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Hi [redacted])

Here is our response to your questions, apologies for the delay.

- Given that the FM and SG ministers were not responsible for changing the guidance, who was? Did no minister sign off on it? **Scottish Government officials brought operational guidance into line with longstanding policy. This was not signed off by Ministers.**
- Also, Can you confirm which government buildings this covers? You say NDPBs can make their own policy. Does that mean that the guidance just covers SAH, Vic Quay and one or two others? Or does it cover many more buildings? **Only St Andrew's House and Victoria Quay have external flag poles within the core Scottish Government estate. The flag-flying guidance is also issued to executive agencies and associated departments. However, it is not mandatory and it is a matter for organisations to decide their own policies. We do not record which organisations have flagpoles or whether they fly flags.**

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