

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

Visit to Brussels of Michael Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe on 21-22 November 2017

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The Minister was accompanied on this visit by the following officials:

Job Title	Total Cost for Accompanying Officials
Private Secretary to Michael Russell MSP	£694.50

CORRESPONDENCE HELD CONCERNING MICHAEL RUSSELL'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS ON 21-22 NOVEMBER 2017

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 October 2017 18:59
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Huebner

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this. Formal confirmation would be helpful - but if we know we can liaise through you, it's obviously not vital.

all best
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On 03-10-2017 10:22, [redacted] wrote:
[redacted]

That is good news. Please assume Mr Russell will be there. If you need formal confirmation we can chase it up, but when he was in Brussels last week we discussed it with him and he specifically mentioned to Danuta Hubner that he was doing the event.

Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 October 2017 10:39
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Huebner

Dear [redacted] and [redacted]

Danuta Hubner has said yes finally to our invitation so that is good news. We don't yet have formal confirmation on Michael Russell but I've been told it is in his diary.

I will get back to you later in the week on the two panels.

all best
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 November 2017 12:12
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Demande Intw

Bonjour,

Juste pour vous dire qu'il y aura aussi un preneur du son avec nous qui s'appelle [redacted].

[redacted] et [redacted]

Le 22 nov. 2017 à 11:05, "[redacted]" > a écrit :
Merci [redacted], quelques modif ci-dessous en bleu. Je pense qu'il aimerait aborder le sujet du panel aussi, notamment, ou les citizens rights.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 November 2017 10:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Demande Intw

Chère [redacted],

Les questions pour M.Russell sont les suivantes :

- 1/ what are you doing here?
- 2/ Scotland voted to Remain. You are dependant of the United Kingdom Government. What is your dilemma ?
- 3/ what is the scottish government's position on Brexit?
- 4/ how did the events in Cataloña resonate in Scotland?
- 5/ what does Scotland have to win and to loose in Brexit negotiations?
- 6/ what is your position on the question of Ireland / North Ireland?

Thank you very much

Best

[redacted]

Le 22 nov. 2017 à 09:52, "[redacted]" > a écrit :
Chère [redacted],

Merci pour votre mail. J'ai discuté avec ma collègue à propos de votre demande. Je ne pense pas qu'il y aura des soucis mais nous devons passer la requête à Edimbourg pour avoir leur aval. Pouvez-vous me donner une idée des questions que vous comptez poser à Mr Russell ? Quel est le matériel que vous devez apporter ici ? De quelle place avez-vous besoin ?

Quant à vos autres questions, je peux déjà vous donner l'information :

- il y aura environ 140 personnes dans le public.
- Il y a des fenêtres tout au long du côté droit de la salle,
- Salle rectangulaire, ils seront installés dans la longueur
- Ca serait pour une interview après les interventions, vers 15h, dans une autre salle, beaucoup plus petite.

Voici le programme de la journée :

Programme

Keynote introductory speeches (14:00 - 14:30)

Chair: Mike Neilson, Director Scottish Government EU Office

- **Michael Russell MSP**, *Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe*
- **Danuta Huebner MEP**, *Chair, Committee on Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament*

Panel One: "The Future of the EU: New Strategic Direction or Challenges Still Unanswered?" (14:30-15:45)

Chair: Kirsty Hughes Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations

- **Reinhard Bütikofer MEP**, *member Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament*
- **Fabian Zuleeg**, *Chief Executive, European Policy Centre*

Panel Two: "Brexit, the UK, Scotland and the EU27: where next?" (16:00-17:30)

Chair: Fabian Zuleeg, *Chief Executive, European Policy Centre*

- **John Kerr**, *House of Lords, former UK Permanent Representative to the EU*
- **Kirsty Hughes**, *Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations*
- **Émer Deane**, *Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU*

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 21 November 2017 19:40

To: [redacted]

Subject: Demande Intw

Chère [redacted],

Merci pour le rendez-vous de demain.

Comme je vous l'ai dit brièvement au téléphone ce soir, nous tournons pour ARTE (et une dizaine d'autres TV européennes ont marqué leur intérêt) un documentaire de 90'.

Michel Barnier nous a offert la possibilité de le suivre dans ses déplacements ainsi qu'à certaines réunions.

Donald Tusk nous accorde aussi des interviews réguliers.

Et pour éclairer ce divorce historique nous interrogeons d'autres personnalités européennes, telles que Madame Hübner.

Nous sommes très intéressés par la venue de Michael Russell, car il nous importe d'entendre les voix venues d'Ecosse.

Je précise que ce film sera diffusé après le 29 mars 2019. Nous avons signé avec chacun de nos intervenants un accord de confidentialité que nous pouvons signer avec M.Russell.

Par ailleurs, je profite de ce courrier pour avoir des informations en vue de préparer le tournage.

Combien de personnes assisteront à la réunion?

Qui prendra la parole?

Quelle genre de salle? Besoin surtout de savoir s'il y a des fenêtres ou juste de l'éclairage néon.

Pourrons-nous faire l'interview de Mr. Michael Russell après? Où? Dans la même salle ou ailleurs?

Bien à vous,

[redacted] et [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 21 November 2017 16:24

To: [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Request from ARTE to come to Scotland House to film Danuta Huebner MEP tomorrow

Thanks for letting us know, [redacted]. I'll add that into the programme.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 November 2017 16:17
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request from ARTE to come to Scotland House to film Danuta Huebner MEP tomorrow

Hi

Mr Russell is fine with this.

