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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Sent: 09 January 2018 09:41
To: Minister for Social Security; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Cc: First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Permanent Secretary; DG Education, Communities & Justice; DG Organisational Development & Operations; Hogg KJ (Kenneth); Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs); Bird L (Lisa); [REDACTED]; Campbell J (Jeanette); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Communications CTEA; Communications CSSE; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director); Wallace D (David); McVie A (Ann); McClintock A (Andy); MacDougall A (Audrey); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Overseas Travel Request
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[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email and request, which Ms Hyslop is content to approve.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Chris Nicholson | Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
St. Andrews's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3DG | Tel: 0131 244 7716 | BB: 07837 057009

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for Social Security
Sent: 21 December 2017 13:11
To: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Cc: First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Permanent Secretary; DG Education, Communities & Justice; DG Organisational Development & Operations; Hogg KJ (Kenneth); Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs); Bird L (Lisa); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Campbell J (Jeanette); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Communications CTEA; Communications CSSE; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director); Wallace D (David); McVie A (Ann); McClintock A (Andy); MacDougall A (Audrey); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Overseas Travel Request

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2018 12:53
To: Minister for Social Security; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

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Thanks [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

We have transport arrangements in place at our end for both days the Minister is here.

I'll share a list of officials requiring access to Government buildings and an agenda of issues to discuss with Minister of State, Finian McGrath, for his 45 minute slot as soon as we have them.

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: 09 January 2018 11:06
To: Minister for Social Security; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wallace D (David)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[REDACTED]

My apologies, I seem to have put the flights times in the wrong way round.

Flights
Outbound: Sunday 28 January, 16:35-17:50
Return: Monday 29 January, 18:20-19:30

Accommodation
[REDACTED]

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 January 2018 20:25
To: Minister for Social Security; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wallace D (David)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[REDACTED]

Thanks for confirming. I've moved posts now so [REDACTED] is the lead for this visit and the briefing.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Social Security & Reserved Benefits Division | Social Security Directorate | Scottish Government
[REDACTED], Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ,

T: [REDACTED]

Please note I only work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for Social Security
Sent: 08 January 2018 18:04
To: [REDACTED]; Minister for Social Security; [REDACTED], Wallace D (David)
Cc: [REDACTED]; Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[REDACTED]

The Ministers travel plans for Dublin are as follows;

Flights

Outbound: Sunday 28 January, 18:20-19:30

Return: Monday 29 January, 16:30-17:50

Accommodation

[REDACTED]

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Assistant Private Secretary
Office of Minister for Social Security
The Scottish Government
St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG
Tel. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 December 2017 09:26

To: [redacted] Minister for Social Security; Wallace D (David)
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[redacted]

Just to confirm that David Wallace, Chief Executive of the Social Security agency will be accompanying the Minister on this visit. Please can you make sure he's copied into any other emails about arrangements as he will wish to book the same hotel as the Minister and be included in the travel plans.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Communications and Engagement Unit | Social Security Directorate | Scottish Government
[redacted] Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ,
T: [redacted]

Please note I only work on Mondays and Thursdays

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 December 2017 08:57
To: Minister for Social Security; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[redacted]

I will book transport today.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] Office and Events Manager | Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland | 29 Merrion Road
| Dublin | D04 P272 | [redacted] | mobile [redacted]
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.30am -2.30pm

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Minister for Social Security
Sent: 20 December 2017 07:25
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted] Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Visit to Dublin January 29th

[REDACTED] - Thanks for the attached programme. We will provide details of officials accompanying Ms Freeman in due course.

[REDACTED] - You kindly arranged transport when we were due to come over last month. Grateful if you could take that forward.

We're still to book our accommodation but likely to be the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Can a car pick us up on the Sunday evening to take us to the hotel?

Flight details:

Sunday, 28 January - 1635-1750 (Glasgow to Dublin) - EI3227 (Aer Lingus)

Monday, 29 January - 1820-1930 (Dublin to Glasgow) - EI3228 (Aer Lingus)

Thanks

[REDACTED]
PS/Minister for Social Security

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 December 2017 12:51
To: Minister for Social Security; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Visit to Dublin January 29th

Hi All

The attached programme for the Ministerial visit on January 29th has now been confirmed.

<< File: Itinerary Ministerial Visit.doc >>

Minister of State Finian McGrath has requested a list of issues ahead of time that Ms Freeman would like to discuss for their engagement. It would also be helpful to have a list of officials accompanying Ms Freeman in order to arrange access. Grateful if these actions could be taken forward.

If you let us know travel plans then we can arrange for quotes for transport. Our recommendation would be that an Embassy car and driver are used. We will get quotes to you on this when travel is firmed up.

If you need anything else please let me know.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 13:38
To: Minister for Social Security
Subject: Re: Dublin

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[REDACTED]

If the Minister is content with the following I will respond to Sandy 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.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Minister for Social Security
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2018 13:27
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Dublin

Copying in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for Social Security purposes.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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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

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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

[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 11:39
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Dublin

[REDACTED]

Will be too tight for time for a visit to NDA but Minister McGrath's office had asked for discussion points for their meeting so I'll let them know this is an area of interest.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

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

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,

[redacted] | Head of the Scottish Government Innovation and Investment Hub in Ireland |
Directorate for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs | Scottish Government | 29 Merrion Road | Dublin
| D04 P272 | T: [redacted] | M: [redacted] | [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 January 2018 10:42
To: Minister for Social Security; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dublin

Thanks [redacted]

[redacted]

Ms Freeman is particularly keen to hear about the National Disability Authority, she raised this with my yesterday. Can you liaise with Mr McGrath's office please to see whether they can have a senior official from the NDA attend the meeting? Happy to discuss if that would be helpful,

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Programme Co-ordinator | Local Government & Communities Directorate | BB [redacted]
[redacted], Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | [redacted] | [redacted]

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

[redacted]

Current agenda.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2018 15:46
To: Minister for Social Security
Subject: Dublin

[REDACTED]

Can you send me the programme for the Dublin visit please? The Minister wants me to check that there will be an opportunity to discuss the National Disability Authority.

Thanks

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

[REDACTED]

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

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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 29th.

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]
Cc: Minister for Social Security
Subject: RE: Dublin

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Subject: RE: Dublin

[REDACTED]

Current agenda.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 16 January 2018 15:46