

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:39
To: [REDACT]
Subject: FW: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

[REDACT]

This is great. Let's ask if we can do 11.15 – 12.00 with Farrell.

45 minutes is plenty.

Make sure [REDACT] will look after putting names on the Gate. We will arrive through the Kildare Street entrance.

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:34
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

That would be great thanks.

[REDACT] has Room B in LH2000 in Leinster House organised. I had scheduled the meeting with [REDACT] from circa 11.30 am to 12 pm, following the Minister's earlier meeting, which I believe is scheduled to conclude at circa 11.30am. However, we have the meeting room booked from 11 am to 12.30am, therefore the time-frame can be adapted to suit the Minister following the earlier meeting.

[REDACT] would be pleased to join the meeting with [REDACT], and is available to do so at 10.15.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]
Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]
[REDACT]

Phone: [REDACT]
Correspondence: [REDACT]

[REDACT]

---06/03/2018 17:10:46---Dear [REDACT], We'll get the discussion points to you by the end of tomorrow.

From: <[REDACT]
To: [REDACT]
Cc: <[REDACT]
Date: 06/03/2018 17:10
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

We'll get the discussion points to you by the end of tomorrow.

Would you mind sending me room details and start/end time of the meeting for the visit programme please?

I know that [REDACT] is planning joining the earlier meeting with [REDACT] so I just want to check I have my timings right. [REDACT] has booked a room in Buswell's Hotel for 10.15 – does [REDACT] plan on joining this meeting?

Many thanks,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Office and Events Manager | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT] | ☐ [REDACT] | mobile [REDACT] | @scothubireland | ☐ [REDACT]
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 16:25
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

Just a note to confirm that [REDACT] has a meeting room organised for meeting Minister Maree Todd on Friday morning in Leinster House.

You might be able to advise if there are any specific matters the Minister would like to discuss?

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]
[REDACT]
Phone: [REDACT]
Correspondence: [REDACT]

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:14
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: FW: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd
Importance: High

Hey [REDACT]

Further information coming in just now from Early Childhood Ireland. Given the time constraints, I thought it best to forward directly to you.

Below and attached is a really very useful addition to what I have just sent to you – particularly for the visit to the childcare facility.

As I understand it, attending the Mercy Family Centre will be the Minister, yourself and [REDACT]from my team. Is that right?

Very best wishes,

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:03
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd

Dear [REDACT]

Please find attached, and below, the schedule we propose for Friday for the visit of Minister Maree Todd MSP. I have copied [REDACT], CEO of Early Childhood Ireland and [REDACT], assistant to [REDACT]on this email. [REDACT] will liaise and advise [REDACT]of the visit and subsequent meeting in Buswell's to check if he wishes to join us.

As you will see from the schedule we have invited key officials from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs to join us and we will advise as soon as know if they will attend.

In relation to the visit to the Mercy Family Centre. Would it be possible to know who will be in attendance with Minister Todd? And, whether they will travel by taxi or will need a parking space? It's on-street parking but the Centre can use cones to demarcate a space. It's a very busy space. It's not

advisable to arrive before 9.15am as the children are busy arriving from 9am. We shall leave the centre around 10am to go to Buswell's Hotel for the discussion part of our meeting.

We look forward to meeting and discussing shared issues and ideas with Minister Todd on Friday.

Kind regards,

[REDACT]

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[REDACT]Phone: [REDACT]

Email: [REDACT]

Visit of Minister Maree Todd MSP

Friday 9 March

9.15am **Visit to Mercy Family Centre, South Brown Street, Dublin 8**

[REDACT] and [REDACT] CEO, Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) will be at centre to meet Minister Todd.

The Mercy Family Centre have quite a large service with 8 rooms and children aged from 3 months to 5 years. They are also doing a very interesting project in relation to partnership with parents. They look forward to welcoming the Minister.

It will be ECI National Pyjama Day. It was due to be held on 2 March but due to the snow it has been postponed to 9 March. On ECI PJ Day, children and many staff wear their PJs to their early years setting and for this pleasure they contribute to the fund. Each year we raise circa €200,000 that goes to children's charities. It is about children helping children. You can find out more here: <https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/244900-2/>

10.15 am **Discussion about Irish Childcare Policy, Buswells Hotel**

Discussion with [REDACT] [REDACT], CEO, Early Childhood Ireland and [REDACT], Policy Officer, Early Childhood Ireland.

We have invited key officials from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. We will advise, as soon as we hear, if they are available to attend.

[REDACT] [REDACT] is a former Irish Senator and a leading children's rights advocate. [REDACT] completed the INSEAD International Directors Programme and has a Certificate in Corporate Governance. Her current Board work includes serving as Vice Chair of European Movement Ireland, Chair of Early Childhood Ireland and Director of Irish Girl Guides Trust Corporation. She is a former Chief Executive of the Children's Rights Alliance, former Chief Commissioner of the Irish Girl Guides and former President of the National Youth

Council of Ireland. [REDACT] was a member and Vice President of the European Economic and Social Committee. [REDACT] is a co-founder of the European Youth Forum.

[REDACT] has been working with the Scotland's Children and Young People's Commissioner, Children 1st, NSPCC Scotland and Barnardos Scotland on their campaign to give children equal protection from assault. She has travelled to the Scottish Parliament and spoken at several seminars and events to support this work.

Contact details [REDACT]

[REDACT] [REDACT] graduated with a Masters of Business Science from Maynooth University in 2013. She led the merger of the Irish Preschool Play Association and the National Children's Nurseries Association in 2011 and since March 2014, has been in the role of Chief Executive Officer with Early Childhood Ireland. Prior to that [REDACT] worked as the Manager of Cherish and as Training and Research Manager in ISPCC, following roles in youth and community work. [REDACT] received her undergraduate degree in Social Science from UCC.

[REDACT] lives in [REDACT] with her family and is originally from Donegal.

Early Childhood Ireland is the largest organisation in the early years sector. It represents 3,800 childcare members, who support over 100,000 children and their families through preschool, afterschool, and full day-care provision nationwide.

