

**To:** Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** Dublin



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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 19 January 2018 17:43  
To: [Redacted]; Minister for Social Security; [Redacted]  
Subject: RE: Dublin Visit - 29th January  
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Hi [Redacted]

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you. I think that there are three issues which we would like to touch on in the discussion with Mr McGrath. These are:

1. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - and Ireland's position in relation to it. (Ireland isn't a signatory)
2. Initiatives for tackling unemployment amongst disabled people. (this is a priority area for us)
3. The role of the National Disability Authority and its relationship with Government, stakeholders and disabled people more generally.

Only David and [Redacted] will be accompanying the Minister on the trip.

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 19 January 2018 17:17  
To: Minister for Social Security; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted] Wallace D (David)  
Subject: Dublin Visit - 29th January

Hi All

There are a couple of outstanding issues I'd like to square up as soon as possible ahead of the visit on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

As yet there is one issue on the agenda for the bilateral with Minister McGrath. This is a discussion on the NDA for which [Redacted], Director of the NDA will attend. Minister McGrath's office are pushing us to supply any more discussion items now so that relevant officials can be present.

Are any other officials other than [Redacted] and David accompanying Minister Freeman?

Once these are sorted I'll send round a finalised programme for the visit.

Cheers

[Redacted]

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

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for Social Security

Sent: 17 January 2018 13:28

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Cc: Minister for Social Security

Subject: RE: Dublin

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Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 17 January 2018 13:04  
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Minister for Social Security  
Subject: Re: Dublin

Thanks [REDACTED]

Will get you something by close today.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2018 11:42  
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Minister for Social Security  
Subject: RE: Dublin

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

This is the ask from Minister McGrath's office - Could you also please send me an e-mail outlining the issues which Minister Freeman would like to specifically discuss with Minister McGrath.

If there is anything else to add to this then please let know as soon as you can.

Cheers

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[Redacted] Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |  
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**From:** McPhee A (Alexander)  
**Sent:** 17 January 2018 11:39  
**To:** Webster J (John); Jack D (Daniel); Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** RE: Dublin

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[Redacted] Deputy Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 January 2018 11:29  
**To:** [Redacted]; Minister for Social Security; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Dublin  
**Importance:** High

Thanks [Redacted]

Very clear, so we'll talk to local contacts and work out a way to make this happen.

[Redacted] I presume there is no space in the programme for a visit to the NDA? Failing that, can we talk to Finian's office about how we might include the NDA in the discussion with the Minister.

Best wishes,

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| D04 P272 | T: [Redacted] | M: [Redacted] | [Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 January 2018 10:42  
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**From:** [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 16 January 2018 17:49  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** RE: Dublin

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 16 January 2018 15:46  
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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 23 January 2018 07:13  
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Sorry for the delay, the Minister was content with this and I think you have already passed this on.

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[REDACTED]

If the Minister is content with the following I will respond to [REDACTED] in Dublin along these lines.

Minister

Your meeting in Dublin with Minister McGrath is scheduled to last around 45 minutes. I recommend that the focus of the conversation should cover 3 key areas:

1. UNCRPD and Ireland's position in relation to it.
2. Tackling unemployment for disabled people.
3. The role of the National Disability Authority and its relationship with Government, stakeholders and disabled people more generally.

Item 1 shouldn't take too long, leaving plenty of time to hear about their employment strategy and the NDA.

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