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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 26 October 2017 10:31  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Cc:** Crawford E (Ewan); Campbell J (Jeanette); Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

[REDACTED]

As discussed, Ms Freeman is appearing on BBC Question Time on Thursday, 2 November.

You kindly agreed to liaise with relevant colleagues and provide us with the following briefing:

**Brexit**

Key facts on impact and our current lines.

Opposition parties position on Brexit – Not sure if the rolling brief could be reduced and to cover this and the above .

Let me know if Mr Russell would like to have a chat with the Minister ahead of her appearance.

Grateful to receive this by 1500 on Tuesday, 31 October.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf Minister for Social Security  
Sent: 26 October 2017 10:34  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Campbell J (Jeanette); [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: McVie A (Ann); Minister for Social Security  
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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 26 October 2017 10:39  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work  
**Cc:** Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); Campbell J (Jeanette); Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

[REDACTED]

Ignore the reference to Housing SG and U.K.

Apologies.

Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 26 October 2017 10:26  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work  
**Cc:** Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); Campbell J (Jeanette); Minister for Social Security  
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[REDACTED]

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You kindly agreed to liaise with relevant colleagues and provide us with the following briefing:

**Economy**

Key Stats and facts on Scottish economy and where possible comparisons its UK.

**World Trade Organization**

The Minister understands that its rules do not cover service industries - 1) is that correct and 2) percentage of Scottish Economy that is service sector Housing SG and U.K. –

Grateful to receive this by 1500 on Tuesday, 31 October.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

**Sent:** 26 October 2017 11:22

**To:** REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Byrne G (Gerald): [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Mitchell I (Ian); Strang F (Frank) [REDACTED]; Crawford E (Ewan) Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe: Minister for Social Security

**Subject:** Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

Colleagues,

Ms Freeman is appearing on BBC Question Time next Thursday 2 November, she has asked for the following briefing on Brexit:

- Key facts on impact and our current top lines.
- Opposition parties position on Brexit

I know this is all covered in the regular rolling brief, but I wondered if you had a more condensed briefing on the stocks that we could share please? Mr Freeman has asked for this by 1500 on Tuesday, 31 October.

Happy to discuss further,

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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





**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf Minister for Social Security

**Sent:** 27 October 2017 16:59

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Campbell J (Jeanette); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; McVie A (Ann); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Minister for Social Security

**Subject:** RE: Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] – Thanks for pulling this together.

[REDACTED] – For the second part of the request the Minister is looking for anything that has been said in independent reports or by independent bodies or Westminster committees that have criticised UC and its implementation.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

PS/Minister for Social Security

 [REDACTED]

 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 October 2017 11:18

**To:** Minister for Social Security

**Cc:** Campbell J (Jeanette); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; McVie A (Ann); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to let you know that [REDACTED] will respond direct on the costings part. You said that you were going to seek more clarity on the second part of the request.

[REDACTED]  
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EH6 6QQ  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 31 October 2017 10:37

**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Minister for Social Security

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Robertson FMG (Fiona); Campbell J (Jeanette); REDACTED

**Subject:** Re: Request from Minister for Social Security – Local Stats

Hi all

As requested, please find below information on the 2017 exam results of East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire based on the management information presented in Insight (the Senior Phase Benchmarking tool). These are not published statistics.

The information covers only the number of entries from the senior phase of local authority and grant aided schools. There will be additional presentations (for example, from college students) not be captured by this so if information was required on all entries it would need to be supplied by SQA. These results do not take account of post results service alterations.

Year	Local Authority	Qualification Provider	Qualification Level	Number of Resulted Entries	Number of Grades A to C	% Grades A to C
2017	East Ayrshire	SQA	National 5	6290	4827	76.74%
2017	East Ayrshire	SQA	Higher	3851	2846	73.90%
2017	East Ayrshire	SQA	Advanced Higher	349	261	74.79%
2017	North Ayrshire	SQA	National 5	6964	5112	73.41%
2017	North Ayrshire	SQA	Higher	4590	3236	70.50%
2017	North Ayrshire	SQA	Advanced Higher	525	362	68.95%
2017	South Ayrshire	SQA	National 5	6302	5094	80.83%
2017	South Ayrshire	SQA	Higher	4045	3123	77.21%
2017	South Ayrshire	SQA	Advanced Higher	459	365	79.52%

Source: Insight, September 2017 release, SQA pre-review data

Hope this helps.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Wilson M (Mick)  
**Sent:** 30 October 2017 14:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Request from Minister for Social Security - Local Stats  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]  
See below – can you do this in the time scale given?

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Mick Wilson  
Deputy Director, Education Analysis  
Tel: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of DG Education, Communities & Justice  
**Sent:** 30 October 2017 10:28  
**To:** Minister for Social Security; Robertson FMG (Fiona)  
**Cc:** DG Education, Communities & Justice; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Campbell J (Jeanette)  
**Subject:** RE: Request from Minister for Social Security - Local Stats

Thanks [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] – to see the below. Is this something Learning colleagues can provide or is it for EdS?

[REDACTED]  
Private Secretary to Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities & Justice

T: [REDACTED]  
E: [REDACTED]

Scottish Government  
[REDACTED], St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Security  
**Sent:** 30 October 2017 09:26  
**To:** DG Education, Communities & Justice  
**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Campbell J (Jeanette); Minister for Social Security  
**Subject:** Request from Minister for Social Security - Local Stats

DG Education, Communities & Justice

Ms Freeman has asked for stats on exam results for Ayrshire schools by midday tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
PS/Minister for Social Security  
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**Subject:** RE: FOR ACTION By 31 October: Briefing Request from Ms Freeman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I have also put together a short summary of party positions.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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