From: [REDACT] **Sent:** 06 March 2018 16:44
To: [REDACT] **Subject:** RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Those need to come from the subject leads in Scotland.

I am sending them briefing on each call now, so they can give us talking points in return.

We can say we will get them talking points by close tomorrow.

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From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 16:41
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Yep – what about the points for discussion?

[REDACT] **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |
29 Merrion Road | Dublin | D [REDACT]
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 16:31

To: [REDACT])

Subject: FW: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

[REDACT]– I know you are done for the day. But if you pick this up could you call Colm and get details, time, etc..

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Cc: [REDACT]

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Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]

[REDACT]

Phone: [REDACT]

Correspondence: [REDACT]

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 28 February 2018 15:40

To: [REDACT] **Subject:** FW: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

Ref previous email.

This sounds reasonable, and looks like it would lead to a better programme, but it might impact on the later visit to TUSLA.

Please advise, before I respond to [REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:35
To: [REDACT]
Subject: Re: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

PS is there any chance to ask [REDACT] to push his meeting to 11.30? I think that way we would have enough time or he could join us. Just an idea.

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[REDACT]Email: [REDACT]

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

From: [REDACT]To: "[REDACT]"
Cc: "V"
Sent: 28/02/2018 15:26:56
Subject: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

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Are you okay for me to go ahead with the preparations?

Kind regards,

[REDACT]Chair, Early Childhood Ireland

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[REDACT]Phone: [REDACT]

Email: [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:38
To: [REDACT]
Subject: FW: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

To see below for inclusion in Maree Todd's programme – also to see following email from [REDACT] requesting a change of time.

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:27
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

Dear [REDACT]

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Kind regards,

[REDACT]Chair, Early Childhood Ireland

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[REDACT]Phone: [REDACT]
Email: [REDACT] [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 26 February 2018 14:05
To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: FW: Visit to Ireland

[REDACT] – just [REDACT] v T and TUSLA to come back and we will have a complete programme proposal for Maree Todd.

Let's aim to get it done tomorrow, and back to her office before close.

[REDACT] – for you to chase TUSLA if necessary.

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Sent: 23 February 2018 17:58

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

If it is possible to fit this in to her schedule then Ms Todd would be happy to attend.

Thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | **Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years**

☎: [REDACT] | **Mobile:** [REDACT] | [REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 21 February 2018 13:02

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Thanks all,

One question on programme and timing for the Minister on 9th March.

The Oireachtas are holding a reception for the visiting XV in Leinster House from 2.30pm. I understand the Taoiseach is pencilled to pop in to this.

Can you let me know if the Minister would want to attend this reception, and I will make sure we don't programme anything to clash with it.

Best wishes,

[REDACT]

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From: "[REDACT]"
Sent: 20 Feb 2018 15:04
To: "[REDACT]>; Minister for Childcare and Early Years <MinisterCEY@gov.scot>; "[REDACT]>; Director for Children and Families <DirectorforChildrenandFamilies@gov.scot>; [REDACT]"
Cc: [REDACT] [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Copying in [REDACT], who will be the accompanying official.

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 20 February 2018 12:58
To: [REDACT]
Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland
Importance: High

Hi [REDACT]

We are still working on the programme.

We understand that Minister [REDACT] is not available on Friday – but I am testing that.

We have an appointment fixed with [REDACT], Chair of the Oireachtas joint committee on Children and Youth Affairs, from 1100 - 1200.

We are waiting on word back from [REDACT] on a meeting with her and a visit to Early Childhood Ireland, and from TUSLA on a visit and meetings with their senior team.

We should have a final draft programme with you early next week.

Very best wishes,

[REDACT] | **Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland**
| **Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government** | [REDACT] | T: [REDACT] |
M: [REDACT] [REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Sent: 20 February 2018 10:18

To: [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families [REDACT] **Subject:** RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

Have you had confirmation of any of these meetings / visits?

Thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years

☎: [REDACT]

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From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Sent: 31 January 2018 16:51

To: [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

[REDACT]

Ms Todd has confirmed her travel plans. She will arrive on the evening of Thursday 8th March and staying in the centre of Dublin. So she will be available for an early start on Friday 9th if need be. She is flexible around timings throughout the day.

She also plans to be at the reception.

I have discussed your suggested programme with her and she would be grateful if you could start to make arrangements for the following –

Political

Bilateral meeting with [REDACT]- Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Meeting with [REDACT], Chair of Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs

Agency

Visit to Tusla - [REDACT], CEO, Tusla [REDACT] and/or [REDACT], Chair, Tusla [REDACT]

NGOs

Visit to Early Childhood Ireland and meeting with [REDACT]

Thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years

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From: [REDACT] On Behalf Of Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Sent: 30 January 2018 10:48

To: [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

Thank you for your help with this. I will run this by the Minister today and will get back to you with her travel plans. I'm sure she will want to attend the reception but again, I will confirm asap.

[REDACT]

[REDACT] Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 30 January 2018 10:38

To: [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]

Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

[REDACT],

Based on exchanges following [REDACT]original email, and discussions I have had with contacts here, I thought it might be useful to sum up my recommendations for a programme for the Minister's visit to Dublin on 9th March.

Grateful to know how much time the Minister will have in Dublin (arrival time on the 9th) and how busy a day she wants / can have? Happy to go ahead and make arrangements for calls as and when you let me know we are good to go.

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May also be worth speaking to opposition spokespeople e.g. [REDACT]from FF

Agency

[REDACT], CEO, Tusla [REDACT]and/or [REDACT], Chair, Tusla
[REDACTED]

[REDACT], Ombudsman for Children (optional - no expertise in the Minister's remit of early years)

NGOs

Early Childhood Ireland - has 80% of all childcare settings in membership ([REDACT]is Chair – so could double up as meeting with her)

Worth noting that the Department of Education are now doing part of the inspections of early years settings, and have done really interesting work in the area – something that might be covered off in a meeting with [REDACT]?

