

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2017 12:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Organisers of the Kavanagh Ceremony
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

Very quick favour to ask.

I am drafting some suggested remarks for Ms Hyslop at the ceremony in the Kavanagh Resource Centre tomorrow.

Is there anyone in particular she should thank (Minister Humphreys aside)?

Best,

[REDACTED] | **Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |
Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government** | [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2017 11:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For Thursday press release
Importance: High

Thanks [REDACTED],

Would it be useful to include a line from Ms Hyslop in your press release?

If so, [REDACTED] in copy is our comms lead in this area and would be happy to work on it with your comms folk.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2017 17:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: For Thursday press release

Hi [REDACTED]- just to clarify this is for press release to be released by our Minister which will also include Patrick Kavanagh event.

Best

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On 28 Nov 2017, at 17:32, [REDACTED]wrote:

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> Dear [REDACTED],

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> We would like to propose the following text for inclusion with the press release for Thursday, Grateful for your comments please.

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> [REDACTED],

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> Best,

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> [REDACTED]

> Director of Grant Programmes

> [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 November 2017 13:02

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Fiona Hyslop

Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

I wanted to make sure that you were fully in the picture on Ms Hyslop's wider programme and likely arrival time at the Institute on Friday.

She now has a bilateral with Foreign Minister Simon Coveney scheduled from 11.30 – 12.30.

Looking at your proposed timings, this doesn't impact on the actual speaking slot, but may squeeze out space for any pre conditions with your board. If so, I am sorry we can't get there any earlier.

Please do let me know if this poses any problems at this stage.

Lastly, do you yet have a sense or indication of pick up and likely attendance?

Best wishes,

[REDACTED] | **Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government** [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2017 10:58

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Fiona Hyslop

Thanks, [REDACTED].

For a title should we go with something basic like "Brexit: The View from Scotland"?

I can incorporate the details below into an abstract and send it over to you for review before we send it out.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Director of Research

Institute of International and European Affairs
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2017 10:54

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fiona Hyslop

[REDACTED],

Just a final word of confirmation, if it is still needed, that Ms Hyslop is very much looking to speaking at the Institute next Friday.

At the moment, the subject matter of her speech will be a horizon tour of Brexit as seen from the Scottish government perspective, and its implications for the Scottish/Irish relationship relations on these islands. I hope that meets expectations.

Very best wishes,

**[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |
Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government [REDACTED]**

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2017 10:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Invitation to a Meeting with Scottish Government Minister for External Affairs
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

I wanted to make you aware of a small gathering I am organising with our Cabinet secretary Fiona Hyslop, MSP. The invitation below has gone to a small group of contacts – either Scots in senior positions in Ireland, or people engaged in strengthening the Scottish/Irish relationship.

I would be delighted were you also able to attend. I hope this will be a very informal precursor to the bigger St Andrew's day reception, and a chance to have a frank exchange with the Cabinet Secretary – with whom the BICC has a long standing relationship, and an organisation I know she always looks forward to meeting.

Let me know if you can come along.

Very best wishes,

**[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland
| Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [REDACTED]**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 November 2017 12:01

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Invitation to a Meeting with Scottish Government Minister for External Affairs

Importance: High

Dear friend,

As you may be aware, I will be hosting a special event on behalf of the Scottish Government in Ireland on 30th November in the Minerva Suite at Dublin's RDS to mark Scotland's national day. This will be the biggest St Andrew's celebration we have held since the Scottish Government opened its office in Dublin in early 2016. I hope it will continue to grow in the years to come and be one of the points in the calendar at which Scots in Ireland come together. You will, by now, have received an invitation to this event. I am looking forward to a great evening, at which I hope to meet as many of you as possible.

At the risk of over reaching our requests on your time, I also wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to a smaller gathering earlier on in the evening of the 30th of November. The purpose would be to meet, greet and get to know Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop MSP, before we all move on to enjoy the wider networking and merriment of the St Andrew's event. I hope this can also be an opportunity for a frank exchange with the Cabinet Secretary on what the current context feels like from the perception of those of you living and working in Ireland and engaged in this bilateral relationship.

