

Subject:

MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Scotsman

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 16:15

To: [redacted] [redacted] ; Bell D (Donna) [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted]

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Scotsman

Great – will issue now.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 16:13

To: [redacted] Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted]

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Scotsman

Yes – the position remains the same.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 16:12

To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted]

Subject: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Scotsman

Importance: High

Hi,

We are being asked by [redacted] at the Scotsman what our response is to the Committee letter to Mr Yousaf on BTP - http://www.parliament.scot/S5_JusticeCommittee/Inquiries/20180821MMtoCSfJ.pdf

Does our position remain as per Monday's cleared lines?

A Scottish Government spokesman said:

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"There is a replanning exercise currently taking place. Once that is completed, we will ensure Parliament is updated on our next steps. We will never compromise the safety of the public."

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 August 2018 17:39
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Cc: Communications Justice [redacted] Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted]
Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Express

Thanks [redacted], I will issue the updated lines now.

Best,

[redacted]
Newsdesk
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Sent: 17 August 2018 17:30
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Cc: [redacted] Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Express

Hi [redacted]

Mr Yousaf has tweaked slightly:

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Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 August 2018 16:01

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Cc: [redacted] Communications Justice; [redacted] Press Transport Scotland; [redacted] News Desk; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

Subject: MEDIA QUERY: BTP merger - Express

Cab Sec/PO,

We've been approached by the Daily Express for a response to the below releases on the BTP merger with Police Scotland from the Conservatives and the TSSA.

[redacted] at the Scotsman has also stated that he has a source who has told him that there is a 'new willingness to look at other options when it comes to the devolution of railway policing, ie not simply pushing ahead with the merger of BTP and Police Scotland'.

Policy, comms and SPADs have discussed and agreed the below lines for both queries. Is the Cab Sec content for this to issue?

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Thanks,

[redacted]
Newsdesk
Scottish Government
[redacted]



New chief constable a chance to ditch BTP merger

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party press office

Friday, August 17, 2018

FAO: all newsdesks

Embargo: for immediate release

The appointment of a new chief constable provides the "perfect opportunity" for the SNP to scrap plans to merge the British Transport Police north of the border with Police Scotland.

Iain Livingstone was confirmed as Scotland's most senior policeman yesterday, after his two predecessors departed the role under a cloud.

Now the Scottish Conservatives have said the best way for him to start his reign would be to drop plans for the single force to take on the BTP's responsibilities.

The controversial move has already been delayed, while the UK's three largest rail unions have urged the SNP to have a rethink.

Despite those concerns, the SNP government insists it is still committed to the plan.

Scottish Conservative shadow justice secretary Liam Kerr said:

“There is concern right across the board about the prospect of this ill-judged merger.

Iain Livingstone could use his newfound influence to ensure these plans are dropped.

That way the SNP ministers could save face by not u-turning on their own ridiculous proposals.

It's illogical to take the BTP – one of Britain's most successful policing areas – and hand over the responsibilities to a crisis-hit Police Scotland.

Iain Livingstone will have enough challenges without these new responsibilities. This is the perfect opportunity for this merger to be scrapped altogether.”

**TSSA Press Release: Manuel Cortes warns new Police Scotland Chief Constable
“BTP merger unworkable”
17/08/2018**

Commenting on Ian Livingstone's appointment as the new Chief Constable for Police Scotland Manuel Cortes said,

“We congratulate Ian Livingstone on his appointment. He has a lot of challenges ahead of him, but surely the biggest is the unworkable integration with British Transport Police.

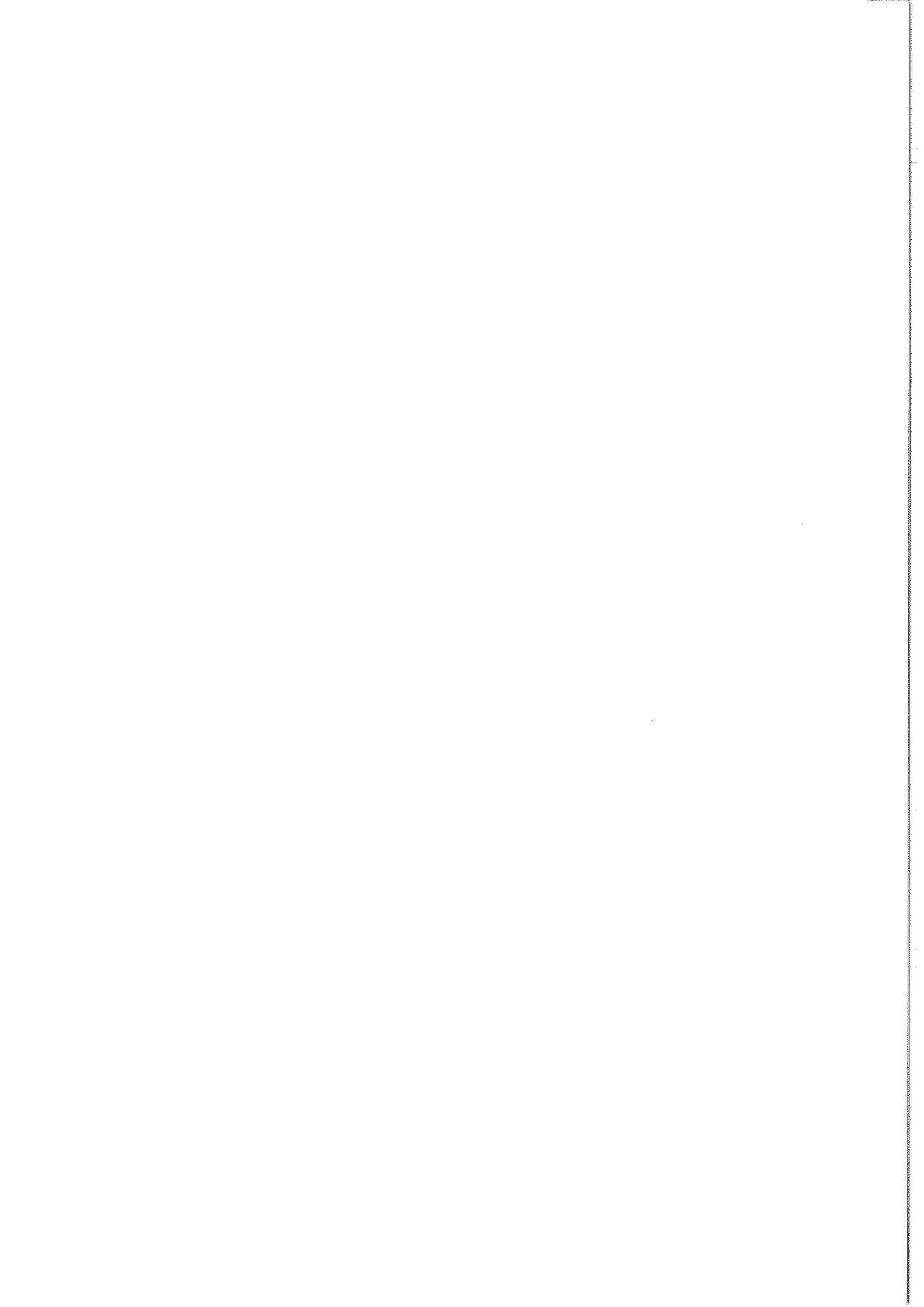
“This is a burden no incoming Chief Constable or Chief Executive would want. A unworkable and unnecessary merger which has been forced on the police forces against their own advice for purely political reasons.