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very best wishes,

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

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 26 January 2018 18:52

To: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Would suggest anything innovative in early learning and childcare; support for families

[REDACT]

Special Advisor to the First Minister
Rural Economy and Connectivity
Early Years, Further and Higher Education
Support to the Head of Policy

Scottish Government

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

Sent: 25 January 2018 16:05

To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Thanks [REDACT] have copied [REDACT] in the Dublin office for his awareness/for any suggestions he has.

Many thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] Deputy Private Secretary to the **Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs**

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Sent: 24 January 2018 14:47

To: Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** Minister for Childcare and Early Years; DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

); [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

Subject: Visit to Ireland

Hi All

Ms Todd will be in Dublin on Friday 9th March (she's playing rugby there that weekend). She has asked if you have any suggestions for any Ministerial meetings / engagements it might be useful for her to do while there?

She is keen to arrange a bilateral with their Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, [REDACT]. We have contact details for [REDACT]. [REDACT] who has offered to make that approach to the Minister. I will let you know if [REDACT] is available.

[REDACT] – As mentioned to [REDACT], Ms Todd would be happy to discuss the youth card model as suggested by [REDACT] of Young Scot. Could you check with [REDACT] how she envisaged this being done? Did she have something in mind or is she happy that Ms Todd raise it with their Minister?

Ms Todd would be grateful for any suggestions you might have.

Copied to Ms Hyslop's office for awareness. [REDACT] – Ms Todd thought Ms Hyslop or Culture officials might have some suggestions?

Thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 10:06

To: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Thanks [REDACT]

Anything you've sent to TUSLA useful as well

[REDACT]

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From: "[REDACT] >

Sent: 20 Feb 2018 10:02

To: "[REDACT]

Cc: "[REDACT]

Subject: FW: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Meeting with [REDACT] timings below.

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: [REDACT] Date: Thursday, 15 Feb 2018, 3:14 pm

To: [REDACT] Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

11-12 is perfect, I will pop that in the Deputy's diary and should that need to be changed just let me know and I'll make the necessary changes on our side.

Thanks very much.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]

Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT][REDACT]

Phone: [REDACT]

Correspondence: [REDACT]

[w](#)[REDACT]

▼ ---15/02/2018 10:48:22---Hi Colm That's great news, thank you. I am not fully sure on timings yet, however, could I provision

From: <[REDACT]

To: <[REDACT]

Date: 15/02/2018 10:48

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

That's great news, thank you. I am not fully sure on timings yet, however, could I provisionally schedule a meeting 11-12? I'll let you know immediately if anything changes.

Thanks very much.
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 14 February 2018 21:13

To: [REDACT]

Subject: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

I hope you are well.

The Clerk of the Oireachtas Children and Youth Affairs Committee, [REDACT] forwarded your message about arranging a bilateral meeting between Minister Todd and [REDACT] when the Minister is in Dublin on Friday, March 9th.

[REDACT], in his role as Chair of the Committee, would be delighted to meet with Minister Todd.

[REDACT] would be available from 11am on Friday, March 9th, and would be happy to meet the Minister at a time suitable later that morning or that afternoon. If there is a time that will be suitable to the Minister, I will be happy to schedule the meeting in the Deputy's diary.

If you need any information, or if I can be of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]

Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT] TD

[REDACT]

Phone: [REDACT]

Correspondence: [REDACT]

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Sent: 30 January 2018 10:48

To: [REDACT] Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

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Very best wishes,

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

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 26 January 2018 18:52

To: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]**Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; S[REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Would suggest anything innovative in early learning and childcare; support for families

[REDACT]

Special Advisor to the First Minister
Rural Economy and Connectivity
Early Years, Further and Higher Education
Support to the Head of Policy

Scottish Government
[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Sent: 25 January 2018 16:05
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]; [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Thanks [REDACT], have copied John Webster in the Dublin office for his awareness/for any suggestions he has.

Many thanks
[REDACT]
[REDACT] Deputy Private Secretary to the **Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs**
[REDACT]
REDACTED

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Sent: 25 January 2018 16:05
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; Higgins K (Kate); [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

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Many thanks
[REDACT]
[REDACT] Deputy Private Secretary to the **Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs**
[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Sent: 24 January 2018 14:47
To: Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** Minister for Childcare and Early Years; DCAF Business Management Unit; Higgins K (Kate) [REDACT] **Subject:** Visit to Ireland

Hi All

Ms Todd will be in Dublin on Friday 9th March (she's playing rugby there that weekend). She has asked if you have any suggestions for any Ministerial meetings / engagements it might be useful for her to do while there?

She is keen to arrange a bilateral with their Minister for Children and Youth Affairs [REDACT]. We have contact details for [REDACT] who has offered to make that approach to the Minister. I will let you know if Ms Zappone is available.

[REDACT] – As mentioned to [REDACT], Ms Todd would be happy to discuss the youth card model as suggested by [REDACT] of Young Scot. Could you check with [REDACT] how she envisaged this being done? Did she have something in mind or is she happy that Ms Todd raise it with their Minister?

Ms Todd would be grateful for any suggestions you might have.

Copied to Ms Hyslop's office for awareness. [REDACT] – Ms Todd thought Ms Hyslop or Culture officials might have some suggestions?

Thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years

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[REDACT] | Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

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Sent: 25 January 2018 16:05

To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; Higgins K (Kate); [REDACT] **Subject:** RE: Visit to Ireland

Thanks Chris, have copied John Webster in the Dublin office for his awareness/for any suggestions he has.

Many thanks

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Deputy Private Secretary to the **Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs**

[REDACT]

REDACTED

[REDACT] | Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 10:06

To: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Thanks [REDACT]

Anything you've sent to TUSLA useful as well

[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT] **Sent:** 20 Feb 2018 10:02

To: [REDACT] **Cc:** "[REDACT]

Subject: FW: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Meeting with [REDACT] timings below.

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From: [REDACT]

Date: Thursday, 15 Feb 2018, 3:14 pm

To: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

11-12 is perfect, I will pop that in the Deputy's diary and should that need to be changed just let me know and I'll make the necessary changes on our side.