I don't propose a formal agenda for this, hoping that we can keep the conversation informal and as frank and free ranging as possible. In terms of structure, after meeting everyone able to come along, I will ask the Cabinet Secretary to say a few words about current Scottish Government thinking on Brexit, and more broadly how we see the relationship with Ireland. I will then ask her to take questions and engage in an open discussion.

I hope this is something you will be interested in joining me for. If so, I would ask that you come to the Scottish Government offices in the British Embassy for 5.45pm, with a view to starting at 6pm sharp. That way we can get a good 50 minutes discussion before all heading next door to the RDS together for the beginning of our St Andrew's day celebrations at 7pm.

Please RSVP to this email by Friday 24th November, making sure you copy my colleague [REDACTED]

Very best wishes,

[REDACTED] | Scottish Government Representative in Ireland | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 November 2017 12:33

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Agenda for Discussions on 30 November in Louth/Monaghan

Hi [REDACTED],

I wondered if you had any thoughts on my message below?

I am talking to Ms Hyslop at 1330 today, so I thought I'd check.

Also – I was checking my notes. Did we speculate over whether there might be a potential announcement from the bilateral? Possibly around the cooperation with Scotland on Culture Ireland's 2018 focus? Fuzzy memory. I must be getting old.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 November 2017 11:33

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Agenda for Discussions on 30 November in Louth/Monaghan

Morning [REDACTED]

Thanks to you [REDACTED]for taking the time to see me yesterday.

It really does look like an excellent programme is taking shape for the 30th November in Louth/Monaghan. The prospect of holding our bilateral discussions in Agnes Burns' cottage is just great! Let me know what in due course what the arrangements for the meeting are as soon as [REDACTED] have been able to talk to your contacts in Louth.

I promised you a quick note to get the ball rolling with an initial suggestion of topics we could use to shape an agenda for a Ministerial and officials discussion in the morning, before we go to the Kavanagh event in Iniskeen. From our perspective it would be useful to discuss the following:

- Scottish elements of Culture Ireland's 2018 focus on the UK. What can we do to support? What can we work on together, and on what themes?
- Look ahead to Celtic Connections, how can we make the most of this opportunity – potential to send very positive messages about the Scottish / Irish relationship today.
- linked to Celtic, how do we protect and nurture grassroots culture (inc. safeguarding music venues) – a topic under discussion in BIC CI work stream – but can we share lessons and work in partnership in this area?
- SG is working on a new Culture Strategy – we are interested in the development of your framework, and what lessons we can learn.
- Related to the above on lesson learning – fascinated by the success of Culture Night, and would like to learn more about how this has been made into a nation-wide event? How has it helped increase participation/reach new audiences? How have you quantified success?
- Diversity in the creative industries – also a future BIC CI work-stream- but perhaps worth touching on also.

Ms Hyslop will also want to highlight the Culture Summit 2018 in Edinburgh, at which we will hope to see strong Irish participation.

Lastly, it might be worth thinking about the opportunities that a visit to Scotland by the Taoiseach in early 2018 might present to highlight the strength of our cultural collaboration?

These for starters. I look forward to any suggestions you also have for the discussion.

I am copying my colleague [REDACTED]– who will accompany Ms Hyslop on this programme.

Speak soon.

**[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland
| Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [REDACTED]**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2017 15:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Causeway and the 30th of November

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] is tied up in programme detail for the three ministerial visits we have in the next ten days. So if I may, I'll answer this.

The shape, format and timing of this engagement have shifted slightly as Ms Hyslop's programme has evolved. We are still keen to host a meeting with her that brings together Causeway members, potential members and key members of the Scottish community in Ireland (many of whom will be very useful contacts for Causeway). So where are we now in terms of arrangements:

The intent is that we will host the meeting in the RDS immediately ahead of the evening event – we have a smaller room adjoining the venue for the reception that can be used for this purpose. We would ask those invited to the engagement with Ms Hyslop to arrive at the RDS at 6pm sharp, to meet Ms Hyslop, and have a pre reception discussion on a range of topics – Brexit, Scottish/Irish relations, the future of the relationship and the role that we can all play in making it as successful as possible (we will refine the structure and format closer to the time).

