From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:00
To: [Redacted Text]
Subject: FOI/18/00444 - Scottish Government Response

Dear [Redacted Text]

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 8th February 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your responses –

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text] Communications and Administrative Officer

Children & Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Team | Getting It Right For Every Child | Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
Hi All,

Could you all please do a quick inbox search for any emails (and any documents that were included) that you have sent or received from the Education and Skills Committee / [Redacted Text] since September 2017 to the 8th February 2018.

Additionally, if you have had any contact (which includes phone calls, emails, letters, etc) with the Education and Skills Committee with regards to the Bill please let me know dates/times etc. between September 2017 to the 8th February 2018.

If I could have any emails/documents that are found by CoB Monday 26th February 2018.

Thanks in advance,

[Redacted Text]
Gathering of Information for FOI by Team

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 22 February 2018 15:27
To: [Redacted Text]
Subject: clerk emails

[Redacted Text]
Deputy Bill Team Leader

Children & Young People Information Sharing Bill Team | Creating Positive Futures | Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
T: [Redacted Text] E: [Redacted Text]
Gathering of Information for FOI by Team

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 22 February 2018 15:58
To: [Redacted Text] ; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team
Cc: [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/00444 - Education and Skills Communication - [Redacted Text]

Hi
Don’t think I have anything.
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Education Professional Adviser
Getting it right for every child Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government

[Redacted Text]

Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

I work part time. My usual working days are Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
Hi [Redacted Text]

Attached below what I found in my inbox. I will have a look at my call log and try to see if I have any phone calls logged and let you know on Monday.

Thanks
[Redacted Text]

Comms & Engagement Officer
Getting It Right For Every Child Team
Holding response to requester

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 09 March 2018 09:08
To: [Redacted Text]
Subject: FROM SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - FOI/18/00444 UPDATE

Dear [Redacted Text]

I refer to my email on 12th February 2018 about your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for –

- “Any documentation sent between the Scottish Government - or representatives of - and the Education and Skills Committee with regards to the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) Bill since September 2017.
- Full details of any communication between the Scottish Government – or representatives of – and the Education and Skills Committee with regards to the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) Bill.”

Under section 10(1) of FOISA, our response to your request was due on 8th March 2018. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than expected to deal with your request. I apologise for this delay and hope to be able to send you a response as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact me quoting case number FOI/18/00444.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

Children & Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Team | Getting It Right For Every Child | Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
Correspondence relating to the issuing of the FOI/18/00444

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:17
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

Yes – sorry I only copied comms colleagues. It went at 3.04.
Thanks,
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:16
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018
Importance: High

Thanks [Redacted Text] - has this been issued now?

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:58
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

I will issue this at 3pm
Thanks,
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:57
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018
Importance: High

Hi [Redacted Text]
Apologies for the late notice! But the FOI Unit came back with a change to the letter that needs to be issued at 3pm.

Could the attached now be released instead.


Thanks,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

Children & Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Team | Getting It Right For Every Child
| Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:03
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

Thanks, [Redacted Text] my colleague [Redacted Text] will issue this at 3pm.

We already have lines on corporate processes we can deploy if needed.

[Redacted Text] Communications Team Leader | Scottish Government | [Redacted Text]

Hi [Redacted Text]
Yes, could your team send out the **Additional Emails Letter** [Redacted Text] which is linked to his previous FOI/17/02940. We will send out the other FOI [Redacted Text]

This needs to be sent out at **3pm**.

Do you think we will need lines to address this?

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

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**From:** [Redacted Text]
**Sent:** 15 March 2018 12:55
**To:** [Redacted Text]
**Cc:** Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit ; [Redacted Text]
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text]- SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

**Importance:** High

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**Flag Status:** Flagged

[Redacted Text]

Does this need issued by comms, and what time does it need to go?

We have folk in and out of meetings but I will make sure someone is around to send on if you let me know.

[Redacted Text] | Communications Team Leader | Scottish Government | [Redacted Text]
Communication between Officials and Minister regarding FOI/18/00444

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:54
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; Permanent Secretary; Minister for Parliamentary Business; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment

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Flag Status: Flagged

[Redacted Text]

For DFM’s awareness.

The following FOI response to [Redacted Text] was published at 3pm today:

The response to [Redacted Text] was also issued from Comms colleagues (attached).