Thanks very much.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]

Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]

[REDACT]

[REDACT]
[REDACT]

---15/02/2018 10:48:22---Hi [REDACT] That's great news, thank you. I am not fully sure on timings yet, however, could I provision

From: <[REDACT]
To: <[REDACT]
Date: 15/02/2018 10:48
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

That's great news, thank you. I am not fully sure on timings yet, however, could I provisionally schedule a meeting 11-12? I'll let you know immediately if anything changes.

Thanks very much.
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 14 February 2018 21:13
To: [REDACT]
Subject: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

I hope you are well.

The Clerk of the Oireachtas Children and Youth Affairs Committee, [REDACT] forwarded your message about arranging a bilateral meeting between Minister Todd and Deputy Farrell when the Minister is in Dublin on Friday, March 9th.

[REDACT], in his role as Chair of the Committee, would be delighted to meet with Minister Todd.

[REDACT] would be available from 11am on Friday, March 9th, and would be happy to meet the Minister at a time suitable later that morning or that afternoon. If there is a time that will be suitable to the Minister, I will be happy to schedule the meeting in the Deputy's diary.

If you need any information, or if I can be of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]
Parliamentary Assistant to Alan Farrell TD
[REDACT]
[REDACT]
[REDACT]

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Sent: 20 February 2018 10:18
To: Webster J (John); Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]
Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

Have you had confirmation of any of these meetings / visits?

Thanks

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From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Sent: 30 January 2018 10:48
To: [REDACT] Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

Thank you for your help with this. I will run this by the Minister today and will get back to you with her travel plans. I'm sure she will want to attend the reception but again, I will confirm asap.

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 30 January 2018 10:38

To: [REDACT]; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]

Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

[REDACT]

Based on exchanges following [REDACT] original email, and discussions I have had with contacts here, I thought it might be useful to sum up my recommendations for a programme for the Minister's visit to Dublin on 9th March.

Grateful to know how much time the Minister will have in Dublin (arrival time on the 9th) and how busy a day she wants / can have? Happy to go ahead and make arrangements for calls as and when you let me know we are good to go.

I will be hosting a reception for the Parliamentary XVs at the Hub starting 1830 on the evening of the 9th, to which I will invite a cross section of Parliamentarians, business people and other contacts. I hope the Minister will be able to attend.

Options for programme:

Political

Bilateral meeting with [REDACT]- Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

[REDACT], Chair of Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs

May also be worth speaking to opposition spokespeople e.g. [REDACT]from FF

Agency

[REDACT], CEO, Tusla [REDACT]and/or vs, Chair, Tusla [REDACT]

[REDACT], Ombudsman for Children (optional - no expertise in the Minister's remit of early years)

NGOs

Early Childhood Ireland - has 80% of all childcare settings in membership ([REDACT] is Chair – so could double up as meeting with her)

Worth noting that the Department of Education are now doing part of the inspections of early years settings, and have done really interesting work in the area – something that might be covered off in a meeting with [REDACT]?

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very best wishes,

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

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 15:04

To: [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Copying in [REDACT], who will be the accompanying official.

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 12:58

To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

Hi [REDACT]

We are still working on the programme.

We understand that Minister [REDACT] is not available on Friday – but I am testing that.

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We are waiting on word back from [REDACT] on a meeting with her and a visit to Early Childhood Ireland, and from TUSLA on a visit and meetings with their senior team.

We should have a final draft programme with you early next week.

Very best wishes,

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Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years

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Sent: 30 January 2018 10:48

To: [REDACT] Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;
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Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

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[REDACT]

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Sent: 20 February 2018 17:13

To: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[REDACT] [REDACT] *Office of the Chief Executive*

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 10:04

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

Just chasing up the below email. If you could let me know availability soon that would be very helpful as we begin to pull the Minister's programme together.

Best wishes

[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]
Date: Tuesday, 13 Feb 2018, 3:43 pm
To: [REDACT]
Subject: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

As way of introduction, I am a Scottish Government representative in Ireland, based out of Dublin. I am writing to alert you that Scottish Government Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Maree Todd, is visiting Dublin on Friday March 9th.

Minister Todd has expressed an interest in engaging with yourself and Tusla, given shared interests and the potential for meaningful cooperation and collaboration in the future.

Would you or colleagues have time on Friday 9th March to have a bilateral meeting with Minister Todd? We can arrange the detail of the meeting in due time but I'm sure there will be many areas for positive discussion and shared learning.

The Minister's programme has yet to be finalised so if you could indicate any times you can/cannot do that would also be really helpful.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACT]

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

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From: "[REDACT]"
Sent: 20 Feb 2018 15:04
To: [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years <MinisterCEY@gov.scot>; "Higgins K (Kate)" <[REDACT]@gov.scot>; "Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs" <CabSecCTEA@gov.scot>; Director for Children and Families <DirectorforChildrenandFamilies@gov.scot>; [REDACT]
Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit <DCAFBMU@gov.scot>; [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

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[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 12:58

To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]

Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT] **Subject:** RE: Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

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We should have a final draft programme with you early next week.

Very best wishes,

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

From: CEO Tusla [REDACT]

Sent: 23 February 2018 17:12

To: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

I have brought this request to the Chief Operations Officer [REDACT] and Director of Transformation & Policy's attention.

We will revert to you as early as possible on Monday in order for you to firm up the Ministers scheduled of events on the 9th March.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] *Office of the Chief Executive*

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 21 February 2018 10:22
To: CEO Tusla
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

Thanks very much for getting back to me. I'll revert back to Minister Todd's office with those dates and let you know about a future meeting.

For an engagement on the 9th, would it be possible for the Minister to meet other senior management? It would be get to get a visit or meeting in place while the Minister is in town. Please let me know as soon as possible and I can advise the Minister on any engagement.