The consolidated list I have is below. Those names below your list are senior Scots based in Ireland who have told me directly that they want to be more engaged in supporting the bilateral relationship, and whom have also indicated they would be interested in working with Causeway.

The whole list feels too long if everyone accepts, particularly when we consider the Causeway Board. Could you indicate which of those from your list below are priority targets for the Causeway Steering Group in Ireland?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2017 13:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Causeway and the 30th of November

Hi [REDACTED],

Are you able to share with us who of our 15 nominations are on your master list of 300 please? We want to start approaching people now regarding the audience with Minister Hislop, and extend an invitation to them for the evening reception also.

Thanks and regards,

[REDACTED]

On 9 Nov 2017, at 22:58, [REDACTED]wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Final 2 on our list are

[REDACTED]

If you can add them please.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 9 November 2017 at 20:44:02 GMT

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Causeway and the 30th of November

Hi [REDACTED],

The text for the invitation looks good, no amendments on our side.

Here is our consolidated list:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], please let us know who from this is not on your list for the evening reception.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Events and Exchange Manager

On 9 Nov 2017, at 14:56, [REDACTED]> wrote:

[REDACTED],

This hopefully ties together various previous strands of correspondence in one place.

One important point of clarification. The evening event is not a dinner. It is a reception.

We will make sure you. [REDACTED] have invitations for the evening event.

On the earlier session with the Minister. I think it would be wise to get ahead and start inviting those people who are on the list for the evening event. I wouldn't want to have any more than 15-20 at that session. That way we keep the discussion discrete, manageable, and allow everyone that is there to feel they have been engaged. We can accommodate that boardroom style in our main meeting room.

I suggest a one hour session from 1630 - 1700. Guests to arrive sharp.

In terms of format:

1630 - 1640 : Open with tea and coffee and an informal chance to meet and say hello to the minister, introduce each other.

1640 - 1650 : Welcome and introduction [REDACTED]

1650 - 1700 : Minister to say a few words about the current context, Brexit, Scottish government's view, approach, priorities

1700 - 1730 : open discussion (opportunity for guests to offer their perspective to Minister, ask any questions etc..)

In terms of wording for an invitation:

[REDACTED], Head of the Scottish Government Office in Ireland & Causeway: Scottish/Irish Business Exchange are pleased to invite you to meet Scottish Government Minister for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop, MSP, for a private and informal discussion on Scottish / Irish business links, the current context on these islands, and future risks/opportunities

Please let me know if you have any suggested amendments to this.

Would you be able to send to Caroline a consolidated invitation list for the afternoon event? We can send invitations to those who are also invited to the evening event, and hold back the others.

There are one or two engaged academics I would like to invite to this as well.

Anything else at this stage?

Best wishes,

[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | Directorate for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs | Scottish Government [REDACTED]

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dhan phost-d agus lethbhreac sam bith air an t-siostam agaibh agus fios a leigeil chun neach a sgaoil am post-d gun dàil.

Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2017 17:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Kavanagh event
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

I have talked this through with Ms Hyslop and she would be delighted to accept Minister Humphrey's invitation to attend. So we are fully on board with arrangements as set out below. Thanks for helping us set this up.

Perhaps we could talk in the next day or two and agree the details – managing the bilateral meeting element, can we do the Agnes Burns bit, what role, if any, would be appropriate for my Minister in Inniskeen?

Let me know when would suit for a chat. More than happy to pop into the department at your convenience.

