
Subject:

FW: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Fol SpAds PO
Sent: 02 October 2018 18:16
To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

Hi [redacted],

Special Advisers have considered the response and have no comments to make.

They are content for you to now send this for Ministerial clearance.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office

Tel: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]

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From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Fol SpAds PO
Sent: 02 October 2018 15:01
To: [redacted]; Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

Hi [redacted],

It's with SpAds at the moment. I will chase up tomorrow and get back to you.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 02 October 2018 09:18

To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

Hi [redacted],

Do you have an idea of when SpAds might be able to provide comment on the above Fol? I am just conscious that my deadline is Thursday so want to make arrangements if it is likely to run over.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Fol SpAds PO
Sent: 27 September 2018 13:11
To: [redacted] Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for sending that on.

Would it be possible for you to send over a hardcopy to consider? Please only include the info that you are proposing to release. If you could send to SAH 4N.06 that would be great.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 September 2018 16:42
To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI/18/02446 - Teacher Workload

To: FOI Spads

FOI/18/02446: Teacher Workload

Please see attached FOI and draft response for any comments from SPADS before it goes to Ministers (DFM) next week.

I'd be grateful for any comments from SPADs by 2nd Oct. In light of the focus on education, I'd suggest this go to [redacted] for any views.

Details:

FOI Case Number:	FOI/18/02446
Response Deadline:	Wed 10 October
Deadline for SPAD comments:	Tue 02 Oct 2018
Name of requester:	[redacted], freelance journalist
FOI Request:	"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 and further information

- In order to gather together a draft FOI response Learning Directorate officials conducted a keyword search of the Ministerial Correspondence system. We also contacted Unit heads in Learning Directorate to ask them to provide any relevant correspondence which falls under the scope of the request.
- As a result of these steps we identified a series of letters/emails either from teaching unions or members of the public who clearly identified as teachers or headteachers, as well as two news releases and one parliamentary question. We also identified a previous FOI response in relation to teacher views on the workload impacts of standardised assessments, and have included a hyperlink to that earlier FOI response within our draft response to this request.
- The various items proposed for release under FOI are contained within the attached table. The right hand column contains copies of the various items which we propose to release.
- Officials are currently contacting the various correspondents in order to notify them that we propose to release their letters or news release documents in response to the FOI request.
- In relation to the various letters, we have redacted only the names, email addresses and postal addresses of the correspondents. We did not identify any other items within the correspondence which would fall into the various appropriate exemptions as per FOI guidance. In a number of instances the topic of teacher workload was mentioned within the letter but bureaucracy/workload was not the main purpose of the letter. However, our view is that the wider context to the letters is relevant to the theme of workload, and so there is no clear case to redact the wider information. We have not redacted any personal information in the news releases, on the basis that the releases are already publicly available.

Original request

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2018 14:12
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI workload

Dear Scottish Government,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

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. Please provide the information by email to [redacted]

Feel free to call me on [redacted] or email [redacted] if you require any clarification about this request.

Best,
[redacted]

Draft response letter (attached above)

Summary table containing proposed items for release (attached above)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Team Leader, Curriculum, Parental Involvement and Pupil Participation

[redacted]