Best wishes
[REDACT]

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From: CEO Tusla [REDACT]
Date: Tuesday, 20 Feb 2018, 5:13 pm
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
[REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 20 February 2018 10:04
To: CEO Tusla
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

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Best wishes
[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Sent: 23 February 2018 17:58
To: [REDACT] Minister for Childcare and Early Years; Higgins K (Kate); Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

If it is possible to fit this in to her schedule then Ms Todd would be happy to attend.

Thanks
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[REDACT] **Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years**
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[REDACT] [REDACT] Chair, Early Childhood Ireland
[REDACT] [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:40
To: [REDACT]
Subject: FW: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

Ref previous email.

This sounds reasonable, and looks like it would lead to a better programme, but it might impact on the later visit to TUSLA.

Please advise, before I respond to [REDACT].

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:35
To: [REDACT]
Subject: Re: Proposal for visit of Minister Maree Todd, MSP

PS is there any chance to ask [REDACT] to push his meeting to 11.30? I think that way we would have enough time or he could join us. Just an idea.

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[REDACT]

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[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 02 March 2018 13:04
To: Walker C (Caroline)
Cc: Webster J (John); McPhee A (Alexander)
Subject: RE: visit programme

Many thanks [REDACT], we are having the same problems here.

Stay warm!

[REDACT] _____

[REDACT] Programme Lead, Permanence And Care Excellence (PACE)

Looked After Children | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government | 2A South Victoria Quay
Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]
Sent: 02 March 2018 11:49
To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: visit programme

Hi [REDACT]

The snow is affecting things badly here as far as responses go but the draft programme for Friday is below. We are still working on the [REDACT] meeting as far as time and location – he may join the previous meeting with [REDACT]. As soon as we have confirmation I will forward the full programme.

Thanks,

[REDACT]

Friday 9 th March			
Timings	Event		Remarks
08.45	Departure from Hotel St. George - travel to South Brown Street by taxi	[REDACT]	7 Parnell Square, Dublin
09.15 -	Visit Mercy Family Centre on ECI National Pyjama Day https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/244900-2/ <i>Followed by meeting with:</i> [REDACT] Chair, Early Childhood Ireland and [REDACT] Early Childhood Ireland (ECI)	[REDACT]	South Brown Street, Dublin 8 Tbc Meeting venue
11.00-12.00	Meet with [REDACT] Chair of Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs	[REDACT] [REDACT]	Dáil Éireann Kildare Street Dublin 2
	Travel to Brunel House by taxi		
12.30-13.30	Meet with [REDACT] COO, TUSLA	[REDACT]	Brunel House, South Quarter Heuston
	LUNCH		
	Travel to Leinster House by taxi		
14.30	Reception and tour of Leinster House	[REDACT]	Private Dining Room, Leinster House
	Travel to Scottish Government Hub by taxi		British Embassy
18.00 – 20.00	Reception for Oireachtas and Holyrood XVs Remarks		British Embassy, Merrion Road

[REDACT] Office and Events Manager | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]@[REDACT]

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 01 March 2018 18:10
To: [REDACT]**Subject:** RE: visit programme

Hi [REDACT]
I'm accompanying Ms Todd and wonder if you can please confirm meetings arranged so far.

Many thanks
[REDACT]

[REDACT] [REDACT]
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From: [REDACT]
Sent: 28 February 2018 16:55
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: visit programme

Hi [REDACT]

Do you have return flight details please?

Thanks,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Sent: 23 February 2018 17:55
To: Walker C (Caroline); Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: visit programme

HI [REDACT]

Ms Todd will be on the 19:40 – 20:55 flight from Edinburgh to Dublin on Thursday 8th March. Flight number 2DYV2B. She will then be staying overnight at the Hotel St. George, 7 Parnell Square.

I've copied in [REDACT] who will be accompanying Ms Todd to her meetings / visits on the Friday.

Thanks

[REDACT] [REDACT] | **Private Secretary | Minister for Childcare and Early Years**
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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 20 February 2018 13:05

To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: visit programme

Hi [REDACT]

I'm working on the visit programme also. Can I jump in and ask for the Minister's travel details – flight numbers and times? And also, can you let me know what hotel she will be staying in and who will be accompanying please.

Best wishes,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 05 March 2018 13:08

To: [REDACT] [REDACT]; Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: FINAL SCHEDULE - Visit to Ireland

Hi [REDACT]

Taxi will be fine and I'm sure [REDACT] will make a fine host and the Minister will look forward to seeing you in the evening, where she will be able to arrive a little early to meet staff.

In terms of briefing, it would be helpful if you can provide something about the organisations that you have arranged for the Minister to visit. I also copied Yota into the draft programme on Friday

afternoon when I got it so I am hopeful that she will provide some country briefing. I will ensure that officials provide the appropriate subject matter briefing to the Minister and when all of the information is in then I can send you the final brief but some detail about the visits would be helpful to know what to provide for Ms Todd in terms the likely discussions in the Scottish context.

Many thanks
[REDACT]

[REDACT] Programme Lead, Permanence And Care Excellence (PACE)
Looked After Children | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government | [REDACT]
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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 05 March 2018 11:25

To: [REDACT] Higgins K (Kate); Director for Children and Families; [REDACT] **Cc:** DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: FINAL SCHEDULE - Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

[REDACT]

A few issues questions outstanding on the programme, and the Minister's visit.

First, as [REDACT] says below, the programme is now finalised with one outstanding issue to resolve. How we make the engagements with early Childhood Ireland and [REDACT] work re timing and location. We will resolve that ahead of Friday.

Second, can I confirm that the Minister is content to move between meetings by taxi? Hiring a car and driver for the day would cost in the region of 6-700 euro, and given the relatively small area we have to cover to and from meetings I would advise taxis – all of which we can arrange through our account provider.

Third, I will not be in Dublin during the Minister's programme. I am pre committed to be speaking at a conference in Dundalk on the Scottish Government position on Brexit, negotiations with the UK, the continuity bill etc etc. I hope the Minister is content for my Deputy, [REDACT] to accompany her throughout her programme. I will return to Dublin mid-late afternoon in good time to host the evening reception at 1800.

