

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [FoI SpAds PO; Communications CTEA](#)
Cc: [Watt K \(Karen\) \(Director for External Affairs\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI for Clearance - FOI/18/01190 - Pandas/Planning Application
Date: 01 May 2018 16:41:34

[REDACTED]

Special Advisers have consider the response and have no comments to make.

No need for ministerial clearance.

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 April 2018 10:08
To: FoI SpAds PO; Communications CTEA
Cc: [REDACTED] [Watt K \(Karen\) \(Director for External Affairs\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI for Clearance - FOI/18/01190 - Pandas/Planning Application
Importance: High

PS/Special Advisers

Comms

Copy as above

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Please see attached above a draft FOI response to a request by [REDACTED], a journalist for the Sunday Herald. The full text of the request is as follows:

In 2018, please provide all communications between the SG and the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland on the impact on the giant pandas of the planning application for residential apartments on the site of the old Corstorphine hospital in Edinburgh

I have checked with all relevant colleagues in Animal Welfare, Wildlife Management, International Relations and Planning to see if any additional correspondence has been generated since that released recently in FOI/18/00940 - <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-00940/>. Everyone has provided a nil return, so the draft response simply directs the journalist to the online publication of FOI/18/00940.

I would be very grateful for any comments/clearance by close of play Friday 4 May, as well as confirmation of whether Ministers need sight of this before it issues.

Many thanks

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██████████ | Policy Adviser, International Relations | Scottish Government | 2H
North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ ██████████

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [FoI SpAds PO; Spads Admin](#)
Cc: [Booth J \(John\)](#); [REDACTED] [Corporate Communications](#)
Subject: RE: FOI/17/01826 - response for clearance
Date: 17 August 2017 15:48:11

[REDACTED]
Colin is content with the response – no need for ministerial clearance.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2017 12:18
To: FoI SpAds PO; Spads Admin
Cc: Booth J (John); [REDACTED] Corporate Communications
Subject: FOI/17/01826 - response for clearance

SpAds,

We have received the following FOI request from [REDACTED] from the Herald and Times Group:

Broken down by financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15, 15/16 and 16/17, please state how much has been paid to Edinburgh-based advertising company Family Advertising Ltd. Please state how much was paid for each project and provide a description of each project.

As you will from the attached draft response, the answer is very straightforward as no money has been paid to that agency during any of the stated years.

Please confirm you are content with this response. Can you also advise on whether this still needs to be cleared by Ministers, due to the straightforward nature of the response.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [Head of Smarter & Fairer Marketing](#)
Scottish Government | Marketing | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
t: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | Twitter: [REDACTED]

****Star Marketing Team of the Year 2016****

<http://blogs.scotland.gov.uk/marketing>

[Redacted - out of scope]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2018 17:28
To: [REDACTED] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] - COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28 NOVEMBER 2017

[REDACTED]

John has considered the response and has no comments to make. John is content for the response to go for ministerial clearance.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 February 2018 16:10
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] - COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28 NOVEMBER 2017

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John,

Don has cleared the proposed response attached to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

Are you content for me to issue the attached response to [REDACTED]? The final reply deadline is 27 February.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Strategy and Ministerial Support Officer

Police Division

Scottish Government

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Regent Road

Edinburgh

EH1 3DG

Tel: [REDACTED]

[Redacted - out of scope]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 February 2018 15:55
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Subject: RE: URGENT - FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28 NOVEMBER 2017

That's brilliant [REDACTED] Thank you. I've sent up to the Comms team for issue now.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Strategy and Ministerial Support Officer

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Edinburgh

EH1 3DG

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Sent: 26 February 2018 15:45

To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Russell GE (Gillian); McGillivray D (Donald); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Communications Justice; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: URGENT - FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28
NOVEMBER 2017

[REDACTED]

The Cabinet Secretary has cleared this FOI for release.