Also, STV interview around 14:30 and then [redacted] from Evening Standard and [redacted] at Bloomberg looking to get an intro with him – so probably 14:45.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 November 2017 13:11
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request from ARTE to come to Scotland House to film Danuta Huebner MEP tomorrow

Hi [redacted],

They are following MEP Hübner and trying to get some shots of her Brexit related speeches over time, so what they have requested is to come at 1.30, set up cameras and film the beginning of MEP Hübner's intervention on the panel. There won't be an interview and it's mostly directed towards MEP Hübner.

Let me know what your thoughts are and I'll get back to them about this.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 November 2017 14:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: Re: Request from ARTE to come to Scotland House to film Danuta Huebner MEP tomorrow

Hi

Are they wanting to interview him or establishment shots?

Remind me ARTE European documentary makers?

Thanks

[redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2017 12:52

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Request from ARTE to come to Scotland House to film Danuta Huebner MEP tomorrow

Hi [redacted],

We've just had an email through from Danuta Huebner's assistant [redacted] requesting that ARTE attend the event at Scotland House tomorrow as they are making a documentary about Brexit and Danuta Huebner MEP's involvement in Brexit. Danuta Huebner MEP is meeting with Mr Russell for lunch at 13:15 and then will share the panel with him from 14:00 to 14:30, followed by a Q&A. ARTE have asked if they can send a cameraman and a journalist, and to set up the cameras at 13:30.

How would you like us to proceed? [redacted], in cc, is our European Parliament officer, can reply to Huebner's assistant, or would you prefer to get in touch with her directly? If so, her name is [redacted].

Thanks

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 October 2017 11:59

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Lunch 22 Nov

Thank you.

Likewise.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 October 2017 11:56

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: Lunch 22 Nov

Thanks [redacted] that is perfect, we will meet Mrs Hübner at 13h in Scotland House for lunch then!

Have a nice day off tomorrow!

[redacted]

From:

[redacted]

Sent:

Monday,

30

October

2017

17:02

To:

[redacted]

Subject:

RE: Lunch

22 Nov

Dear [redacted],

Yes Ms Huebner agreed and we changed our agenda. She could meet Minister Russell already even at 13h that day.

Warm regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 October 2017 11:10

To: [redacted]

Subject: Lunch 22 Nov

Hi [redacted],

I hope you are well, not too busy for this Strasbourg week! I wanted to ask you if you had any idea whether Mrs Hübner would be available for a lunch before the SCER/EPC event with Minister Russell on 22nd November? The event starts at 2.00 so I was thinking we could try to do a 1.15 sandwich lunch (or similar) at Scotland House? If not, perhaps we could pencil in a chat after the keynote speeches if that suits better.

Thanks and have a good Stras Thursday ☺

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 15 November 2017 15:15

To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: Neilson M (Mike)

Subject: RE: CPMR: meeting request from the Secretary General E. Marianou

Hi [redacted],

I've provisionally agreed with Secretary-General Marianou's office for a meeting between her and Mr Russell at Scotland House between 15:00 and 15:30 next Wednesday. In terms of the briefing, do you have any more details on what Mr Russell agreed with Drew Hendry MP regarding this meeting?

Best,
[redacted]

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

Sent: 06 November 2017 11:17

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Neilson M (Mike); Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Subject: RE: CPMR: meeting request from the Secretary General E. Marianou

Folks,

Has this been factored into timings on 22nd November?

Mr Russell is keen to meet – I'm happy to arrange a time but not sure where we are with the programme for the day?

regards

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary

Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

[redacted]

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

Sent: 10 October 2017 10:40

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Neilson M (Mike); Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Subject: FW: CPMR: meeting request from the Secretary General E. Marianou

Hi [redacted],

To see below, Mr Russell has agreed to meet Mrs Marianou next time he is in Brussels. I've not spoken to Mr R about this yet, but just sending on FYA to factor into the programme for his upcoming trips.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 October 2017 10:36

To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Subject: Fwd: CPMR: meeting request from the Secretary General E. Marianou

For you guys

Thanks

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:29:02 AM

To: Russell MW (Michael), MSP

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: CPMR: meeting request from the Secretary General E. Marianou

Dear Minister, Mr Russell,

Following the discussion you had with Mr Hendry, MP for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, I am contacting you on behalf of Eleni Marianou, Secretary general of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions.

Mr Hendry informed us that you would be available to meet Mrs Marianou in Brussels to discuss CPMR activities and actions.

Mrs Marianou will be delighted to do so.

I would be grateful if you could let me know when you will be in Brussels so we can plan to welcome you in our premises (14 Rond-Point Schuman, 1040 Brussels).


I remain at your disposal if you may need any further information.

Best regards,

[redacted]

PA to the Secretary General

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 November 2017 18:12
To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive: Briefing pack for Mr Russell's visit to Brussels on 22 November 2017

[redacted]

With many thanks to colleagues in the Brussels office – particularly [redacted] - and Dexta/CUKR, please find attached initial briefing for Mr Russell's visit to Brussels on Wednesday 22 November which includes a speaking role at a public think tank event in Scotland House to which media have been invited.

Further briefing will follow early next week as the programme is still being finalised and we will also include latest briefing on EU withdrawal bill and transition.

Draft speaking notes are included for the Minister's consideration – please let us know if there are any additional points he would like to raise.

Finally, to be aware that the Scotch Whisky Association are hosting a Brexit and trade breakfast event in Scotland House on 22nd – please let us know if the Minister would like to attend and/or have a short meeting with Martin Bell in the margins.

Best wishes

[redacted]

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