

From: Johnston P (Paul)
Sent: 28 June 2018 22:41
To: McAllister C (Colin)
Cc: Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Smart P (Paul)
Subject: RE: Ministerial appointment withdrawn: advice sought

Thanks for confirming all of this Colin. I will speak further to Mike Cantlay tomorrow to ensure that SFC are fully aware of the position.

Paul

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From: McAllister C (Colin)
Sent: 28 June 2018 17:05
To: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Macdonald R (Roddy); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Communications DFM & Education; Smart P (Paul); Johnston P (Paul)
Subject: RE: Ministerial appointment withdrawn: advice sought

Dear All

For info, I have made the following point to Universities Scotland, NUS, Colleges Scotland and EIS:

- The FM will make an appointment in due course.
- She is not required to wait until Parliament returns and can appoint over the summer should she wish to do so although, obviously, that is then subject to a vote once Parliament returns.
- In the interim, all matters relating to the Ministerial brief will fall to DFM so there is no "gap".

Regards

Colin McAllister

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Actually, given this is a decision of the FM (and partially political at that), I would be grateful if this can be left with me to deal with. I have left a message asking [Redacted] to give me a call. Thanks.

Regards

Colin McAllister

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Roddy,

Thanks for highlighting this query. I've spoken to [Redacted] in Comms (who helpfully reminded me that he doesn't start in E&S until Monday). Nevertheless, he suggested that we refer any external queries to the FM's comments in Parliament this afternoon. I've pasted the relevant extract from the official report below.

I've added DFM's office and Colin for any comments on this approach.

FM quote:

Before I turn to the nominations for which I seek approval today, I confirm to the chamber that, with regret, I will not be asking Parliament to approve the appointment of Gillian Martin as a minister. In the course of this morning, information about content on a blog that was written by her more than 10 years ago was brought to my attention. I was not previously aware of all the comments of which I am now aware. I have to say that that content—however ill advised it may have been—does not reflect the views of the person that I know in Gillian Martin. However, the content merits my further consideration and I will, therefore, not ask Parliament to approve her appointment until I have had the chance to reflect further.

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From: Macdonald R (Roddy)

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Importance: High

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Will there be some sort of formal line about DFM cover we can use with stakeholders?

Thanks Roddy