to say our complaints remain live issues

John...we should get the next step done on Monday

Liz

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, 2 February 2018 13:56

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[redacted]had a similar call from the Herald. She told them we wrote to them about inaccuracies under the editorial code of conduct. When asked to expand further, she said the statement we issued on Wednesday made our position clear.

Subject to John's views, suggest we reply in the same way to the Times.

Thanks

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All,

We have been approached by the Times about our complaints to these stories. The journalist has asked if we have issued a formal complaint to IPSO about Telegraph and Express coverage.

I would suggest we simply advise the journalist that we have written to the papers about the inaccuracy of the coverage and copied to IPSO.

I strongly suggest we give no further detail as doing so would be inappropriate during the complaint process.

Grateful for views on this by approach.

Many thanks,

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