Regards,

[REDACTED] / *Private Secretary*

Office of Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Contact – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 February 2018 07:01

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Russell GE (Gillian); McGillivray D (Donald); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Communications Justice; [REDACTED]

Subject: URGENT - FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE T [REDACTED]
- COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28 NOVEMBER 2017

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[REDACTED],

John McFarlane has cleared the attached FoI response to [REDACTED], which provides no information (email trail below refers), but wishes this to be cleared by the Cabinet Secretary before it issues. The response is due to issue today, so if it were possible to get it cleared by close of play today, that would be extremely helpful. I realise this may not be possible however.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Strategy and Ministerial Support Officer

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Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 February 2018 17:28

To: [REDACTED] FoI SpAds PO

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/00282 - PROPOSED RESPONSE T [REDACTED] - COMMUNICATIONS WITH PHIL GORMLEY/HIS LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE 28 NOVEMBER 2017

[REDACTED]
John has considered the response and has no comments to make. John is content for the response to go for ministerial clearance.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [Fol SpAds PO](#); [Cabinet Secretary for Justice](#); [Minister for Transport and the Islands](#); [McFarlane J \(John\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [McGillivray D \(Donald\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI/18/00640 RE: FoI request - [REDACTED], Herald newspaper
Date: 22 March 2018 16:05:53

[REDACTED]

Special Advisers have considered the response and have no comments to make.

No need for ministerial clearance by Mr Matheson or Mr Yousaf.

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:52
To: Fol SpAds PO; Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Minister for Transport and the Islands; McFarlane J (John)
Cc: [REDACTED] [McGillivray D \(Donald\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI request - [REDACTED], Herald newspaper

Hi

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This is to seek approval from SpAds, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and the Minister for Transport and the Islands for my attached reply to the FoI request from [REDACTED] (a journalist at the Herald newspaper) asking for all papers presented to or discussed at the British Transport Police Integration Joint

Programme Board on 20th February 2018.

The deadline for this reply to go out is Tuesday 27th March.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thanks.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Senior Assistant Statistician - Criminal Justice Social Work Statistics

Justice Analytical Services (JAS)

Floor 1-F (South)

Victoria Quay

[Redacted] (Monday to Thursday) [Redacted] (Friday)

Useful web link:

Latest publications:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Publications>

JAS Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/SGJusticeAnalys>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; McGillivray D (Donald); [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: 22 March 2018 13:12:22

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In terms of 640, following our separate exchange, the response looks fine to me – grateful if you can also put it to the SpAds for clearance.

Thanks again!

[REDACTED]

Police Division | Directorate for Safer Communities | Scottish Government
1R St Andrew's House

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 16:39
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; McGillivray D (Donald); [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There is another FoI which is due this Tuesday 27th for [REDACTED] of the Herald newspaper (Fo /18/00640) and I attach this for approval. I'm not sure if it is for yourself or [REDACTED] to approve and I have also copied to [REDACTED] in Comms for any thoughts he may have.

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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JAS Twitter page:
<https://twitter.com/SGJusticeAnaly>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills](#)
To: [REDACTED] [Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills](#)
Cc: [DG Education, Communities & Justice; Robertson FMG \(Fiona\) \(Director of Learning\); \[REDACTED\]](#)
[REDACTED] [Freedom of Information; Communications DFM & Education;](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT - FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/01163 - Newlands Junior College
Date: 16 May 2018 15:49:23

[REDACTED]

DFM is content for this to issue.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | 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]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2018 09:29
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Freedom of Information; Communications DFM &
Education; [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT - FOR CLEARANCE - FOI/18/01163 - Newlands Junior College

Colleagues,

As discussed with Alistair yesterday, this submission requires urgent clearance regarding [REDACTED] FoI asking us for:

- all communications, including the content of attachments in emails, in relation to the £345,000 funding for Newlands Junior College;
- Please also provide the dates and locations of all meetings with NJC/their representatives in relation to this funding, as well as the minutes of those meetings.

The response is due to go out today so I'd be grateful for clearance as soon as possible.