“Nothing about this merger is straightforward. Over a year since the act was pushed through in Holyrood and the two forces haven't been able to agree arrangements for IT, Pensions, career development or terms and conditions after the merger.

“And if Livingstone does manage to square the circle and get the merger to go through he will face an unprecedented staffing crisis as a third of staff and officers are planning to leave British Transport Police in the event of it becoming part of Police Scotland.

“Police Scotland needs time and stability to resolve the issues resulting from its formation from the seven regional Scottish police forces. Rail passengers and staff need to

know their safety is assured. The merger has already experienced severe delays, time to put us all out of our misery and cancel it altogether.â€



Subject:

BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 17:33

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Chief Parliamentary Counsel; Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: FW: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

Thank you [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 17:23

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

[redacted]

In the time available I've just suggested adding a note on engaging with Cab Sec Govt Business and the Constitution and the Minister for Parly Business and Veterans. Could you make sure they're copied in when the advice goes forward. I expect they will take a keen interest in this issue so I'd be grateful if you could keep me sighted as thinking develops. I'd be happy to attend any meetings as necessary.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 17:13

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

Apologies [redacted] – this will change in light of David's comments but please see attached.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 17:08

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

[redacted]

Sorry if I've missed it in a previous email but could you send us the paper [redacted] is referring to?

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 17:02

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Chief Parliamentary Counsel; [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

Thanks so much for this [redacted]– I'll action the points you raise now.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 14:47

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] >; [redacted] Chief Parliamentary Counsel; [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

[redacted]

Apologies - I meant to copy [redacted] into the earlier email who raised point re [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 14:43

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] >; [redacted] Chief Parliamentary Counsel; [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

Thank you for this [redacted].

[redacted] – for your view please? Especially in relation to advice to go to Cabinet Secretary.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 August 2018 14:39

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

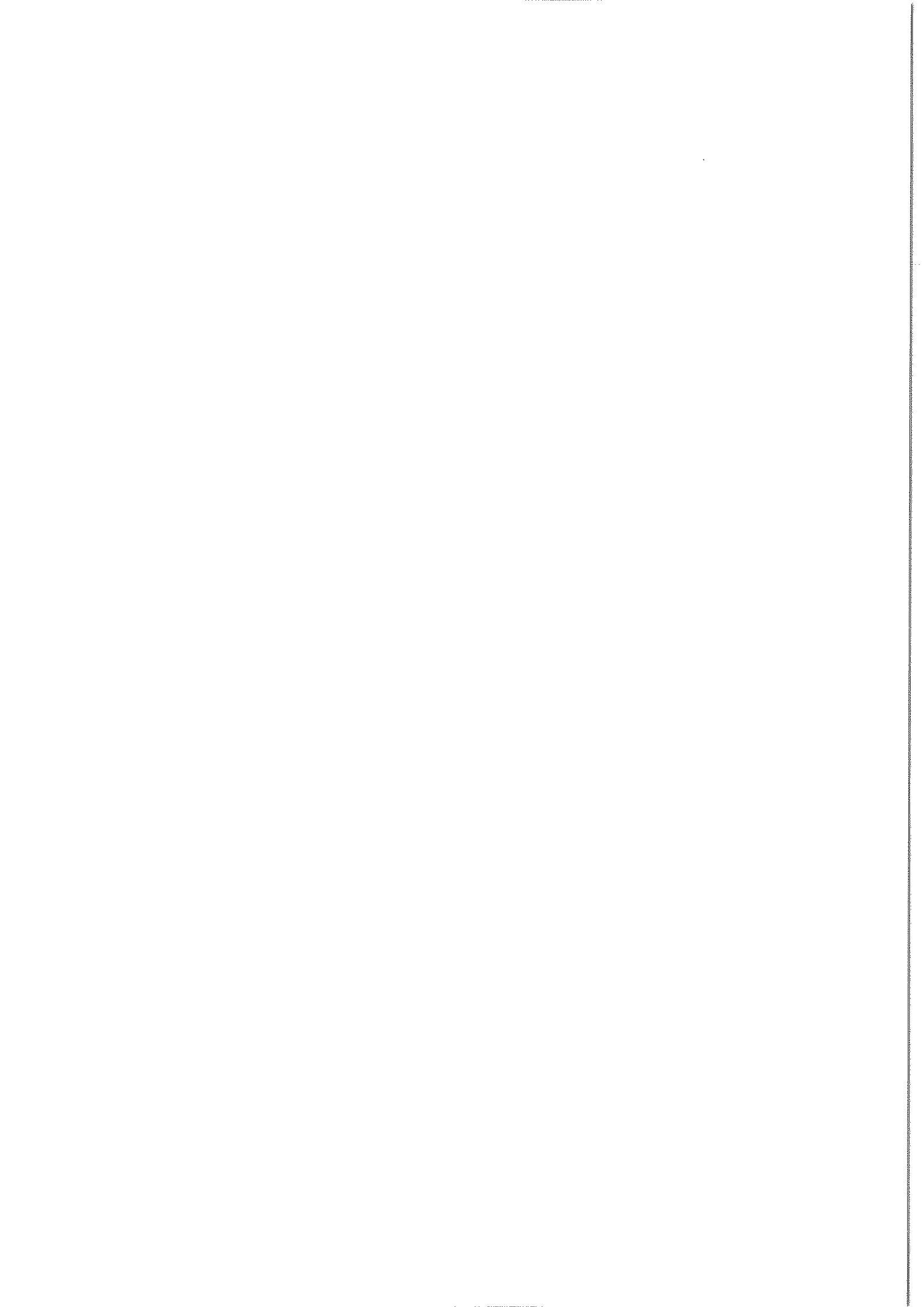
Subject: BTPI - Possible requirement for future legislation