Very best wishes,

**[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland
| Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [REDACTED]**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 November 2017 14:45
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Kavanagh event

[REDACTED],

I set out below some information on what is envisaged at the Patrick Kavanagh Centre in Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan on 30 Nov. The event is entitled “The Patrick Kavanagh Graveside Tribute” and is being organised by Monaghan Co. Council. As I mentioned earlier, this timeframe could also allow a visit to Agnes Burns’ cottage beforehand.

Regards

[REDACTED]

11:30am the audio of Patrick Kavanagh reading his work to be relayed around the Graveyard from his recording with Cladagh records

12:00pm Gathering of Poets who will read from Kavanagh’s work:

Caitríona Ní Chleircín Theo Dorgan

John McArdle Tommy McArdle

Mary O’Donnell Brian Lynch

Pat McCabe Evelyn Conlon

Eugene McCabe Tiarnán ó Duinnchinn (music Uilleann Pipes)

13:45-13:15 Refreshments in Centre

Speeches by Ministers

13:30-13:40 **Ben Reel** to close off the day’s event with rendition of Patrick Kavanagh’s Raglan Road.

[REDACTED]

Rúnaí Cúnta - *Assistant Secretary*

An Rannán Cultúir – *Culture Division*

An Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta - *Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht*

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2017 15:12
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop

Excellent. Will wait to hear from you.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Director of Research

Institute of International and European Affairs
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2017 15:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop

[REDACTED] – Friday would actually work better for us! Great minds and all that jazz!

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 06 November 2017 15:03

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop

Dear [REDACTED],

Due to some calendar congestion that week, we now have a slight preference for Friday, 1 December. I am still holding the lunchtime slot on both days, however.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Director of Research

Institute of International and European Affairs

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2017 12:56

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop

Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for the email. Great to hear that Fiona's visit is confirmed. I have booked the lunch time slot on the 30th (12.45 - 2.15), but I also have an entirely free day in the calendar on the 1st. The lunchtime slot is always preferable in terms of attracting an audience, but we can accommodate an event at 10am or 3pm on the 1st if needed.

Our invitations generally go out 14 days in advance, and in this case that would be the 16th or 17th of November. If I could have confirmation of event timing, and even a general idea of the topic, on or before those dates that would be perfect.

Happy to discuss the topic whenever you are free to do so.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Director of Research

Institute of International and European Affairs
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2017 12:05

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop

Hi [REDACTED],

I just wanted to drop you an email to confirm that Fiona Hyslop will visit Dublin on 30th November – 1st December.

As is often the case with Ministerial visits, there are several moving parts yet to settle for her wider programme – particularly a couple of Ministerial bilaterals we are trying to nail down with Simon Coveney and Heather Humphries.

However, she has confirmed that she would like to do an event with the IIEA on this visit – your time permitting.

At this stage, can I ask you to confirm that this would still work for the Institute, what time you would have in mind for a session, and what reasonable lead in you would need to get the event organised and a decent audience attracted?

Let's aim to talk in the next week or two about substance, speech content etc..

Very best wishes to you and [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] | **Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland**
| Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2017 16:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Visit by Ms Hyslop

We'll go with that [REDACTED].

I'll keep you posted on her wider programme as I put it together.

I'll suggest some times for a further chat.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 Oct 2017 16:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visit by Ms Hyslop

Hi [REDACTED],

Good to see you too and I agree another chat in the coming weeks would be good.

Would **11.30am on Friday 1 December** work for you for a meeting between Cab Sec Hyslop and Minister Coveney?

All the best
[REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2017 11:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Visit by Ms Hyslop

Hi [REDACTED],

It was really good to meet you last week. We should try not to leave it so long until the next one – let's fix a time between now and end November for a quick chat.

I wanted to drop you a follow up email to confirm that Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop, will visit Dublin 30th November – 1st December. As things stand, I don't yet have any appointments fixed for her – I wanted first to ask you if Minister Coveney has any availability over those two days – and if so, when might work best for him.

I understand the difficulties in pinning down Ministerial diaries, so just an indication at this stage might give me enough to get cracking with wider programme planning.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,
**[REDACTED] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |
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