All the documentation has been cleared by my DD and SpAds.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

School Funding, Infrastructure and Organisation | Workforce, Infrastructure and Reform
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structar agus Ath-leasachadh | Raon 2B Tuath | Cidhe Bhictòria | Dùn Èideann | EH6 6QQ

[REDACTED]

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Letter for release:

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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: NEWLANDS JUNIOR COLLEGE

Purpose

1. To seek your approval to the proposed response to the Freedom of Information request number Fol/18/01163 received from [REDACTED] a journalist, requesting the following information:

- all communications, including the content of attachments in emails, in relation to the £345,000 funding for Newlands Junior College;
- Please also provide the dates and locations of all meetings with NJC/their representatives in relation to this funding, as well as the minutes of those meetings.

Priority

2. **Urgent** The deadline for responding to this request is 16 May 2018.

Background to FOI request

3. In March 2017, [REDACTED] asked how much the Scottish Government has paid in respect of Jim McColl's Newlands Junior College in Glasgow, and for an update on how the talks were progressing with Jim McColl in relation to the SG funding more of these institutions. [REDACTED] followed this up by asking if the Scottish Government had held talks with the provider about funding other colleges around the country. [REDACTED] then specifically asked if the Scottish Government had held discussion with Jim McColl/Newlands Junior College.

4. [REDACTED] then submitted an FOI request (FOI/17/00565) in March 2017 requesting all communications with Jim McColl/Newlands Junior College/representatives of NJC on issues relating to education and for the dates of all meetings and minutes of those meetings since 1 January 2016.

[REDACTED] received the information, as requested, omitting personal information under exemption S38(1)(b).

5. [REDACTED] published an article in the Sunday Herald on 8 April 2018 criticising the Scottish Government for granting the school with £345,000 for running costs for 2017/18. The article also outlined our failure to publically announce the funding.

Scope of Request

6. [REDACTED] request is straightforward in terms of scope and we propose to provide the information requested except where we consider release is exempted under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA); in this case personal details contained in correspondence, free and frank provision of advice, formulation or development of Scottish Government policy and prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.

Proposed response

7. We propose to issue the response attached at **Annex B** along with relevant information within the scope of the request suitably redacted or extracted under FOISA exemptions. Details of our decisions regarding documents within scope of the request are contained in the Schedule of Information/Documents attached at **Annex A** which is for your information and does not form part of the formal response to [REDACTED].

Recommendation

8. Please confirm whether you are content for us to issue the draft letter and attached documentation to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
School Funding, Infrastructure and Organisation
Learning Directorate
[REDACTED]
May 2018

Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	X				

DG Learning and Justice
Fiona Robertson
Clare Hicks
[REDACTED]
FOI Unit
Communications DFM
Colin McAllister

Schedule of Information/Documents

FOI Case Number: Fol/18/01163

[Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Fol SpAds PO](#)
Subject: RE: Fol/18/01163 - Newlands Junior College
Date: 16 May 2018 08:26:00

[REDACTED]

Thanks for these.

We're happy to remove the recommendation at the end of document 4. We believe document 36 is in scope, we have included other email chains regarding the research proposal and indeed the research proposal itself in the response.

On this basis – are SpAds content that I send this to DFM for urgent approval?

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Fol SpAds PO
Sent: 15 May 2018 15:13
To: [REDACTED] Fol SpAds PO
Subject: RE: Fol/18/01163 - Newlands Junior College

[REDACTED]

SpAds have a couple of questions regarding your proposed response:

- Would the recommendation at the end of document 4 not be classed as advice to Ministers?
- Is document 36 in scope?

I'd be grateful if you could come back on these.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Special Advisers' Office

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St. Andrew's House

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 May 2018 12:24
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FoI/18/01163 - Newlands Junior College

Colleagues,

Please see the attached draft submission, documents for release and letter to Paul Hutcheon following his FoI asking us for:

- all communications, including the content of attachments in emails, in relation to the £345,000 funding for Newlands Junior College;
- Please also provide the dates and locations of all meetings with NJC/their representatives in relation to this funding, as well as the minutes of those meetings.

I would be grateful if you could please consider the attached documentation by close of play on Wednesday 9 May.

All the documentation has been cleared by my DD.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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