

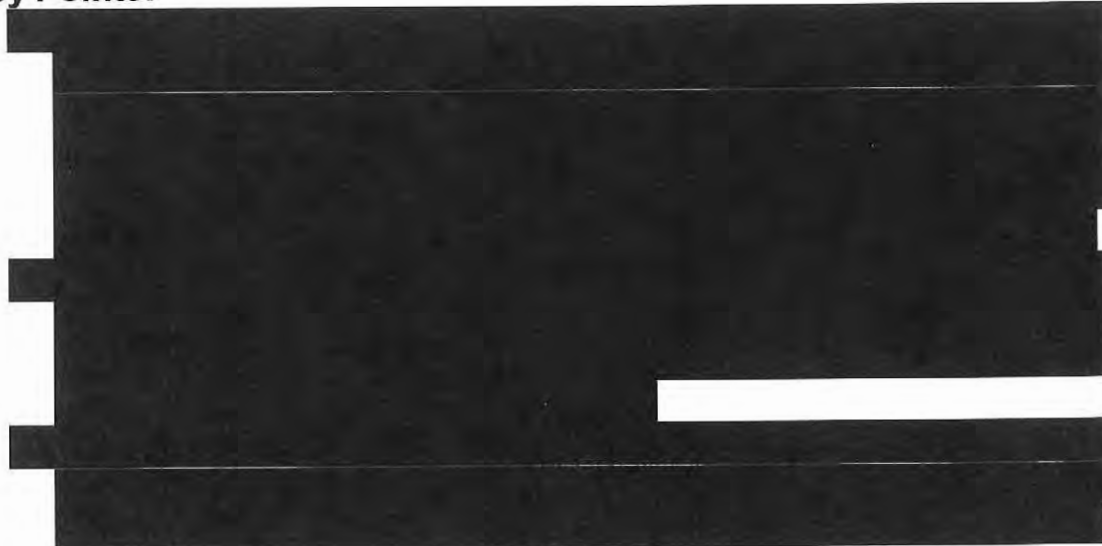
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<i>Event Programme</i>	You will chair the meeting.
<i>Summary Page (key issues, lines to take if pressed and issues to avoid)</i>	Annex: A
<i>Copy of letter sent from SQA to Fergus Ewing</i>	Annex: B
<i>Media Handling</i>	N/A
<i>Official Support</i>	Names: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

SUMMARY PAGE

Purpose of meeting:

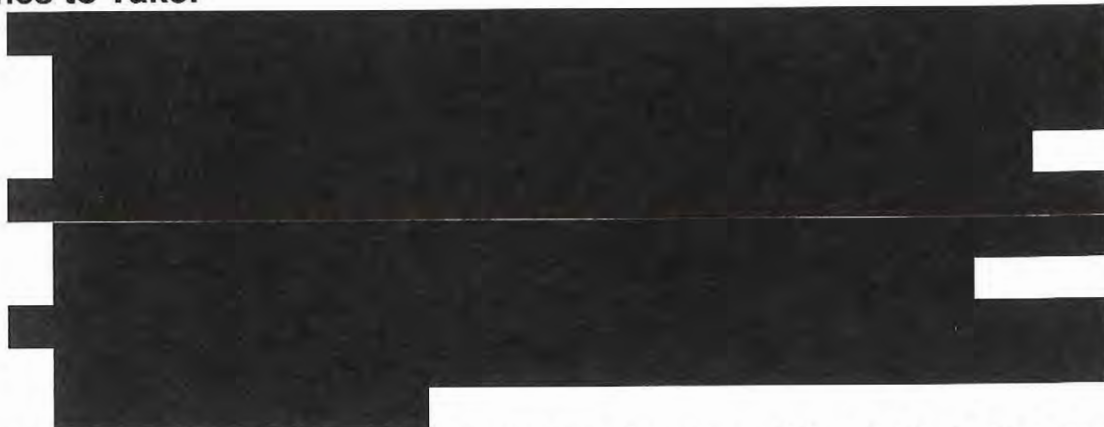
- To discuss SQA appeals processes

Key Points:



- SQA has conducted a consultation and review of its appeals system and is looking to move to a dual service approach:
 - Exceptional Circumstances (pre-results) – with a wider range of alternative evidence
 - Results Enquiry Service (post results) – clerical check or re-mark

Lines to Take:



- **A new appeals system is being developed by SQA following review and consultation. This will continue to protect candidates with exceptional circumstances, whilst removing the use of alternative evidence for those who have simply not achieved their expected marks on the day of the exam. Such candidates will still have the possibility of a re-mark service. This will bring SQA in line with practice elsewhere in the UK.**

