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FW: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload - For information

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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload - For information

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DFM is content for the FOI to issue.

Thanks
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To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Copy: Special Advisors, Comms and policy officials

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Purpose

1. To notify the Deputy First Minister of the attached FOI release which will be sent to the requester no later than Wednesday 10 October (the FOI deadline for the request).

Priority

2. **Urgent.** I'd be grateful if Private Office can reply by Mon 8th October to confirm that DFM has been advised of this release.

Scope of the Request

3. The requester, a freelance journalist, asked for “Details of any correspondence (emails, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, documents or otherwise) from headteachers or teachers to John Swinney on the topic of excessive workload in 2018.”

Background Information

4. Officials conducted a search of the Ministerial Correspondence system and electronic files. In addition, teams across the Learning Directorate - including those who lead on teacher professionalism, standardised assessments, curriculum and additional support for learning - were asked to check their files, in-boxes and paper documents. A total of 11 items were identified for release including two news releases, 8 letters/emails and one Parliamentary Question response. In relation to the letters and emails, we have redacted only individuals’ names and email addresses in line with the guidance on appropriate redaction of personal data. Officials have contacted the various correspondents in order to notify them that we propose to release their documents in response to an FOI request.

5. The content of the various letters (attached at Annex A below) focuses on a variety of teacher workload issues and/or wider points about the qualifications or schooling system where workload is referenced as a related issue.

6. As the papers are non-controversial, the response has been cleared at officials level in line with guidance from the FOI Unit. The proposed response and papers have also been provided to SpAds for comment and they are content with the proposed release.

Handling/Comms

7. Communications officials have been notified. In response to any article on the back of the release, we propose to draw on core briefing on the strengths of the education system and teaching profession as well as the various steps that have been taken to tackle bureaucracy.


Recommendation











8. That DFM is notified of the attached release of information under FOI.

[redacted]
 Learning Directorate
 Ext [redacted]
 04 October 2018

Annex A: Documents for release

*** Note to Private Office: If DFM wishes to view the documents that are to be released you will need to open and print each of the PDF attachments in the right-hand column in the table. There are approx. 60 pages in total.**

Doc. No	Date	Brief description	Release - wholly or in part	Exemption(s)/ Exception(s) applied	Redacted documents proposed for release under
2446#1	31 March	FOI/18/02446 - Email to DFM – National 4/5 suggestion	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI: 18 02446 March Email

2446#2	27 August	FOI/18/02446 – Letter from EIS to DFM – Future of RPA	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 August 2018
2446#3	1 March	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – Changes to national 6 geography	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 March 2018
2446#4	1 March	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – SSTA document – Millburn academy	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 March 2018
2446#5	8 February	FOI/18.02446 - Letter from NASUWT to DFM – Teachers pay and conditions of service	Full release		 FOI 18 02446 February 2018
2446#6	27 June	FOI/18/02446 - Letter from EIS to DFM – 10% pay claim	Full release		 FOI 18 02446 June 2018
2446#7	23 June	FOI/18/02446 – Email To DFM – QIO posts and QIM	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 June 2018
2446#8	7 February	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – Primary schools today	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 June 2018
2446#9	4 June	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – Workload from the Scottish Guidance Association	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 June 2018
2446#10	21 May	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – Use of supply teachers in schools	Partial redaction	Name, address and email address of correspondent – personal data	 FOI 18 02446 May 2018
2446#11	14 February	FOI/18/02446 – Email to DFM – Scottish Parliament written answer	Full release		 FOI 18 02446 February 2018