[redacted]

We discussed yesterday your plans for a submission from Cab Secs to FM Minister with regards to options for method and timing of integration of BTP into Police Scotland following the recent planning exercise.

[redacted]

[redacted]



Subject:

Pre-Meeting (teleconference) ahead of BTP meeting at 11:30

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 22 August 2018 13:59

To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] 'ACCOperationalSupport@scotland.pnn.police.uk'; 'Kenneth.Hogg@spa.pnn.police.uk'

Subject: Pre-Meeting (teleconference) ahead of BTP meeting at 11:30

When: 23 August 2018 09:00-09:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Dial-in details attached

UPDATED – Apologies I noticed that this request changed to 08:30 it should be 09:00. Thanks

Dear All,

Please accept into your diary.

[redacted] grateful of you can be the chair of the call and use the following information [redacted]

Many thanks

[redacted]

Subject: BTP Integration

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 August 2018 16:08
To: Russell GE (Gillian); Bell D (Donna)
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] - BTP Integration

Hi Gillian and Donna

Just to update you that Mr Yousaf has requested [redacted] (for Monday's Arran travelling cabinet) to update Cabinet on the media activity on BTP Integration and that he is considering options.

[redacted] is leading on the [redacted] on all available options (including risks) and will [redacted]. I can start to prepare the [redacted] tomorrow for it to be cleared by Cab Sec by close tomorrow and sent to Cab Secretariat for the deadline of midday Friday.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications and Engagement Manager – Integration of British Transport Police Programme | Police Division | Safer Communities Directorate | DG Education, Communities and Justice | Scottish Government | 1R St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG [redacted] : url: www.scotland.gov.uk

Subject: FW: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Meeting to discuss progress on integration of Railway Policing 2308.docx

From: Bell D (Donna)
Sent: 22 August 2018 22:55
To: [redacted];[redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted];[redacted]; [redacted] ; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); Hogg, Kenneth
Subject: RE: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

[redacted], thanks for this.

As we have been clear from the start of this work, we share Police Scotland's views – our risk appetite is also low and we agree that our top priority must be the safety of the public.

We have also been clear that we do not expect to have every aspect of the future work defined by the end of the replan, but we expected to have a clear sense of the timescales that would be required to reach conclusion.

I understand that there are a number of dependencies within the areas you have highlighted e.g. we will not know the full cost of integration until 4,6, 7 & 8 on your list have been defined. As several of the areas that require further clarity are within the gift of Police Scotland and/or the SPA it would be helpful to know how much longer you think it will take to reach those conclusions?

We have a call in the diary tomorrow morning for a discussion before we meet with CSJ at 11.30, so it would be useful to have your thoughts on this then so that we have a common understanding. We have done some work on the legislative position and I can provide further detail on that. It is not straightforward.

Thanks

Donna

From: [redacted];
Sent: 21 August 2018 13:42
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Bell D (Donna) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Dear [redacted] and [redacted],

I am writing to follow up last week's discussions on the progress of the replan and your request that we assess the evidence and suggested timelines to identify an optimal 'go live' date for full integration. Having reflected on the

process and outputs to date and having discussed the matter with the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constables / DCO, Police Scotland's view is that the organisation is not in a position to identify an optimal date and will not therefore be able to support the announcement of a revised timetable for full integration.

We have been clear that Police Scotland's risk appetite in this context remains low and our priority is always the safety of the public. Given that, Police Scotland does not feel that the re-plan, as it stands, presents a sufficiently strong evidence base on which to agree a new 'go live' date. Areas of particular concern are set out below:

- I. The overall cost of integration is still unknown.
- II. The future funding model remains unclear.
- III. The benefits of integration remain unclear.
- IV. The ICT timeline and potential future cost is still based on very high level estimates which themselves are still subject to clarification from SG around future funding, given our bid for resources to support our proposed investment in the digital, data and ICT capacity and capability of Police Scotland.
- V. There has been insufficient engagement and reach through the PMO into the wider rail industry during the re-plan process.
- VI. There remains no agreement on the future split of assets and liabilities.
- VII. There continues to be insufficient clarity on the future T&Cs (including pensions) of transferring officers and staff.
- VIII. The unknown impact of diverting resources away from existing Police Scotland strategic change programmes to address the aforementioned areas of concern.

Given these areas of significant continuing uncertainty, we propose to report our conclusion (that we are unable to support the identification of a new 'go live' date) to both the JPB and the SPA Public Board meeting next week. As you are aware, myself and [redacted] are due to meet with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice on Thursday and will also update him to this effect.

As always I am happy to discuss with yourselves if that is helpful.

Regards

[redacted]

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Ma th?inig am post-d seo thugad air mhearachd, leig fios sa bhad chun an neach a sgaoil e agus cuir ?s dhan phost-d.