[Redacted text – out of scope]

Thanks
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text] On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 15 March 2018 11:44
To: [Redacted Text]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

[Redacted Text]

DFM is content to clear

Thanks
[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 09:14
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit ; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text]- SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

[Redacted Text]

Just the one FOI to clear which needs to be sent out at the same time as the letter at 3pm today.

The FOI relates to communication between SG Officials and the Education and Skills Committee. Which includes emails that are strongly linked to the letter that will be sent out today at 3pm.

<< File: FOI [Redacted Text]- 18-00444.docx >>

Grateful if this could be cleared as soon as possible.

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

Children & Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Team | Getting It Right For Every Child | Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 08 March 2018 17:06
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Director for Children and Families; FoI SpAds PO; Communications DFM & Education; DCAF Business Management Unit; [Redacted Text]
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

PO/

Grateful if the attached FOI for [Redacted Text] could be cleared as soon as possible.

<< File: FOI [Redacted Text]- 18-00444.docx >>

The FOI relates to communication between SG Officials and the Education and Skills Committee. Which includes emails that are strongly linked to the current Letter being drafted in response to the Education and Skills Committee.

The FOI is due today – apologies for the tight turnaround time there have been on-going discussions due to its link with the Committee Letter.

Please let me know if this timescale is not possibly and I will send a holding response to the requester.

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

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Communication between Special Advisors and Officials regarding
FOI/18/00444

From: [Redacted Text] on behalf of FoI SpAds PO
Sent: 08 March 2018 16:53
To: FoI SpAds PO; [Redacted Text]
Cc: Director for Children and Families; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text]- SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

Hi [Redacted Text]

SpAds are content with your proposed response now going for Ministerial clearance.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Special Advisers’ Office
4N.05
St. Andrew’s House

[Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 08 March 2018 15:29
To: [Redacted Text]; FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Director for Children and Families; [Redacted Text]
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text]- SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

Hi [Redacted Text]

Grateful if the attached FOI/18/00444 for [Redacted Text], which has been updated, could be cleared as soon as possible.

This FOI is requesting communication between SG Officials and the Education and Skills Committee.
I have highlighted emails that are particularly relevant.

This FOI is due today – please let me know if this cannot be cleared today and I will send out a holding response to the requester.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 05 March 2018 15:14
To: [Redacted Text] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [Redacted Text] Director for Children and Families; [Redacted Text]
Subject: FOR AWARENESS: FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text]- SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee DUE 8th March 2018

Importance: High

Dear [Redacted Text]

For your awareness, please find attached FOI/18/00444 for [Redacted Text] (Conservative MSP Parliamentary Assistant) which is due on Wednesday 8th March 2018.

The FOI request is requesting communication and documentation between SG officials and the Education and Skills Committee – which would include the release of the attached email.

Please find [Redacted Text] mobile if you would like to discuss this further – [Redacted Text]

Kind regards,
Emails relating to the publication of FOI/18/00444

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:08
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOI for PUBLISHING

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Can confirm this is now up on the SG website


Thanks
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Lead caseworker and improvement, Freedom of information unit | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [Redacted Text]

You can find the most recent information on FOI on the FOI SharePoint site.

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 13:47
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: FOI for PUBLISHING

Hi [Redacted Text]

The way the system is setup, there is no way to get it published for exactly 3pm but it will be very close. I will hit publish at 2:55 and it may be a minute before the hour or a minute after that it becomes available.

I’ve copied in [Redacted Text] from the web site team who is very knowledgeable in this area and can assist if you have any further questions.

Many thanks
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Lead caseworker and improvement, Freedom of information unit | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [Redacted Text]

You can find the most recent information on FOI on the FOI SharePoint site.
Hi [Redacted Text]
Could you give me a quick call on [Redacted Text] Thanks so much [Redacted Text]

Not a problem, can confirm we will publish at 3pm.

It’s worth noting that although we will select the response to be published at 3pm, the SG website does not upload documents immediately so there may be a delay of up to a maximum of one hour before it is viewable.

Thanks

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Lead caseworker and improvement, Freedom of information unit | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [Redacted Text]

You can find the most recent information on FOI on the [FOI SharePoint site](FOI%20SharePoint%20site).
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Flag Status: Flagged

Sorry – published at **3pm today**

Not 1pm

Thank you

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 11:14
To: [Redacted Text]
Cc: Freedom of Information; [Redacted Text]
Subject: FOI for PUBLISHING

Hi [Redacted Text]

As discussed yesterday over the phone.

