

Annex A

Any correspondence (emails, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, documents or otherwise) involving Scottish Government ministers, special advisers or senior civil servants regarding this story:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/holyrood-staff-refuse-to-hand-over-named-person-witnesses-h3rcbh10q>

The email chain provided below is the information The Scottish Government holds in regards to the request.

From: [redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 15 May 2018 18:51
To: [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Director for Children and Families; GIRFEC& CYP Bill Team; News Desk; Communications DFM & Education; McAllister C (Colin); Griffin J (Joe); Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser; [redacted]
Subject: RE: line for clearance - named person

[redacted],

DFM is content to clear this

Thanks

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[redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted] / Blackberry - [redacted]

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From:[redacted]
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PO DFM,

Daniel Sanderson from the Times has approached Communications about named person. He has asked for a statement in response to the attached FOI response from the Scottish Parliament.

Daniel's top line is what he claims are "inappropriate" SG requests for committee witnesses names and refusal by clerks. He is also questioning if inaccurate information was provided by SG - by claiming info had been provided by clerks while they were on leave. His last point is about SG wanting to send an official to a committee focus group (also refused).

Communications, policy and SPADs have discussed this issue, and this statement has been cleared following advice.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“It is normal practice for Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament to keep each other informed of policy developments within the committee’s remit.

“The Scottish Government is committed to working positively and productively with the Education & Skills Committee in order to support this important piece of legislation through Parliament.”

Is DFM content for this to issue?

My contact numbers are below if private office would like further information.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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