Subject:

URGENT- SCANCE and Note to FM

From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 August 2018 19:20

To: Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: URGENT- SCANCE and Note to FM

Importance: High

Hi Donna

A group effort here.

[redacted]

Dependent on your views, [redacted] will revise her letter to Justice Committee and UK Gov Ministers in the morning.

We've purposefully kept the copylist tight, but I know you are looking at this later and will issue final drafts to Cab Sec tonight. Grateful if you could ensure comms, SPADs and [redacted] are also copied in.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications and Engagement Manager – Integration of British Transport Police Programme | Police Division | Safer Communities Directorate | DG Education, Communities and Justice | Scottish Government | 1R St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG [redacted] url: www.scotland.gov.uk

Subject:

Submission

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 23 August 2018 00:33

To: [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Submission - so far!

Hi all, have had a look at this and made some changes. I am sending it in "final" mode but you can turn track changes back on to see what I have changed. I have taken out annex B [redacted] and have added the bare bones to the main submission. We can get into that detail in the meeting if we need to.

[redacted]

If we can find out first thing great, otherwise leave as it is and as long as I know by 11.30 that's fine.

Thanks again for all your work on this.

Donna

[redacted]

Subject:

RE: Media Q&A

From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 August 2018 17:13

To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: Media Q&A

Hi all

With awareness that you have other priorities, please see attached questions I anticipate we will need answers to as soon as possible, and in anticipation of any bids we may receive.

The first section is in relation to PS points made – I don't think these necessarily have to be answered separately, but by our statement which may address some of these issues.

As discussed with [redacted], any statement from our side will be based upon an update to Justice convenor. I'm happy to wait until we've drafted that before working on the Q&A.

Happy to discuss any of the attached,

Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted] | Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education & Justice | The Scottish Government

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: [redacted] BTP Integration

From: Russell GE (Gillian)
Sent: 23 August 2018 17:37
To: [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] - BTP Integration

[redacted]

We discussed- you need some time to get this right so I think you should take on board any comments and aim to get this up when you can.

Gillian

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2018 16:48
To: Bell D (Donna) <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; Russell GE (Gillian) <Gillian.Russell@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] BTP Integration
Importance: High

Hello all

[redacted] will be sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice today.

Grateful for any urgent comments you may have.

Kind regards
[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications and Engagement Manager – Integration of British Transport Police Programme | Police Division | Safer Communities Directorate | DG Education, Communities and Justice | Scottish Government | 1R St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG [redacted] : url: www.scotland.gov.uk

[redacted]

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Sent: 23 August 2018 17:37
To: [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
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Subject: FW: BTP: Statement
Attachments: BTP Integration narrative.docx

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

From: Bell D (Donna)
Sent: 24 August 2018 23:15
To: [redacted]; [redacted] ; [redacted]; [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP: Statement

[redacted], sorry I missed this earlier. I have made some changes which I have left in track. happy to discuss if necessary.

Thanks

Donna

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 17:05
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP: Statement
Importance: High

Thanks [redacted].

Donna/Gillian/[redacted] – grateful for any further comments by 7.30pm tonight please. Have been advised by PO that Mr Yousaf will have very limited phone signal on Monday so they'd like to see this tonight.

Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted]
Communications DFM, Education & Justice

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 16:01
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted] ; Russell GE (Gillian) ; Bell D (Donna) ; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP: Statement

[redacted],

No comments from a legal perspective.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 15:10
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted] ;
[redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: BTP: Statement

Hi all

To see attached a draft statement and core narrative.

The plan would be to issue the statement following the issue of letters, and use the core narrative as a basis for any further work (eg. op-eds).

[redacted]– would it be possible to get a line on the infrastructure policing please? Ie at the time of the Act, UKG were planning on a restructure am I correct?

Grateful for any feedback as soon as possible please as I'll need to get these to Cab Sec today.

Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted] | Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education & Justice | The Scottish Government

[redacted]

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Subject: BTP Integration [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 August 2018 12:41

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; [redacted] Bell D (Donna)

Cc: Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTP Integration [redacted]

Cab Sec will need a timeline of events for next week. When will our letter be issued etc?

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

Sent: 24 August 2018 12:25

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice <CabSecJustice@gov.scot>; Bell D (Donna) <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Russell GE (Gillian) <Gillian.Russell@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTP Integration [redacted]

Thanks [redacted] and Donna,

I've updated Mr Yousaf and he's now content to clear [redacted], I'll get both of those on to the relevant people just now.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] |
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Scottish Government, Room 1W.11, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | [\[redacted\]](#)

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From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 23 August 2018 23:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; [redacted]

Cc: Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: BTP Integration [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

We have begun the process of rescheduling the JPB for next week, but there are still conversations that need to happen. I have discussed with Dan Moore at DfT and he is content. [redacted] planned to speak with BTP. I will ring BTPA and the BTPF in the morning.

Happy to discuss any aspect of this if that would be helpful.

Thanks

Donna

Donna Bell
Deputy Director
Police Division
Scottish Government
[redacted]

Subject: FW: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018
Attachments: BTP Integration QA - 23 August 2018 db amends.docx

From: Bell D (Donna)
Sent: 25 August 2018 00:05
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted] ; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

Hi all, I have made some changes/additions. I have removed the first bit as I don't think we need to get into that level of detail at this point. If we are asked specific questions on these aspects we can answer them [redacted]. I have added in some general budget stuff- [redacted] can you fact check this?
Happy to discuss

Thanks
Donna

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 16:40
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

Donna – please find attached the Q&A you originally sent. Still to receive clearance but [redacted] has come back with comments which I've included and wanted to send to you so you have something.

And content with your suggested line below.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 16:35
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

Hi all,

We're just chatting – one of the things we'll get pressed on is what is our response to the question 'Given the new information from Police Scotland, why are you persisting with integration (as a preferred option)?'

-- any thoughts on this?

I have committed to looking at all of the options, and until there is a clear alternative that would achieve the proper arrangements for transparency, oversight, governance and accountability - that the Scottish Parliament rightly expects across the rest of policing in Scotland - integration remains the clearest route to achieving devolution.