Fourth, would the Minister be content to come to the venue for the evening reception on 9th March a half hour early? It might be a nice opportunity for her to meet the SG team in situ, and see the Hub offices before other guests arrive (we are expecting 70 – 100 in total at the reception).

Lastly, briefing. I haven't seen any commissioned for this yet. I presume points on childcare and early years policy will come from SG leads? Can whoever is coordinating let me know what is needed (also copying our desk officer, [REDACT]who can provide the bilateral brief on Ireland – I can supplement with some of our latest reporting).

Very best wishes,

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

[REDACT] | **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 05 March 2018 08:47

To: [REDACT] Higgins K (Kate); Director for Children and Families; [REDACT]

Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; [REDACT]

Subject: FINAL SCHEDULE - Visit to Ireland

Importance: High

Apologies if this has already been included in an earlier chain but can I please see a final version of the Ministers schedule so we can start planning any relevant comms activity around the trip?

Many thanks,

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 05 March 2018 14:39

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: Re: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd

Dear [REDACT]

We will send you a full proposal tomorrow. I trust that this is in order. We are just trying to book a venue for our meeting in the city centre.

Kind regards,

[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Sent: 05/03/2018 12:10:48

Subject: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd

Dear [REDACT]

I am just finalising Minister Todd's visit programme for Friday. [REDACT] has informed us that would be pleased to join your meeting. Would you have details of the venue and start time please?

Minister Todd is scheduled to meet with [REDACT] for a meeting at 11.30 am in Leinster house immediately after your meeting.

Many thanks,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 16:57

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: Darft Briefing for Minister Todd

Importance: High

[REDACT]

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Please let me know if there is anything else I can add to this.

REDACTED

I understand Yota Barka has sent you the basic bilateral country brief for Ireland.

Should you think it useful, I am happy to include the most recent political reporting from my team on Brexit, and the situation in Northern Ireland. Let me know and if required I will send on.

Very best wishes,

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

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:11
To: [REDACT] **Cc:** [REDACT]
Subject: Further briefing material for the Minister.
Importance: High

Hi [REDACT]

I have attached (in order below):

- a joint update note from my team and the team in Brussels ahead of the publication of the commission legal text on UK Withdrawal.
- my note for the FM on the collapse of the power sharing talks in Northern Ireland.
- two emails detailing Irish reactions to the Commission legal text on UK Withdrawal.



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I also attach the report on the First Minister's most recent visit to Ireland (last October, but may be useful as a scene setter for the state of the overall relationship)?

[REDACTED]

If I think of any else that might be useful I will send on before close today.

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

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:14
To: [REDACT] **Cc:** [REDACT]
Subject: FW: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd
Importance: High

Hey [REDACT]

Further information coming in just now from Early Childhood Ireland. Given the time constraints, I thought it best to forward directly to you.

Below and attached is a really very useful addition to what I have just sent to you – particularly for the visit to the childcare facility.

As I understand it, attending the Mercy Family Centre will be the Minister, yourself and [REDACT] from my team. Is that right?

Very best wishes,

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 06 March 2018 17:03
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: Friday 9 March - Minister Todd

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Visit of Minister Maree Todd MSP

Friday 9 March

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Contact details: [REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 18:32

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

I will clear access at the gate and will be on hand myself on Friday as well.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]
Parliamentary Assistant [REDACT]
[REDACT]
[REDACT]

[REDACT]



---06/03/2018 17:45:25---[REDACT]That's really helpful – thanks for the clarification.

From: <[REDACT]

To: <[REDACT]

Cc: <[REDACT]

Date: 06/03/2018 17:45

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

[REDACT]

That's really helpful – thanks for the clarification.

I think 11.15 – 12.00 would work perfectly for the meeting in Leinster House. The Minister will be accompanied by [REDACT] and [REDACT] (SG Children and Families Directorate). They will arrive on foot through the Kildare Street entrance. Would you mind letting the gate know please?

Many thanks,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 17:34

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

That would be great thanks.

[REDACT] has Room B in LH2000 in Leinster House organised. I had scheduled the meeting with [REDACT] from circa 11.30 am to 12 pm, following the Minister's earlier meeting, which I believe is scheduled to conclude at circa 11.30am. However, we have the meeting room booked from 11 am to 12.30am, therefore the time-frame can be adapted to suit the Minister following the earlier meeting.

[REDACT] would be pleased to join the meeting with Jillian, and is available to do so at 10.15.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]
Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]
[REDACT]
[REDACT]

[REDACT]

▼ ---06/03/2018 17:10:46---Dear [REDACT], We'll get the discussion points to you by the end of tomorrow.

From: <[REDACT]>
To: <[REDACT]>
Cc: <[REDACT]>
Date: 06/03/2018 17:10
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

We'll get the discussion points to you by the end of tomorrow.

Would you mind sending me room details and start/end time of the meeting for the visit programme please?

I know that [REDACT] is planning joining the earlier meeting with [REDACT] so I just want to check I have my timings right. [REDACT] has booked a room in Buswell's Hotel for 10.15 – does Deputy Farrell plan on joining this meeting?

Many thanks,
[REDACT]

[REDACT] | **Office and Events Manager** | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]
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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 16:25
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Dear [REDACT]

Just a note to confirm that [REDACT] has a meeting room organised for meeting Minister Maree Todd on Friday morning in Leinster House.

You might be able to advise if there are any specific matters the Minister would like to discuss?

Kind regards,
[REDACT]

[REDACT]
Parliamentary Assistant to [REDACT]
[REDACT]
[REDACT]

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 07 March 2018 10:08
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT] DCAF Business Management Unit
Subject: Background for Minister
Importance: High

[REDACT]
<https://www.oco.ie/news/report-young-people-aims-influence-brexite/>

I thought this might be interesting for the Minister to see ahead of her visit to Dublin and bilateral programme on Friday.

Best wishes,

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

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 08 March 2018 14:06
To: [REDACT]
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Draft Briefing for Minister Todd

Hi

Sorry I forgot to get back to you.

