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RE: Weekly BTP Integration Project Leads Call - Cancellation

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

From: [redacted]

Sent: 04 September 2018 10:54

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: 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

For FOI request.

[redacted]

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

[redacted – released under FoI/18/02354]

Subject:

FOI - ECJ - British Transport Police merger - Colin Malaney

From: [redacted]

Sent: 04 September 2018 10:20

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

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Thanks,

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Sent: 30 August 2018 15:02

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: FOI - ECJ - British Transport Police merger - Colin Malaney

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Thank you for your assistance.

Colin Malaney

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 August 2018 13:23
To: Central Enquiry Unit; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Bell D (Donna)
Subject: RE: FOI - ECJ - British Transport Police merger - Colin Malaney

Thank you.

[redacted] – I'd be grateful if you could accept this and arrange to take it forward.

Many thanks

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From: Central Enquiry Unit
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Gilli

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Ext: 35016

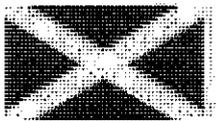
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Subject: FOI - advice on BTP Merger

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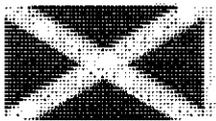
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RE:

From: [redacted]

Sent: 09 October 2018 11:43

To: [redacted]

Subject:

Hi [redacted]

Could you forward me redacted versions of:

[redacted – documents released under FoI/18/02354]

Also unsure whether we need to release the draft versions of the letters to SoS Transport and Justice Committee Convenor as there's no requirement to release work in draft if the final version is being released.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject:

RE: Fol Paperwork

From: [redacted]

Sent: 09 October 2018 16:10

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Fol Paperwork

Hi [redacted],

Please see attached papers for release under the Colin Malaney Fol and amended covering letter to reflect the fact that it's no longer September!

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject:

RE: New Fol Papers

From: [redacted]

Sent: 09 October 2018 14:44

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: New Fol Papers

Hi [redacted],

Please see attached further Fol papers that have been redacted and converted to PDF (via the scan to me function on the secure printer). I've redacted a fair bit of one of the [redacted] e-mails because it's the exact same stuff that we're releasing via another e-mail and [redacted]. I've also included the attachment to the e-mail that Donna sent me that I couldn't see in the papers you passed to me as I wasn't sure whether it was to be included or not. I'm going to send you another e-mail with all the papers that are pegged for release separately where I'll rename the files to something more sensible!

Thanks,

[redacted]

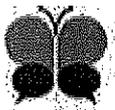
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Subject:

RE: Your request under Fol/18/02354

From: [redacted]

Sent: 09 October 2018 10:55

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: Your request under Fol/18/02354

[redacted]

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Subject: RE: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 October 2018 12:27
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

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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Subject:

RE: FoI

From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 October 2018 15:54

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: FoI

Hi [redacted]

FoI is currently sitting with Donna for clearance and will have to go to SpAds and Ministers once it's been cleared by her. I've (hopefully!) saved everything to the eRDM folder (also attached) in case you need to make any amendments using the naming convention original/redacted/response for all the different versions.

Hopefully you won't have to make any amendments and it can be cleared nice and quickly!

Thanks,

[redacted]

Subject:

RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 October 2018 15:53

To: Bell D (Donna) <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

Hi Donna,

Please see attached amended response to FoI/18/02354 which incorporates [redacted] and your comments.

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I've printed out and ordered the response in full so I'll bring that round in a wee bit to make things easier!

Thanks,

[redacted]

Subject:

RE: FOI e-mails

From: [redacted]

Sent: 11 September 2018 11:56

To: [redacted]

Subject: FOI e-mails

[documents attached released under FOI/18/02354]

Subject:

RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 October 2018 16:28

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Bell D (Donna)

Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

Hi

I'd be grateful if SpAds could confirm that they are content with this response to FoI/18/02354 is from a Parliamentary researcher who requested:

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Please note that my DD Donna Bell, Comms and SGLD have all confirmed they are content.

I am on annual leave as of close today and not returning to the office until 23rd October so I'd be grateful if you could reply all and a member of the BTP team (copied in above) will pick this up and progress it.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 October 2018 16:31

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

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Hi [redacted]

If you haven't heard from SpAds by Tuesday then feel free to chase them up. I've put the original papers in your top drawer.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: FoI SpAds PO

Sent: 12 October 2018 16:28

To: [redacted]

Subject: Automatic reply: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

Thank you for your e-mail. We will endeavour to respond within 5 working days. If you require an urgent response please contact a member of the Special Advisers' Private Office.

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Subject:

RE: FOI requests

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 September 2018 17:04

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FW: FOI requests

To see amendments for tomorrow!

Thanks,

[redacted]

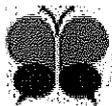
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Subject: RE: FOI requests

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2018 17:35
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI requests

To see further comments from SGLD.

Thanks,

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RE: FoI Covering Letter and Papers for Release

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 September 2018 17:34

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: FoI Covering Letter and Papers for Release

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached covering letter and PDF copies of all the stuff we're planning to release. As per SGLD comments there'll be a few amendments to make on a couple of docs before it can be forwarded to Donna for approval.