Thanks

[redacted]

Communications DFM, Education & Justice

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 August 2018 16:15

To: [redacted]; Bell D (Donna) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

Thanks for this , [redacted] and I wasn't happy with this one myself!

I think the answer needs to be something like '*we are looking at all available options which still includes full integration which will give effect to the recommendations of the Smith Commission*'.

Because you're right, [redacted]!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 August 2018 15:29

To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

[redacted]

Thanks, a couple of points from me.

Do we want to [redacted]? It may lead to a legitimate expectation that [redacted].

Regarding [redacted]:

[redacted]

Until such times a decision on the delivery of railway policing in Scotland is made, staff and officers will be protected in accordance with the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice which applies the principles of TUPE Regulations 2006."

COSOP only applies to BTP officers when they transfer, so it wouldn't make sense to say that it applies while they continue to work as BTP officers. [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 August 2018 14:32

To: Bell D (Donna) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: BTP Integration Q&A - 23 August 2018

Please find attached a pre-emptive Q&A drafted for comms purposes.

Grateful for comments/views by 3.45pm please.

Many thanks

[redacted]

Subject:

FW: Btp

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

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 26 August 2018 18:00

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Btp

Sorry [redacted] been out all day and no reception. Hopefully all is ok for the moment.
Donna

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: [redacted]

Date: Sunday, 26 Aug 2018, 10:45 am

To: Bell D (Donna)

Subject: Btp

Are you free to chat?

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

Subject: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 15:20
To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

Have spoken to [redacted] and will send this version to the Cab Sec just now (which just has one small additional tweak from Donna).

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education and Justice | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:46
To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Russell GE (Gillian) [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

Thanks Donna/[redacted] – have made those changes in version attached.

Grateful for any further comments by 3.15 so I can send up to Cab Sec to look at immediately after the public discussion in Arran.

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education and Justice | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [redacted]

From: Bell D (Donna)
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:37
To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Russell GE (Gillian) [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

One small tweak- thanks
Donna

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:31
To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian) [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

Hi all,

Following discussion with Cab Sec on the call, here is a revised release to reflect his thoughts on the key points.

Grateful for urgent views.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education and Justice | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 August 2018 18:46

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Yousaf H (Humza), MSP

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] First Minister; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

Cabinet Secretary,

Please find attached a draft SG press release which we would propose to issue to media (*in parallel with Ministerial letters to the Justice Committee and UKG*) following the SPA's publication, tomorrow afternoon, of papers for Thursday's SPA Board meeting, including a paper outlining Police Scotland's position re: integration.

The SG release has been drafted based on our understanding of the current position; while we expect to make some amendments following further discussions tomorrow, we agreed with Policy and SpAds the attached initial draft for Ministers to consider ahead of those discussions.

An internal-facing Q&A will be finalised through the course of this evening and in light of any further developments tomorrow.

[redacted]

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

Sent: 24 August 2018 12:52

To: First Minister

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Note from Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

<< File: Note to First Minister - 23 August - BTP Integration db amends.docx >>

PS/ First Minister

Please see attached note from Mr Yousaf for the attention of the First Minister to provide an update on British Transport Police Integration.

Mr Yousaf will bring a written SCANCE item to Cabinet on Monday (27th August) on this subject, a copy is attached below for information.

<< File: SCANCE - 23 August 2018 db amends.doc >>

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

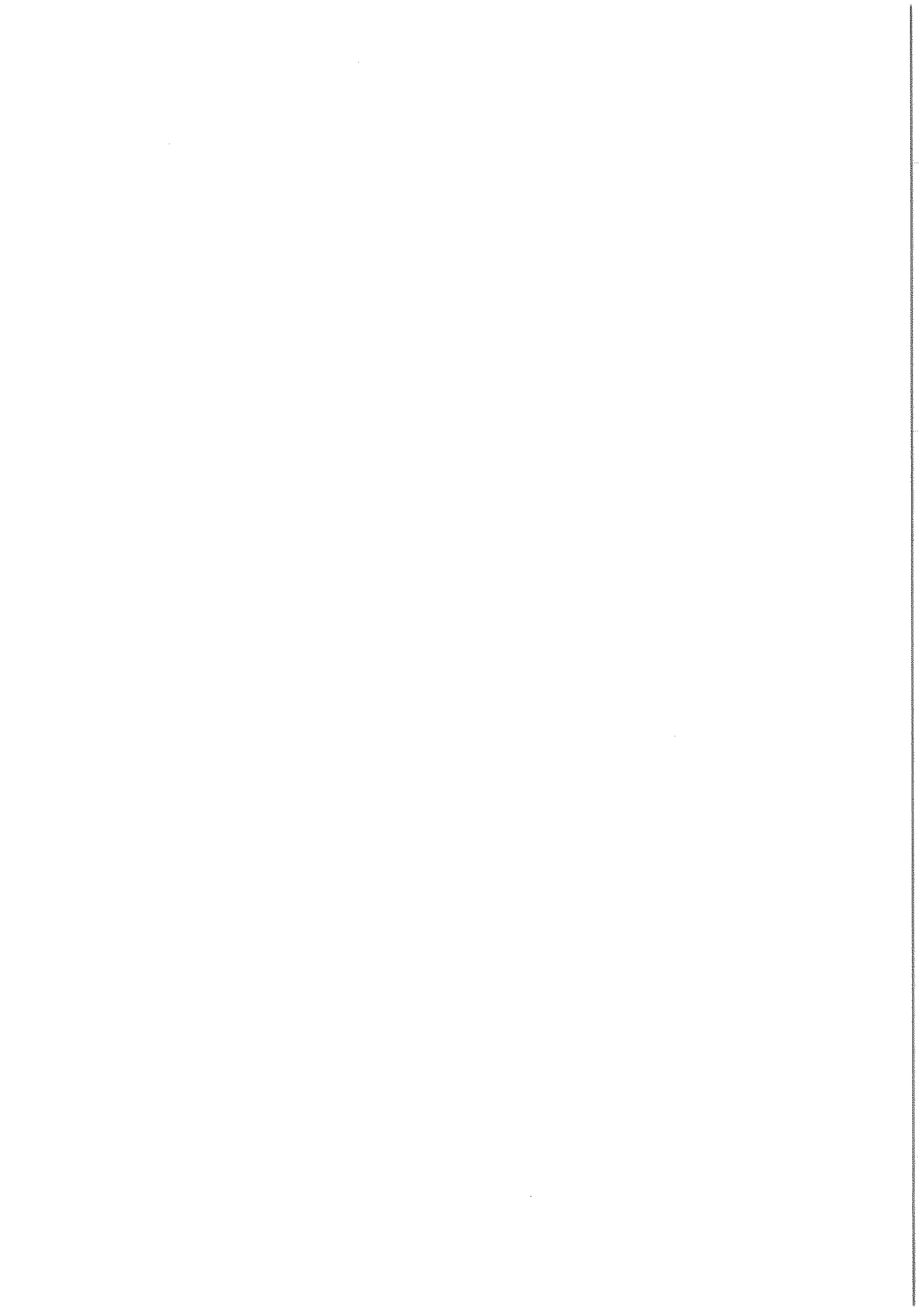
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Subject:

