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From: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**

Sent: 08 November 2018 15:02

To: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**

Subject: FW: FOI Request for clearance - FOI/18/02582 (4 of 11)

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From: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 11 October 2018 07:46

To: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <DFMCSE@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; Griffin J (Joe) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Hicks C (Clare) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Bruce A (Andrew) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; Wilson M (Mick) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; McAllister C (Colin); **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Higgins K (Kate) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Communications DFM & Education **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; Freedom of Information **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**

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DFM is content for the FOI response to issue.

Thanks

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From: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**

Sent: 05 October 2018 15:14

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <DFMCSE@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**; Griffin J (Joe) **[Redacted –**

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PS/DFM,

Copy recipients as above

Response to Fol/18/02582 - Request for Clearance

Please see attached the draft response and submission for clearance for Fol/18/02582, the fourth of 11 Fol requests currently sitting with our unit, from **[Redacted – s.38(1)a]**.

He has requested:

“Details of any meetings or correspondence (emails, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, documents or otherwise) between Scottish Government ministers, senior civil servants or special advisers and anyone at EIS from April to September 2018 on the topic of the Education Bill.”

Special Advisers have considered the response and agreed to the case being sent for Ministerial clearance.

The deadline for issuing a response is 10th October 2018, so we would be grateful for a response by close of play on Tuesday 9th October if possible to allow sufficient time for processing. We plan to send the following 7 responses for ministerial clearance within the next week.

Many thanks,

[Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Learning Directorate, Buidheann-Stiùiridh an Ionnsachaidh

Workforce, Infrastructure and Reform, Luchd-obrach, Bun-structair agus Ath-leasachadh

Regional Improvement Collaborative Design and Implementation Team, Sgioba Dealbhadh agus Cuir an Gníomh nan Co-obrachaidhean Leasachaidh Ionadail

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T: **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** | **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**

From: [Redacted – s.38(1)b] On Behalf Of Fol SpAds PO

Sent: 05 October 2018 15:06

To: [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; Fol SpAds PO [Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Cc: Freedom of Information [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; Hicks C (Clare) [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Subject: RE: FOI Request for clearance - FOI/18/02582 (8 of 11)

Good afternoon

SpAds are content with your proposed response. Ministerial clearance is required.

Thanks,

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Tel: [Redacted – s.38(1)b]



From: [Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Sent: 05 October 2018 10:16

To: Fol SpAds PO [Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Cc: Freedom of Information [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; Hicks C (Clare) [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]; [Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Subject: FOI Request for clearance - FOI/18/02582 (8 of 11)

Good evening,

Please see attached the draft response, submission and document suggested for release for FOI/18/02582, the eighth of 11 FOI requests currently sitting with our unit, from [Redacted – s.38(1)a].

[Redacted – s.38(1)a] has requested:

“Details of any meetings or correspondence (emails, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, documents or otherwise) between Scottish Government ministers, senior civil servants or special advisers and anyone at EIS from April to September 2018 on the topic of the Education Bill.”

The deadline for issuing a response is **10th October 2018**, so we would be grateful for a response **as soon as possible** to allow sufficient time for processing. We plan to send the following 3 responses for clearance by SpAds within the next week.

Many thanks,

[Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Learning Directorate, [Buidheann-Stiùiridh an Ionnsachaidh](#)
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[Redacted – s.38(1)b]

Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

FOI/18/02582 – [Redacted – s.38(1)a]– CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MINISTERS, SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS OR SPECIAL ADVISERS AND EIS ON THE EDUCATION BILL.

Purpose

1. To provide advice on a Freedom of Information request from **[Redacted – s.38(1)a]**. **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]** has requested:

“Details of any meetings or correspondence (emails, typed or handwritten notes, letters, phone calls, minutes of meetings, documents or otherwise) between Scottish Government ministers, senior civil servants or special advisers and anyone at EIS from April to September 2018 on the topic of the Education Bill.”

2. Routine. The deadline for issuing a response is 10th October 2018.

Background

3. This FOI is one of eleven submitted recently by **[Redacted – s.38(1)a]** with regard to the Education Bill.

4. One document has been identified which falls within the scope of this request: an email on 26 June providing Larry Flanagan with the text of your statement to Parliament as you delivered it. We propose to release this subject to redaction of personal details. We also propose to note in the response to **[Redacted – s.38(1)a]** that a phone call took place between Clare Hicks and Larry Flanagan on 26 June to inform the latter of your intention to make that statement.

4. A copy of the suggested response, including the proposed release, is attached.

Recommendation

5. **You are invited to agree the attached response to this FOI.**

[Redacted – s.38(1)b]
Learning Directorate
Ext **[Redacted – s.38(1)b]**
05 October 2018

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