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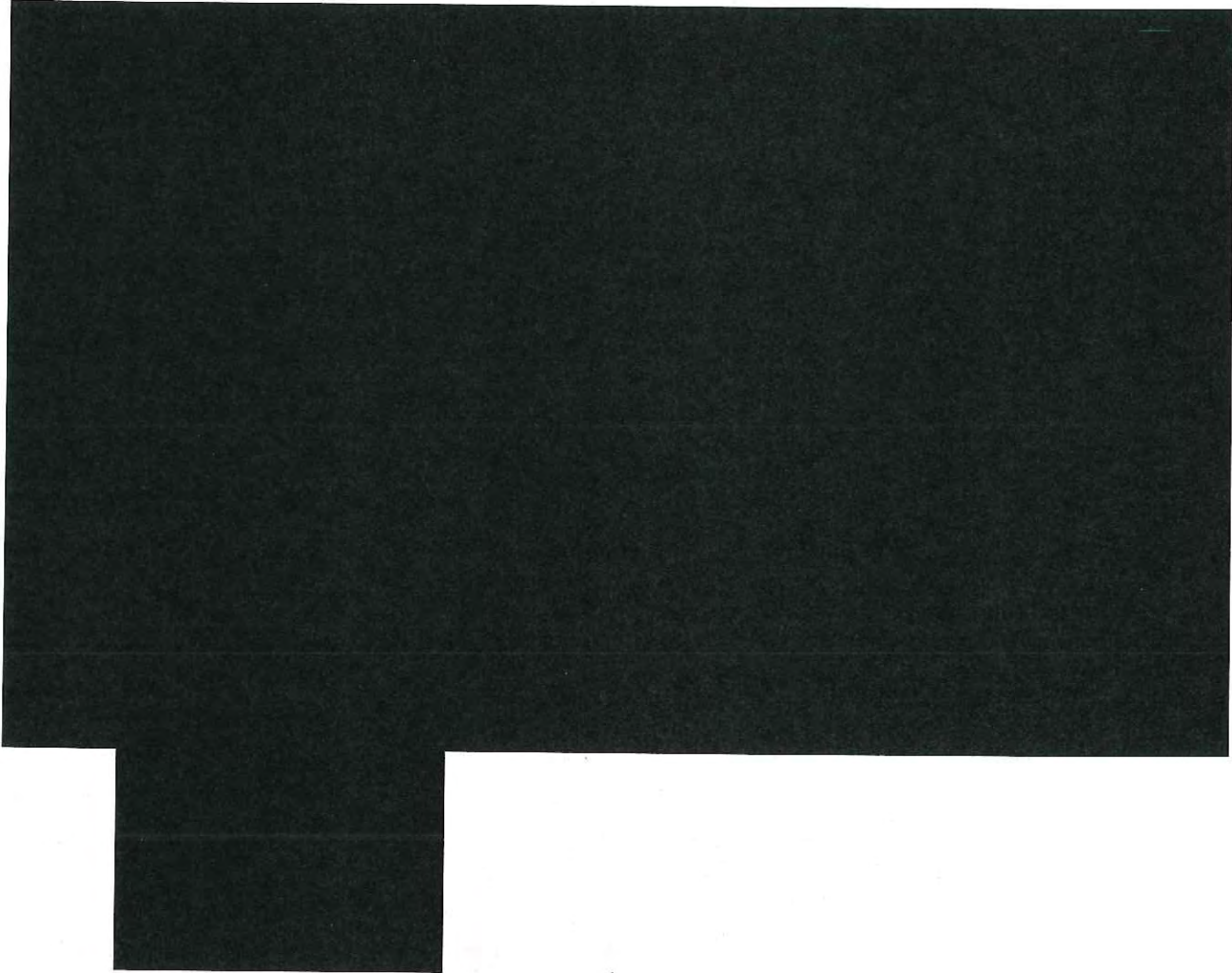
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Sent: 17 November 2014 13:34
To: ZZZ Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; [Redacted] (Director of Learning); [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Communications DFM & Education; zzzMinister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages 2011 to 2016; DG Education, Communities & Justice; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Morning media and action points

Tracking

Recipient	Read
ZZZ Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Read: 17/11/2014 13:35

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zzzMinister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages 2011 to 2016	Read: 17/11/2014 13:38
DG Education, Communities & Justice	Read: 17/11/2014 13:54

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Thanks for the extra time. Draft attached. I will be leaving the office shortly, so grateful if you could go back to [Redacted] with any further comments.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning

Sent: 17 November 2014 09:37

To: [REDACTED] Smarter; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages; DG Learning & Justice; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Morning media and action points

Good morning

Mr Russell has requested a SCANCE note to be prepared on the SQA appeals story (below) and the allegation it will hit schools and parents budgets. I would be grateful if this could be with us by **1200** in order for it to be cleared through Mr Russell and sent onto Cabinet Secretariat.