Weekly BTP Integration Project Leads Call - Cancellation

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 August 2018 18:01

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Weekly BTP Integration Project Leads Call - Cancellation

When: 28 August 2018 09:30-10:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Teleconference Details Below

Colleagues

Please find attached a news release (link below), providing an update on the devolution of railway policing.

<https://news.gov.scot/news/railway-policing>

The JPB meeting originally planned for tomorrow has been postponed and we will agree a new date for the meeting shortly. Tomorrow's projects leads call is also cancelled and we will reinstate the calls to provide details of next steps as soon as possible. Ministers are keen that we collaborate closely and we look forward to working with you all to consider how best to move forward.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

British Transport Police Integration Programme

Police Division

Scottish Government

[redacted]

Subject:

URGENT - Q and A

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 27 August 2018 15:12

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT - Q and A

Have made a few tweaks. Nothing major. Thanks

Donna

From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 August 2018 15:00

To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: URGENT - Q and A

Importance: High

All

Keeping the Q and A copy list short for the moment.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Communications and Engagement Manager – Integration of British Transport Police Programme | Police Division | Safer Communities Directorate | DG Education, Communities and Justice | Scottish Government | 1R St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG [redacted] : url: www.scotland.gov.uk

Subject:

BTP UP DATE: official sensitive

From: Russell GE (Gillian)

Sent: 27 August 2018 16:27

To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: BTP UP DATE: official sensitive

As requested by CSJ I spoke to CC Livingstone about the imminent statement on BTP and the fact that CSJ was acting on advice received last week from PS which has come from the re planning exercise.

CC was clear that we should be positive about the robust nature of the exercise and will be supportive of us looking at wider options with integration continuing to be the long term goal.

Gillian

Subject:

Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

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

Sent: 27 August 2018 16:53

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Cc: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] DG Education, Communities & Justice; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

Hi All,

Just to make you aware, CSJ has advised that he would like to have a call with officials, comms and spads to discuss the Q+A once any bids come in later on.

Can you advise who would be available for this.

Thanks,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 August 2018 16:00

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Cc: Bell D (Donna) [redacted][redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] ; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] DG Education, Communities & Justice; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

Dear Private Office

Please see revised News Release, Q&A and letters to be sent to the Convenor of the Justice Committee and UKG Ministers for clearance by Cabinet Secretary.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

Programme Manager

British Transport Police Integration Unit : Police Division

Scottish Government

St Andrew's House : Regent Road : Edinburgh : EH1 3DG

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: [redacted] British Transport Police Integration

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 27 August 2018 15:36

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: [redacted] British Transport Police Integration

A couple of tweaks from me.

Thanks

Donna

From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 August 2018 15:29

To: [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: [redacted] British Transport Police Integration

All – please see attached revised letters to go to SP Justice Committee and UKG Ministers. (please note I've noted on Secretary of State for Transport's letter that we will also cc to SofS for Scotland, David Mundell)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject:

FW: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

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

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 27 August 2018 17:04

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

Yes that's fine with me.

From: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Sent: 27 August 2018 17:00

To: Bell D (Donna)

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Subject: Re: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

He'll be off very and in car at 17:45 so suggest we do then?

Thanks,

[redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Bell D (Donna)

Sent: Monday, 27 August 2018 16:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

When does he want speak [redacted]?

From: [redacted]On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Sent: 27 August 2018 16:53
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Cc: Bell D (Donna); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary for Justice - BTP INTEGRATION - FOR CLEARANCE

Hi All,

Just to make you aware, CSJ has advised that he would like to have a call with officials, comms and spads to discuss the Q+A once any bids come in later on.

Can you advise who would be available for this.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] Assistant Private Secretary

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Subject: Government update

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 10:24
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]; Bell D (Donna); Dan Moore
Subject: RE: Government update

Sorry [redacted], Dan is meetings from 1pm onwards can we do it for 12?

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 09:41
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]; Donna Bell; Dan Moore
Subject: RE: Government update

Morning [redacted]

Would it be possible to make the call a little later today 2.30 pm?

Kind regards, [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 09:21
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Government update

[redacted]

We will just be dialling in.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2018 20:50
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Government update
Importance: High

Thanks for your email [redacted]. I will certainly organise. Can you let me know who will attend in person and who will dial in.

Thank you

[redacted]

Sent with BlackBerry Work (www.blackberry.com)

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 Aug 2018 17:41

To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: Government update

[redacted]

Dan has just spoken to Donna and we are updated of the current position. With the cancellation of the JPB meeting on Tuesday, Dan has asked for a Government to Government meeting to be organised on Tuesday for an hour or so to discuss the situation. Could you please organise. As we had saved the day for the JPB meeting, we are free for that time, but would appreciate the meeting to start the meeting at 11am if possible.