The Minister will generally share details of the scope of her portfolio. This is an introductory discussion and I am not aware of any specific issues.

Thanks

[REDACT] _____

[REDACT] Programme Lead, Permanence And Care Excellence (PACE)

Looked After Children | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government | [REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 17:00

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Draft Briefing for Minister Todd

Will do.

[REDACT] has asked to know if there are any issues in particular the Minister would like to cover. I have told them we won't be able to get anything to them until tomorrow, but if there are specifics we will send them on.

Could you let me know.

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 March 2018 16:59

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Draft Briefing for Minister Todd

Thanks [REDACT] you're a star!

Can you send me the latest political reporting on Brexit too just in case I need it. I obviously won't use it unless it is necessary to do so.

Many thanks

[REDACT] _____

[REDACT] Programme Lead, Permanence And Care Excellence (PACE)

Looked After Children | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government | [REDACT]

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Sent: 06 March 2018 16:57

To: [REDACT]

Cc: [REDACT]

Subject: Darft Briefing for Minister Todd

Importance: High

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

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 08 March 2018 14:19
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

In advance of Minister Todd's visit to Tusla tomorrow from 12.30pm I wish to advise you [REDACT], Chief Operations Officer wishes to present to the Minister with a number of Tusla colleagues on the following topics:

- *Prevention, Partnership and Family Support Overview*
- *Empowering Practitioners and Practice Initiative (EPPI)*
- *Signs of Safety*

Could you advise if the Minister will have time to have lunch with colleagues after the presentation, if so, I can arrange for sandwiches to be organised in the meeting room.

Many thanks,

[REDACT]

[REDACT] *Office of the Chief Executive*

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 27 February 2018 11:50
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

That's excellent, thanks.

Is 12:30-13:30 OK? The Minister will head out to Heuston South Quarter to meet Jim. I'll have more detail on discussion points and possible agenda at a later date but I really appreciate your help.

Best wishes

[REDACT]

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From: [REDACT]
Date: Tuesday, 27 Feb 2018, 11:39 am
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

[REDACT], Tusla's Chief Operations Officer will be available to meet with the Minister on 9th March as requested. Could you please advise me of the earliest time slot the Minister has available in the afternoon and [REDACT] will add this appointment to his diary?

The Minister is more than welcome to meet with [REDACT] in our head offices in the Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, Dublin 8 (just beside Heuston Train Station), however to ensure the Minister can make the most of her time in Dublin, Jim is happy to meet with the Minister in a more convenient city centre location of your choosing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]
[REDACT] *Office of the Chief Executive*

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 26 February 2018 10:35
To: CEO Tusla
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Thanks [REDACT]

Thanks for your help.

Minister's diary is filling up so we'd be looking at an afternoon engagement if possible.

Thanks [REDACT]

[REDACT] | Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | [REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 23 February 2018 17:12
To: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

I have brought this request to the Chief Operations Officer [REDACT] and Director of Transformation & Policy's attention.

We will revert to you as early as possible on Monday in order for you to firm up the Ministers scheduled of events on the 9th March.

Kind regards,
[REDACT]
[REDACT] *Office of the Chief Executive*

[REDACT]

From: [REDACT]
Sent: 21 February 2018 10:22
To: CEO Tusla
Cc: [REDACT]
Subject: RE: Visit by Scottish Minister Maree Todd

Hi [REDACT]

Thanks very much for getting back to me. I'll revert back to Minister Todd's office with those dates and let you know about a future meeting.

For an engagement on the 9th, would it be possible for the Minister to meet other senior management? It would be get to get a visit or meeting in place while the Minister is in town. Please let me know as soon as possible and I can advise the Minister on any engagement.

Best wishes

[REDACT]

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PS/First Minister

Brexit/Ireland and the Situation in Northern Ireland

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4. In parallel, the temperature over the collapsed Stormont talks has not lowered after this week's meetings between the PM and DUP/SF – after which SF were scathingly critical of the PM and HMG's ability to act as a neutral arbiter in the restoration of power sharing. It was also noteworthy that George Mitchell this week joined the debate over the future of the GFA. He was highly critical of the UKG approach to Brexit, the impact it has and will continue to have in NI, and the effect the deal with the DUP has had on confidence and trust between parties in NI.
5. REDACTED
6. The commission are also considering whether to publish the list of over 140 North-South cooperation issues that need to be effectively addressed in any solution. Once again, the UK is resisting.

REDACTED

PS/First Minister,

COLLAPSE OF THE STORMONT TALKS : IRISH REACTIONS

Summary

News of the collapse of the talks on resumption of power sharing and the political institutions in the North, is greeted with degrees of dismay, frustration and anger in Ireland. The government express disappointment with the collapse, and the DUP call for Direct Rule. Opposition Fianna Fail points the finger of blame at both the Dublin and London governments. The media collectively pours scorn on both parties to the talks – but highlights the role of the DUP. The fall out will continue today, as Sinn Fein are expected to outline their next move in a statement.

Detail

1. Four weeks after the resumption of talks between the two main parties in the North, negotiations on the resumption of power sharing government and the reestablishment of the political institutions in the North collapsed yesterday amidst familiar accusations of blame. In a statement issued mid-afternoon on 14th February Arlene Foster said that discussions had been unsuccessful, she added that “Despite our best efforts, serious and significant gaps remain between ourselves and Sinn Fein especially on the issue of the Irish language”. In the same statement, Foster went on to call for Direct Rule from Westminster. She said that it was “now incumbent on Her Majesty’s Government to set a budget and start making policy decisions about our schools, hospitals and infrastructure”.
2. Sinn Fein’s Deputy President, and leader in the North, Michelle O’Neill responded to Foster’s statement by saying that the DUP had collapsed the talks. A Sinn Fein statement said that an agreement had been reached, but the DUP had not followed through on its commitment.
3. Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, issued a short statement on Twitter on the evening of 14th. Varadkar said “I very much regret the statement from the DUP. Power sharing and working together are the only way forward for Northern Ireland. The Tanaiste and the Secretary of State are in close contact and we will continue to confer with the British Government about the next steps.”
4. The Tanaiste, Simon Coveney, followed his Taoiseach by saying that he was “very disappointed by the DUP statement today. NI needs a government. As co-guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement, the UK and Irish governments have an obligation to uphold and protect the letter and spirit of that Agreement. We will need to reflect in the coming days on how best to do that.”
5. Leader of the main opposition party Fianna Fail, Micheal Martin, also took to Twitter to say that “the continued failure of the two dominant political parties in the North to agree restoration of Government is bitterly disappointing.”. He added,

“politics is supposed to be about governing. The people are being badly let down. Detachment of both governments over last 6 years not helpful.”