Thanks,

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Sent: 12 September 2018 17:43
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI requests

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for the advice, I was trying to redact all the documents in double quick time so it's not entirely unexpected that a few names fell through the net ahead of the first round of checking! Could you please send any further comments to [redacted] (copied in) as I'll be out of the office after today and [redacted] will be taking this forwards in my absence.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2018 17:27
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI requests

I wondered too about the [redacted] heading. Arguably it's advice to Ministers?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2018 17:21
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI requests

[redacted]

Further to [redacted] email below, redactions should probably be made in the following emails:

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 September 2018 17:03

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI requests

[redacted]

[redacted] will loom too, but a quick scan showed my name as a recipient of one of the emails – I think my name should be redacted. And in the next document there's a reference to SGLD advice, which should also be redacted.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 September 2018 16:13

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI requests

Hi [redacted],

Please see the attached e-mails that we're planning to release under this Fol.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 11 September 2018 12:02

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: FOI requests

[redacted]
Policy & Legislation Team Leader
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 September 2018 11:30
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI requests

Hi [redacted]

I'm just back today from sick leave all of last week so slightly out of the loop at the moment. I agree we should catch up on what legal advice, if at all any of it, would be deemed appropriate to release.

I'll give it some thought with colleagues here and get back to you at some point tomorrow if that's ok?

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 September 2018 10:06

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FOI requests

[redacted]

I hope you're well. I realise that we have FOI requests for correspondence regarding the BTP merger. When you've got the chance, it would be helpful if we could check what legal advice you've identified as being within the scope of request, just to make sure we're not releasing anything that might be legally privileged.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol Papers - Non-PDF Copies

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 September 2018 07:47
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Fol Papers - Non-PDF Copies

[redacted]

Thanks for this. There are some bits and pieces that need redacted, I can speak to you on Tuesday.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2018 16:59
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: Fol Papers - Non-PDF Copies

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached e-mails which have been redacted but not converted to PDF in case there's any mistakes in any of the papers we're releasing.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
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[redacted]



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Subject:

RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** FoI SpAds PO

Sent: 17 October 2018 10:49

To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Bell D (Donna)

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

[redacted]

SpAds are content with you now sending your proposed response on for Ministerial clearance.

Lines need to be prepared with Comms ahead of this being issued as well as a handling plan prepared.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Special Advisers' Office

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Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 October 2018 15:19
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this I will check the paperwork again before issuing.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 October 2018 14:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for sending these over. I don't have the time to check through them all but there's a couple of names that haven't been redacted – 28 August 2018 7 – [redacted] is named throughout. Grateful if you can amend please (might be worth checking others).

Thanks also for the lines –as it's for a parli researcher it's unlikely to go out to media straight away (if it does at all) so we'll likely be back in touch closer to the time if that happens.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Communications DFM, Education & Justice
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 October 2018 13:15
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE - FoI 18 02354

[redacted]

SPADs have now cleared this FOI from Mr Colin Malaney, a Scottish parliament researcher, regarding the integration of British Transport Police into Police Scotland. He has asked for information over a small period of time (22 -30 August). As you will be aware this was the time the Scottish Government made a decision to look at other options to full integration.

Do you want to have lines ready for any media enquires? We have issued the following in the past.

Throughout the re-planning process, commissioned by Scottish Ministers, we have been committed to listening to stakeholders. As part of the re-plan, recent advice from Police Scotland on a range of issues, and timing of implementation, particularly relating to ICT, has emerged. Based on that information, I have decided that we will re-examine all options for the devolution of railway policing, with clear governance structures that ensure accountability to the Scottish Parliament.

Full integration of railway policing into Police Scotland, as legislated for by the Scottish Parliament remains a long term goal and we will keep the commencement date of the Act under review. However, there is a need to identify interim arrangements that can give effect more quickly to the Smith Commission's cross-party recommendation to devolve railway policing 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.

I want to pay tribute to the on-going commitment of officers and staff of both police services, who I look forward to engaging with on this matter in the very near future.

I will commit to keeping Parliament fully updated on progress.

I will be issuing the response this afternoon.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject:

RE: For Clearance: Fol/18/02354 - Due 27 September 2018

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Bell D (Donna)

Sent: 19 September 2018 15:03

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: For Clearance: Fol/18/02354 - Due 27 September 2018

[redacted] when is this due?

Donna is up against it and re time in her diary to clear this. Are you passing over a hard copy here?

[redacted]

[redacted]

PA – Donna Bell, Deputy Director

Police Division | Safer Communities Directorate | Scottish Government | 1R St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

☎ [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 19 September 2018 13:41

To: Bell D (Donna) <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: For Clearance: Fol/18/02354 - Due 27 September 2018

Hi Donna,

Please see attached covering letter and papers that we are planning to release under Fol/18/02354 which is from a Conservative party parliamentary researcher and asks for:

- Copies of any correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefs or otherwise) between Police Scotland and the Scottish Government on Wednesday 22 August 2018 on the subject of the integration of British Transport Police into Police Scotland.
- Any internal Scottish Government correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefs or otherwise) from 22 August 2018 – 30 August 2018 [inclusive] on the subject of the integration of British Transport Police into Police Scotland. This should include Officials, Special Advisers, Ministers and Staff.

SGLD have cast their eyes over the attached and are content.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject: RE: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

From: Bell D (Donna)
Sent: 26 September 2018 18:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FW: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

To see the attached email and my response. I think this is a key document that the requestor has asked for. Can you add it to the pack please.

Please also find attached note of the meeting that took place between SG/PSoS/SPA on 23 August.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks

Donna

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 September 2018 17:45
To: Bell D (Donna) <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: BTP Intergration [OFFICIAL]

[redacted – not in scope]