Many thanks
[redacted]



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Subject:

Weekly BTP Integration Leadership Call

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2018 10:26

To: [redacted] [redacted] Bell D (Donna); [redacted] 'Dan Moore'; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Canceled: Weekly BTP Integration Leadership Call

When: 28 August 2018 13:00-13:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Teleconference Details Below

Importance: High

Colleagues, today's BTP Integration Leadership Call is also cancelled and we will reinstate the calls to provide details of next steps as soon as possible.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Subject:

MEDIA QUERY: BTP Tory release - Express

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2018 14:50

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: News Desk; [redacted] Communications Justice; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP Tory release - Express

[redacted]

I'd suggest:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The Justice Secretary has made clear we remain committed to the full integration of railway policing into Police Scotland, as legislated for by the Scottish Parliament and will keep this under review. However, there is a need to identify interim arrangements that could give effect more quickly to the devolution of railway policing, as recommended by the Smith Commission.

"This is in light of recent advice from Police Scotland which emerged from the re-planning exercise commissioned by the Scottish Government earlier this year. The absolute priority for all those involved is the safety and security of officers, staff and those who use Scotland's railways."

Background:

See Cabinet Secretary's announcement here: <https://news.gov.scot/news/railway-policing>

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2018 14:29

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: News Desk; [redacted] Communications Justice; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: BTP Tory release - Express

Thx [redacted]

As it's word for word what Cab Sec said yesterday – but avoids the Express saying we gave 'no comment' if we simply referred them back to yesterday's release – I presume this is fine.

It's really only if there is something in the Tory release which **Policy** may feel warrants specific rebuttal. Otherwise SpAds may wish to issue something political, when you flag this to them.

Thx,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 14:10
To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: News Desk; [redacted] [redacted] Communications Justice; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian);
[redacted][redacted] [redacted]
Subject: MEDIA QUERY: BTP Tory release - Express

Hi all,

We have been contacted by [redacted] at the Daily Express about the below release from the Tories on the BTP merger.

Comms have drafted the following based on yesterday's news release. Grateful for any views asap.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"As the Justice Secretary said, in light of recent advice from Police Scotland – resulting from the re-planning exercise commissioned by the Scottish Government – we will re-examine all options for the devolution of railway policing, with clear governance structures that ensure accountability to the Scottish Parliament.

"The absolute priority for all those involved is the safety and security of officers, staff and those who use Scotland's railways."

Mr Yousaf said that the Scottish Government remained committed to the full integration of railway policing into Police Scotland, as legislated for by the Scottish Parliament and will keep this under review.

Background:

See Cabinet Secretary's announcement here: <https://news.gov.scot/news/railway-policing>

Thanks,

[redacted]
Newsdesk
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Subject: British Transport Police merger "in chaos", Police Scotland papers reveal
Date: 28 August 2018 at 11:33:23 BST
To: Undisclosed recipients;;

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British Transport Police merger "in chaos", Police Scotland papers reveal

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party press office

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

FAO: all newsdesks

Embargo: for immediate release

Police Scotland has admitted that it cannot even give an estimate of when the SNP's botched merger of British Transport Police might take place, new documents reveal.

The official Police Scotland submission to this week's Scottish Police Authority meeting concludes that it is "not currently in a position to recommend any revised 'go-live' date to either the Joint Police Board or the Scottish Police Authority."

The release of Police Scotland's submission on BTP coincided with Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf's u-turn last night when he admitted he would now explore "further options" on the devolution of the transport police service.

The Police Scotland submission states: "It has been agreed in consultation with the Chief Constable and Deputies that there is insufficiently detailed evidence at this point on which to reach a conclusion on a revised 'go live' date."

It adds: "We are not currently satisfied that the substantive matters raised by SPA members or associated issues of concern to Police Scotland have been adequately resolved or that there is sufficient clarity around the future timeline or process to address these issues."

Scottish Conservative shadow justice secretary Liam Kerr said:

"This damning submission by Police Scotland exposes the SNP's reckless approach to policing in Scotland.

"For months, the SNP refused to listen when they were told this merger would lead to chaos.

"It has taken Police Scotland to warn they can't even provide an estimate for when the merger might go live for the Minister finally to wake up to the facts.

"There are fair and reasonable plans on the table to devolve British Transport Police, in line with the recommendations of the Smith Commission.

"The Scottish Conservatives stand ready to ensure that can be done while making sure we meet the first test of protecting the public.