Template attached for your convenience - << File: Shell - Cabinet - SCANCE Template (4th Administration - 2013).doc >>

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary / Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning
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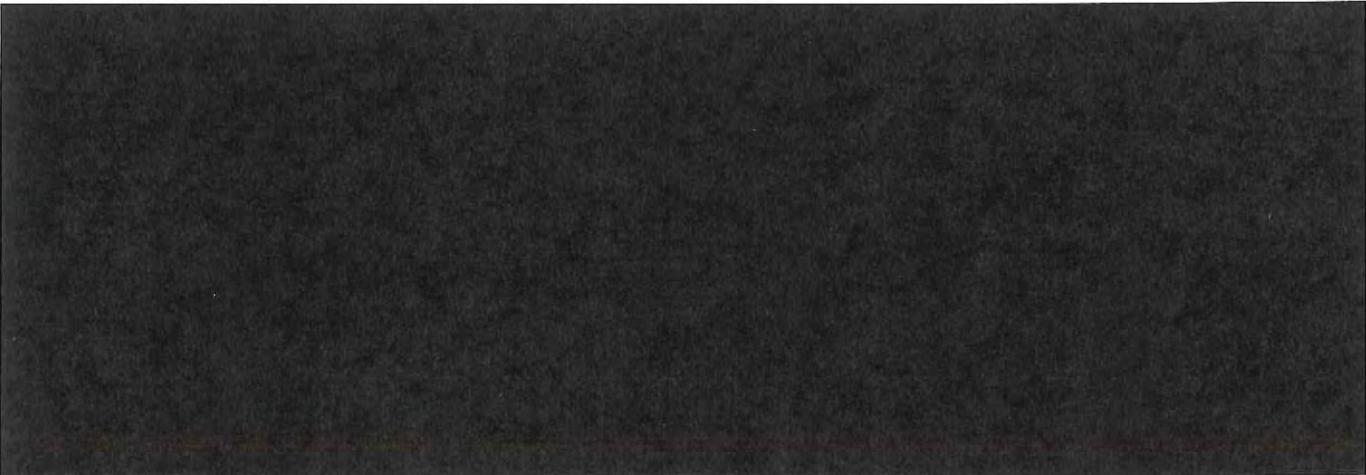


Subject: Morning media and action points

Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Media digest

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2016 14:16
To: Felvus A (Angela)
Subject: FW: SQA annual Results Services
Attachments: SQA Results Services - note to DFM - 2 August 2016.docx

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 August 2016 16:15
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: DG Learning & Justice; [REDACTED]
Subject: SQA annual Results Services

Colleagues

Please find a background note on SQA's Results Services (i.e. the replacement for the Appeals system) attached.

Thanks

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Kind regards

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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning
Sent: 10 March 2011 19:22
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Advice on Appeals and Use of Prelim Exams as Alternative Evidence

Sara

Thank you for your submission which Mr Russell has noted.

The Minister has commented that the proposed new approach to appeals seems fine and is content to meet on 17 March at 8.30am to discuss further with Mr Ewing, officials and Robert Quinn. I would be grateful if you would provide light briefing for this meeting as appropriate.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

APS/Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 March 2011 16:17
To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Advice on Appeals and Use of Prelim Exams as Alternative Evidence

As requested, please find attached some briefing around SQA appeals and use of prelim exams as alternative evidence:

<< File: Briefing on SQA Appeals and Use of Alternative Evidence.doc >>

A slot has been identified at 8.30 on Thursday 17 March if, following this advice, the Cabinet Secretary wishes to proceed with a meeting between himself, SQA and Fergus Ewing.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning
Sent: 24 February 2011 17:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; [REDACTED]
Subject: MCS 2011/0001144 AND MCS 2011/0001602

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Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of zzzMinister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages 2011 to 2016
Sent: 22 December 2011 14:35
To: ZZZ Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; [REDACTED] zzzMinister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages 2011 to 2016; zzzMinister for Children and Young People 2011 to 2016; zzzzMinister for Youth Employment
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; [REDACTED] Communications DFM
Subject: RE: SQA Proposals for Implementing a New Appeals Process

[REDACTED]

Dr Allan is also content with the recommendations.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary to Alasdair Allan MSP
Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning
Sent: 22 December 2011 12:39
To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages; Minister for Children and Young People; Minister for Youth Employment
Cc: DG Learning & Justice; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SQA Proposals for Implementing a New Appeals Process

[REDACTED]

Mr Russell is content to agree your recommendation.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 December 2011 12:24
To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages; Minister for Children and Young People; Minister for Youth Employment
Cc: DG Learning & Justice; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SQA Proposals for Implementing a New Appeals Process

Attached, please find a note containing SQA's handling plan re. this announcement as requested by Mr Russell.

Thanks

<< File: SQA Proposals for Implementing a New Appeals Process - 20 Dec.doc >>

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Sent: 28 November 2011 12:44
To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; Minister for Learning and Skills
Cc: Minister for Children and Young People; DG Learning & Justice; [REDACTED] Communications Smarter;
Subject: RE: SQA Proposals for Implementing a New Appeals Process