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Subject: RE: Friday - bi-lateral with Mr Drakeford

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Just to say that we will update you on deep dives and the Bill later this week in the light of events (officials' meetings on justice and health deep dives today and tomorrow; third day of Committee in the Commons today, including an amendment on the Charter on Fundamental Rights that might see UKG's first defeat).

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

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Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this. A step ahead of me as always! 😊 Great if this works with the programme.

That all sounds fine. We are staying in the Westbury Hotel in Dublin.

I'm out with the Minister for next few days. I'm back in the office on Thursday, if you want to have a final catch up about things before we fly over that night?

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From: [redacted]

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[redacted] – using this new distribution.

I understand Mr Russell will meet Mark D during the 11.15 coffee break (from my Welsh Government colleague here in Dublin). This works.

The only other appointment we have, subject to approval of the comms plan, is with the Irish Times. The idea is that Simon Carswell (political correspondent) will meet Mr Russell in the morning before the event kicks off and conduct a short sit down interview. Probably best to arrange to do this in the hotel (which one have you booked for the night of the 23rd?). Given that we are expected to be at the venue for 0915, I will ask Simon to be at the hotel for 0800.

[redacted] – to note all of this for Mr Russell's programme. The programme for the IACES event is at <http://www.iaces.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Draft-IACES-Conference-Programme-20171.pdf> - I will aim to leave the event as soon as the morning session ends, then head up to Belfast by car – ETA at the Europa 1500 (1530).

Let me know if you are missing any of the detail for the Belfast end of the programme.

Best wishes,

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Copying to Frank and [redacted] for Ireland interests. k

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Morning [redacted],

I hope you are well.

Mr Russell and Mr Drakeford have agreed to have a 30 minute bi-lateral discussion in Dublin on Friday to catch up on progress with the Withdrawal Bill and Deep Dive process. I'm liaising with Mr Drakeford's office on his availability. He's on an early morning flight and has

the morning free. I'm not sure if you had anything else planned for Mr Russell's programme that morning, but he's asked that this is treated as a priority.

[redacted] / [redacted] - it would be really helpful if a note on progress with deep dives, the Bill and relations with Wales could be produced ahead of this discussion. I will take a note of the discussion on Friday and feedback.

Happy to discuss further.

Thanks,

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