

## Information for FoI/18/02506

1. Extract from minutes taken at a meeting on 23 May 2018 concerning the Wellbeing Economy Governments network. In relation to the Inclusive Growth workstream of the Council of Economic Advisers.

### Attendees

[redacted] Costa Rica's Permanent Ambassador to the WTO  
[redacted], Wellbeing Economy Alliance  
Alyson Stafford, Director General, Scottish Exchequer  
Andy Park, Scottish Government  
Carol Tannahill, Scottish Government  
Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution  
[redacted], Wellbeing Economy Alliance  
Doreen Grove, Scottish Government  
[redacted], University of Glasgow  
[redacted], Policy Scotland, University of Glasgow  
[redacted], Ex'Tax Project  
Gary Gillespie, Scottish Government  
[redacted], Head of Oxfam Scotland  
[redacted], Wellbeing Economy Alliance  
[redacted], Head of Oxfam Wales  
[redacted] , Omnipolus, Documentary Maker  
[redacted] Scottish Government  
[redacted] , Omnipolus, Documentary Maker  
Professor Sara Carter, University of Strathclyde  
Professor Sir Harry Burns, University of Strathclyde  
[redacted] , Scottish Government  
[redacted] , Government of the Republic of Slovenia

### Session 4: Recap and Next Steps

*“We may not be the best, but best practice is out there and we need to be ambitious in finding it.”*

This session provided an opportunity to recap on main areas of agreement and actions, as well as allowing Derek Mackay and Alyson Stafford to provide their view on next steps, the key points raised by participants from earlier in the day were:

- The amount of agreements and consensus reached in terms of defining what the group is and clearly setting out its role, as well as the practicalities (funding, timelines) of operationalising the group.
- A key part of this was the recognition that the group should be a “humble alliance” – recognising both our enthusiasm for the cause, but also the room for progress to be made.
- The enthusiasm present within the room – and the feeling of a “safe environment” that was being fostered to both share and learn – would be key in driving the group forward.
- There was real excitement in the group in terms of being able to take away some of the energy and ideas shared today and reflect on this with political leaders as well – something that made the appearance of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution all the more valuable.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution then briefly reflected on his ambitions for the group and led a final session ..... Key themes included:

- The National Performance Framework being finalised within Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary picked up on some of the themes that Carol had set out earlier and underlined that wellbeing is at the centre of the refreshed National Performance Framework –
- The Cabinet Secretary also expressed that he was really pleased that there was a really broad consensus on this throughout Scotland on the importance of wellbeing – the consultation process for this refresh of the National Performance Framework has extensive and far reaching, and one of the key messages that has come out of this consultation is about focussing on wellbeing and on kindness.
- The Cabinet Secretary also discussed the importance of promoting a wellbeing culture as part of the groups work – reflecting some of the comments above about the environment being fostered by the group, and one of the key outputs of the group being about facilitating – or giving permission to – people to create change.

Before closing, the actions (set out on the first page of these minutes) that were agreed were set out again. It was noted that this was a significant day in developing the understanding the challenge that faces the group and developing a strategy to deliver a launch.

## **2. Correspondence between the Office of the First Minister and Mariana Mazzucato in regards to event relating to Innovation workstream of the Council of Economic Advisers.**

From: Mazzucato, Mariana [redacted]

Sent: 24 April 2018 12:52

To: Gillespie G (Gary); DG Economy

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

Subject: An invitation for Nicola Sturgeon: linking patient finance to industrial Strategy

Dear Gary and Liz,

Hello there. I hope you are well.

I'm delighted that the implementation plan for the Scottish National Investment Bank has been received well. We've had lots of great feedback on the proposals, and it seems there is now growing interest in the area of patient finance and public investment banks.

In order to capitalise on this, we at IIPP are hosting a workshop and dinner in the UK Parliament (House of Lords, hosted by Lord David Willetts) on the afternoon and evening of 13th June which will bring together leading international experts and practitioners to discuss linking patient finance to wider industrial strategy. A provisional draft agenda is attached for your reference.

We would be honoured if Nicola Sturgeon would be able to join us at the event and deliver the keynote speech focusing on the motivations and ambitions for establishing the Scottish National Investment Bank. The workshop will be attended by leading academics, policymakers and practitioners from around the world as well as policymakers from the rest of the UK, therefore it will be a great opportunity to show how Scotland is at the forefront of thinking in this space and is leading by example. She could either deliver the keynote during the main conference time, or if she prefers as a dinner speech. We could cover all costs, including accommodation.

It should be a great event, and so I would be very grateful if you could pass this onto her team asap so the agenda can be firmed up. Please cc [redacted] as he is helping me organise this. The event is being co-funded by one of our EC Horizon grants called Innovation Fuelled Sustainable Inclusive Growth<<http://www.isigrowth.eu/>>?and the last session will bring in the wider EU perspective.

Thank you and kind regards,  
Mariana

Mariana Mazzucato  
Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value

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21 May 2018

Dear Prof. Mazzucato

Thank you for your invitation for the First Minister to speak at the Institution for Innovation and Public Purpose Workshop and Dinner on Wednesday 13 June.

Unfortunately, due to existing diary commitments, the First Minister is unable to accept your kind invitation on this occasion. She has asked me to pass on her best wishes for a successful workshop and dinner.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary

### **3. Letter from the First Minister to Frances Ruane – January 2018.**

18 January 2018

Dear Frances

It has been a pleasure getting to know you personally over the last two and half years and I appreciate the service you have provided to the Scottish Government and Scotland more widely in serving on the Council of Economic Advisers for over 10 years, and more recently, on the Enterprise and Skills Review and Standing Council on Europe.

I, along with my predecessor and Ministerial colleagues, have benefited from your expertise, insights and willingness to provide full and frank advice on wide ranging and often complex economic and social issues.

The reports produced as part of the Fiscal Commission Working Group (FCWG) to advise the Scottish Government on a macro-economic framework for an independent Scotland were invaluable in providing clear recommendations to the Scottish Government at that time, but also in informing the wider public debate.

Your insights and expertise relating to enterprise and skills evidence and policy I know were appreciated by the Review team in helping to shape their recommendations. As part of the Standing Council, your candid views contributed to the rich tapestry of expertise which this group has provided in steering our actions in dealing with the range of issues and challenges facing Scotland from Brexit.

In each of these different roles you brought a professionalism and personal commitment to making a difference. The fact that your regular trips to Scotland became a part of your professional life is testament to that. These continued (and increased) over the last two years, despite you stepping down from your full time role as Director of the Economic Social Research Institute (ESRI), and wanting to focus on other activities.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best in your new endeavours and I am sure you will be a success in the different roles you undertake in Ireland. I know you have a commitment to Inclusive Growth and the Arts and I look forward to seeing you in Dublin or Edinburgh in the future and we will keep you updated as we progress our agenda.

With my personal thanks and good wishes,

Nicola

Nicola Sturgeon