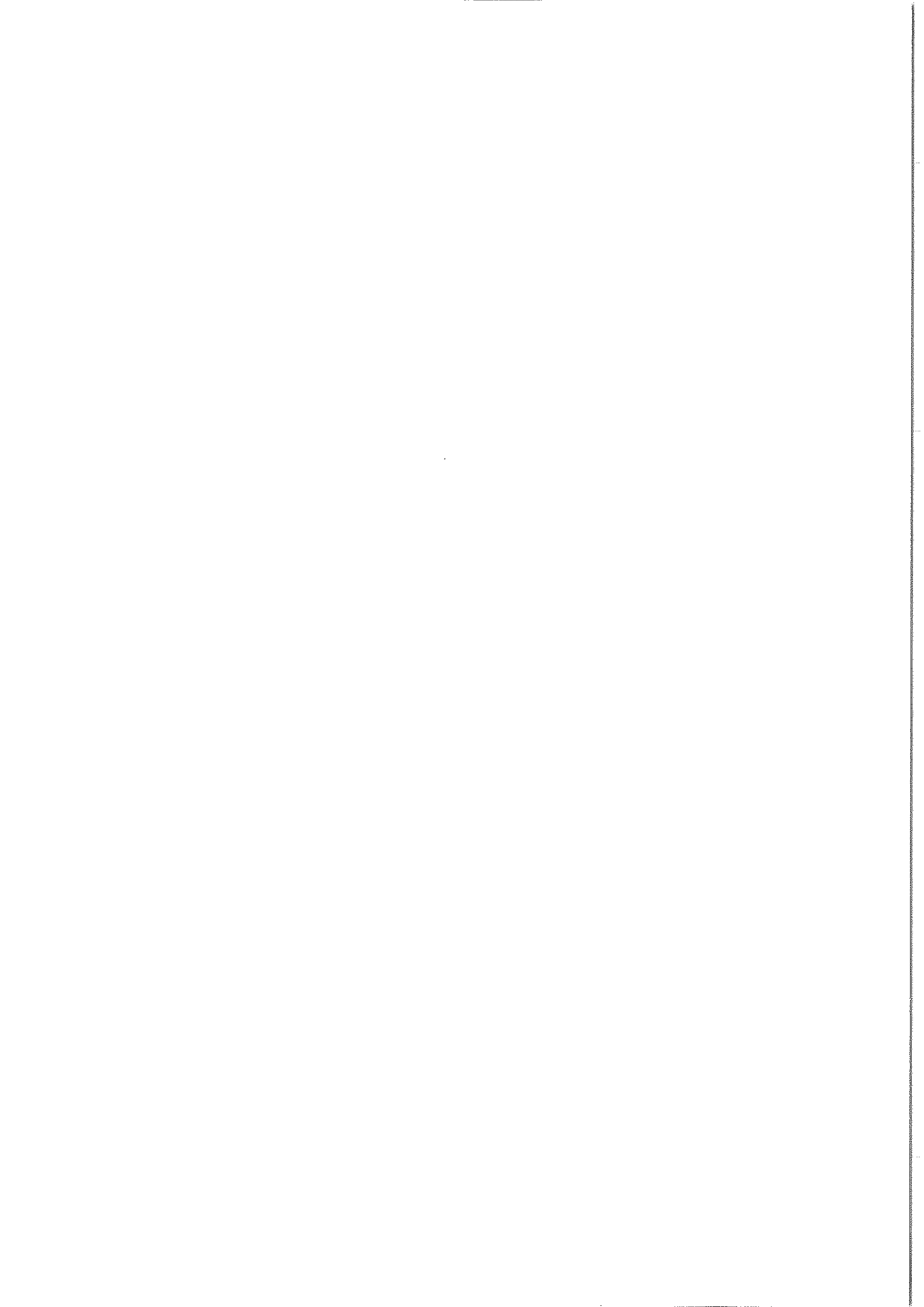
"It's time for the SNP to end the political games and act in the interests of Scottish policing and public safety."

Ends

Notes to editors:

See the new Police Scotland submission here:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/assets/126884/441011/441165/499381/item9>



Subject: BTP planning meeting

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 09:11
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP planning meeting

Hi [redacted]

Further to your email, would you be able to suggest the best time to contact you to check for any updates regarding next review?

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 10:03
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: BTP planning meeting

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your email.

As you know we have been following an aggressive timetable to re-plan the British Transport Police Integration programme and set a new date for integration. A timeline has been set for the Joint Programme Board to sign-off the re-plan on 28 August and give the go ahead to proceed to Independent Assurance Review week commencing 10 September.

As part of the re-planning exercise, Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority have recently presented advice to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice which he must now fully consider. We will be postponing the JPB to allow time for consideration of the issues raised and unfortunately this means that we will not be able to proceed with the Review at this time.

We are aware that arrangements are already underway and we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused. Please can you let me know the implications of cancelling at this stage.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]
British Transport Police Integration Programme

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2018 10:23
To: [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: BTP planning meeting

Hi [redacted]

Grateful if you could come back with the information requested on my previous email as soon as possible. [redacted] needs to book his travel for the planning meeting on the 30th and isn't able to do it until the meeting time is confirmed.

Furthermore, I am still looking for the rest of the review team and due to the short notice for the review it might happen that I wouldn't be able to find any available civil servants. I am however still contacting people for availability.

[redacted]

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: [redacted] Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

From: First Minister

Sent: 28 August 2018 14:17

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; First Minister

Cc: Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: [redacted] Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

[redacted]

The FM is content with the proposed course of action.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Sent: 24 August 2018 12:52

To: First Minister

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Bell D (Donna); Russell GE (Gillian); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: [redacted] Mr Yousaf - British Transport Police Integration

PS/ First Minister

Please see [redacted] from Mr Yousaf for the attention of the First Minister to provide an update on British Transport Police Integration.

Mr Yousaf will bring [redacted] to Cabinet on Monday (27th August) on this subject, [redacted]

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Scottish Government, Room 1W.11, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | **[redacted]** |
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Subject:

Staff & Officer Update

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 August 2018 12:55

To: Bell D (Donna); Dan.Moore@dfp.gov.uk

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Staff & Officer Update.pdf

Dear Donna and Dan

Please see a draft BTP Integration staff & officer update for your consideration.

We are aiming to issue this today and would be grateful to have your comments/approval as a priority.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Subject:

Mr Yousaf invited to give evidence to Justice Committee on 18th September

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 August 2018 15:54

To: Bell D (Donna); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: Russell GE (Gillian)

Subject: Mr Yousaf invited to give evidence to Justice Committee on 18th September

http://www.parliament.scot/S5_JusticeCommittee/Inquiries/20180828MMtoCabSec-BTP.pdf

Hi folks

Whilst scanning the Justice Committee pages, I came across the latest letter re BTP. I haven't been contacted by Private Office yet but just to make you all aware of the invitation.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject:

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 August 2018 11:55

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Humza Yousaf will 're-examine options' for devolution of railway policing - The Scotsman

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I'll get back to you once I've got something.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:47 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Humza Yousaf will 're-examine options' for devolution of railway policing - The Scotsman

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/humza-yousaf-will-re-examine-options-for-devolution-of-railway-policing-1-4790612>

Could we do anything with this?

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Comms to BTP staff and officers

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 August 2018 15:57

To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: Comms to BTP staff and officers

Importance: High

Hi all

Donna Bell and Dan Moore (DfT) have suggested that it would be helpful to issue a communication to BTP staff and officers, given the recent activity.

Would really appreciate any advice you have on the attachment – and if possible, so we could issue tomorrow.

Many thanks
[redacted]

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