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FW: Scottish Government flag-flying guidance - Comment

From: [redacted])

Sent: 23 January 2018 18:26

To: [redacted])

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[redacted])

See below.

- It has been SG practice for many years to fly the Royal Banner (Lion Rampant) on royal occasions. There is therefore no reduction in days the union flag will be flown.

- Our guidance applies only to SG buildings and those of our agencies and associated Departments. Our guidance is published on the SG website and other public bodies (eg NDPBs, Local Authorities) may choose to follow it if they so wish but that is a matter for them.

- If a building has one flagpole then on Remembrance Sunday, we would advise them to fly the Union Flag. However, we have no locus to order other organisations which flags to fly.

Thanks,

[redacted])

From: [redacted])

Sent: 23 January 2018 18:02

To: [redacted])

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The line doesn't explain why you are saying the number of days where the Union flag is flown in SG buildings will not reduce.

The 2017 policy states 15 days when the Union flag will be flown but in the 2018 policy it is only one. I do not see how that point is correct and it needs to be explained if we are to use that section of your quote.

From: [redacted])

Sent: 23 January 2018 17:59

To: [redacted])

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Answer to your questions is in the lines below. Will revert to you on points not yet covered asap.

Thanks,

[redacted])

From: [redacted])

Sent: 23 January 2018 17:43

To: [redacted])
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Are you coming back with answers on my specific questions?

And could you explain why you don't think the number of days will reduce within SG buildings. At St Andrew's House, for example, it seems the number of days will reduce from 15 to one.

From: [redacted])
Sent: 23 January 2018 17:35
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External Sender

Hello,

Please see our lines below.

SG spokesperson:

"The Scottish Government flag-flying guidance was recently updated to see the Lion Rampant flown from St Andrew's House to mark Royal birthdays and anniversaries.

"The Union flag will continue to be flown on Remembrance Sunday. The updated guidance will not see any reduction in the number of days the Union flag is flown within the Scottish Government."

Background

Further to an increase in queries from the public, a decision was taken by the Scottish Government Protocol team to update the flag-flying guidance. The decision was taken in December 2017.

Thanks,
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