6. Sinn Fein are expected to make a fuller statement today, setting out their position on next steps.

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 28 February 2018 13:34

To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs)

Cc: First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for International Development and Europe; Lord Advocate; Permanent Secretary; Thomson KAL (Ken); Quinlan K (Kevin); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director); [REDACT]; Mitchell I (Ian); Strang F (Frank); Davidson I (Ian) (CUKR); [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; [REDACT]; [REDACT] [REDACT]; [REDACT]; Neilson M (Mike); Dornan B (Brian); [REDACT]; Strang F (Frank); [REDACT]; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Further Irish Reactions ref EU Draft Legal Text on Brexit Withdrawal Agreement

Importance: High

PS/Mr Russell,

Further reactions now coming in. The Taoiseach has, in the last hour, made a statement to the Dail on the draft Withdrawal Agreement.

Speaking to a packed Chamber, he told the Dail that the draft agreement “sets out in black and white how we can avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland and how we can enforce that legally”. He stressed, “it is not the case that this is the only option”, and added, there will be some (including NI Unionists) “who will say no, and be angry about what they see today, but just being angry and saying no is no longer enough”. The Taoiseach emphasised that he stands by “the primacy of the Good Friday Agreement”. On those who continue to question its relevance and values, he said “these are the same people who say to us that we should respect their votes, their referendum, the 51.8% vote. The Good Friday Agreement was approved by the Irish people, 94% in this State. They should respect our vote too”.

In a separate interview, responding to the Prime Minister’s comments in PMQs, Tanaiste Simon Coveney said that “today’s draft text is absolutely faithful to the political agreement in December (the Joint UK/Eu Report into progress in Phase 1), and should not be a surprise to anyone”.

Reacting to the publication of the draft withdrawal Agreement, DUP Leader, Arlene Foster has issued a statement saying that the “EU draft text is constitutionally unacceptable and would be economically catastrophic for Northern Ireland”. She welcomed the “Prime Minister’s commitment that HMG will not allow any new border in the Irish sea. Northern Ireland must have unfettered access to the GB market”.

[REDACTED]

[REDACT] | **Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | 29 Merrion Road | Dublin | D04 P272 | [REDACT] | [REDACT] | [REDACT] |**

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

Sent: 28 February 2018 09:47

To: [REDACT]; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs)

Cc: First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for International Development and Europe; Lord Advocate; Permanent Secretary; Thomson KAL (Ken); Quinlan K (Kevin); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director); [REDACT]; Mitchell I (Ian); Strang F (Frank); Davidson I (Ian) (CUKR); [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; [REDACT]; Neilson M (Mike); Dornan B (Brian); [REDACT]; Strang F (Frank); [REDACT]; [REDACT]

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive: Preliminary Irish Reactions ref EU Draft Legal Text on Brexit Withdrawal Agreement

Morning [REDACT],

Mr Russell has noted with thanks. He would welcome updates over the course of the day.

Best wishes,

[REDACT]

[REDACT] | Private Secretary to Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [REDACT] [REDACT]

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Sent: 28 February 2018 09:01

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Subject: Official Sensitive: Preliminary Irish Reactions ref EU Draft Legal Text on Brexit Withdrawal Agreement

Importance: High

PS/Mr Russell,

The Irish Government have been on the front foot this morning across the Irish media

In separate interviews, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and his Minister for EU Affairs, Helen McEntee spoke at length about today's publication by the EU of a draft legal text on the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement.

Both confirmed that the Irish government are happy that the legal text brings forward the undertakings made by the UK and the EU in the December Phase 1 agreement, and translates those commitments into a legal text. Bringing forward these guarantees in legal form was a priority for the Irish Government.

Both understand that the focus of negative commentary from the UK is on the 'Backstop' position, or Option C. For the Irish Government, Option C is exactly that, a Backstop, that they hope not to realise. The focus for the Government (and, as McEntee claimed Barnier will say later today, the EU) is very much on how to deliver Option A and the closest possible future relationship. However, that is dependent on many other factors, particularly detail on what the UK wants, which is now critical. The Irish government hopes that the PM's speech, will bring forward long awaited detail on what the UK wants its future relationship with the EU to be, and critically, how UK commitments to an open border on the island of Ireland and protection of the Good Friday Agreement in all its parts will be effected in practice.

On questions over the guarantee of alignment between NI and rest of UK (section 50 of Phase 1 agreement) - McEntee cited Phase 1 again, and repeated that the close relationship should be the focus, that the PM speech on Friday would be a key indicator on UK intent, and the Irish Government hoped to see more detail emerging from that. Neither were drawn on whether the Legal text makes any mention of the issue of regulatory alignment between NI and the rest of the UK under Option C (to date, the Irish Government position on this has been that should Option C be enacted, the alignment between NI and the rest of the UK is a matter for the UKG) .

McEntee was asked about the leaked letter from the Foreign Secretary, and comments by the Foreign Secretary live on Sky News this morning that the border issue was being used politically to keep UK in CU. She responded firmly that a very clear commitment was given by the UK to avoid a border on island of Ireland. That commitment preceded any decision to take the SM and CU off the table. Any suggestion that this was a political ploy was simply unfair and unconditionally not true. On the same question, the Taoiseach said "when I listen to the British Government, I listen to the Prime Minister".

I will report further reactions throughout the day

Best wishes,

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