Please find attached FOI/18/00444 which we would like to be published at **1pm today**.

<< File: FOI [Redacted Text]- 18-00444.docx >>

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

Children & Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Team | Getting It Right For Every Child
| Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ

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From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 14 March 2018 14:18
To: Freedom of Information
Subject: Question about Publishing FOIs

Hi,

My team and I currently have an FOI that relates strongly to a Letter which is being sent from the DFM to the Education and Skills committee. The letter will be published on Thursday after FMQs – my unit head was questioning whether we could have the FOI published at the same time the letter is sent to the Committee as the information is the same and is quite sensitive, and it would be preferable for the information to go out at the same time. Would it be possible to have the FOI sent to you to publish but have it go live at the same time the letter is sent?

Although I am aware that we are under obligation to send out the FOI as soon as possible, especially if the FOI is already passed its deadline.
Any guidance on this would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]
Communications and Administrative Officer

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FOI/18/00444 referenced in emails about the 15th March Letter from the Deputy First Minister to the Education and Skills Committee

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 13:00
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [Redacted Text]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; Permanent Secretary; Minister for Parliamentary Business ; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment

Hi [Redacted Text]

The draft letter attached with references to additional FOIs- both in track changes and accepted changes

Thanks
[Redacted Text]

From [Redacted Text] On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:18
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [Redacted Text]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; Permanent Secretary; Minister for Parliamentary Business ; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment
Importance: High

[Redacted Text]

DFM has made his final comments to this and has commented that this is now ready for DFM PO to issue today at 3pm.

I note that FOIs are due to be inserted on p6. Grateful if you could take this forward and return to us immediately so DFM can sign a final version when he returns from FMQs.

Thanks again for all your help

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [Redacted Text]

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Hi there

[Redacted Text] - are you content with the letter?

[Redacted Text] - any update on whether we can include a link to the response to FOI/18/00444 [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee – in the letter now?

Thanks
[Redacted Text]

DFM’s changes accepted, a missing word added and I’m confirming the situation with FOI/18/00444 - [Redacted Text] - SG Communication with Education and Skills Committee

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 07:02
To: Director for Children and Families; [Redacted Text]
Cc: [Redacted Text]
Subject: FW: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment
Hi

[Redacted – out of scope]

[Redacted Text] – grateful if you can [Redacted – out of scope] and check in with me about the related FOIs

Many thanks
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 06:56
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [Redacted Text]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; Permanent Secretary; Minister for Parliamentary Business ; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment

Morning [Redacted Text]
Just picking this up now. Yes, I will start arrange this.

[Redacted Text] will also give you a call when she is in to confirm handling of two related FOIs.

Kind regards
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 13 March 2018 16:50
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [Redacted Text]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; Permanent Secretary; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment
Attachments: TABLE - 13TH March 2018.xlsx; DFM letter to committee - Draft - 13 March 2018 DFM.doc

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Hi [Redacted Text]
The updates are follows:

Q2- Awareness of witness appearances. [Redacted – out of scope]
   • Additional emails from clerks that are due to be released under an FOI request 18-00444 (currently with DFM for approval) are not directly relevant to the questions in the letter from the Committee so we are proposing that they are not included in the annexes.

   • [Redacted – out of scope]

Any queries, please let me know

Kind regards
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 12 March 2018 12:42
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC & CYP Bill Team; Communications DFM & Education; [Redacted Text]
Subject: RE: Draft response to letter from Education Committee on 21 February 2018 - for comment

[Redacted Text]

Updated letter and table attached. [Redacted – out of scope]
Re the committee session on the 4th we think it would be helpful to include the emails exchange between the Committee and us where they provided us with the information of who attended. We think we should include this. This info is part of a FOI which is currently with you.

Regards

[Redacted Text]
Notification of the publication of the response to FOI/18/00444 sent to Education and Skills Committee

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: 15 March 2018 15:57
To: [Redacted Text]
Subject: For awareness FOI response

Hi [Redacted Text]

For awareness:

The following FOI was published today: https://beta.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-00444/

Kind Regards

[Redacted Text]
Deputy Bill Team Leader

Children & Young People Information Sharing Bill Team | Creating Positive Futures | Directorate for Children and Families | Scottish Government | Area 2B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ

[Redacted Text]