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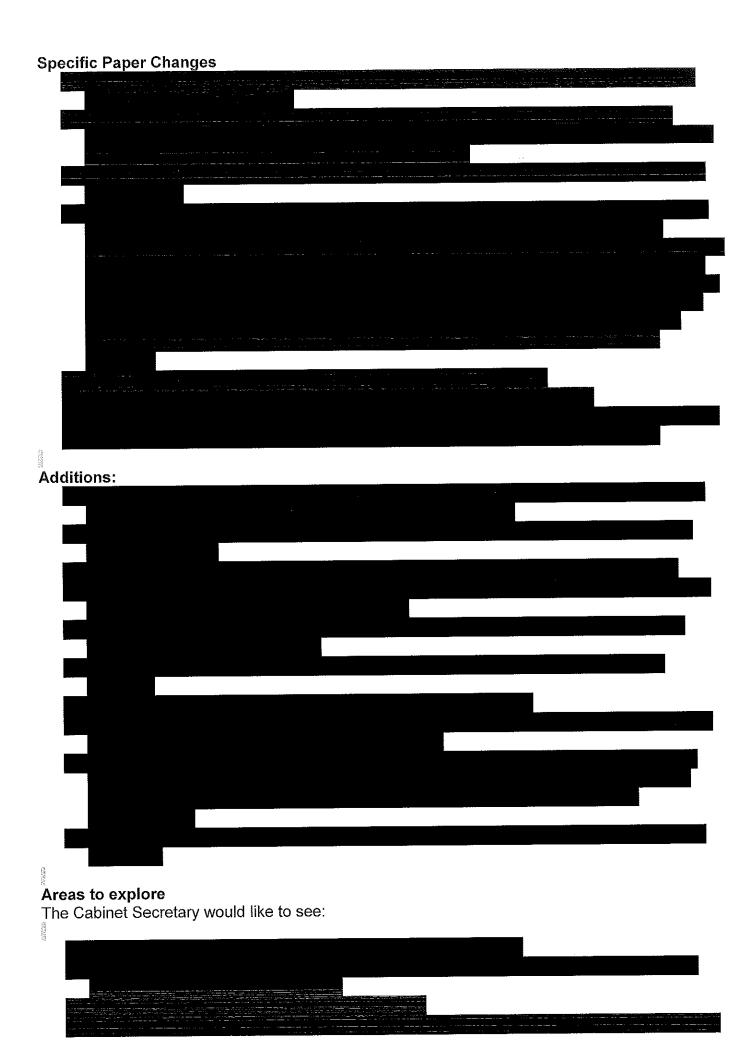
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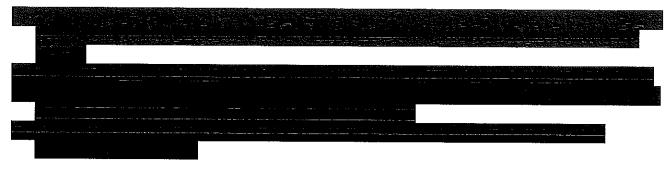
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John

Thank you for the discussion earlier. The Cabinet Secretary is pleased with the progress of the paper and found it was helpful in assisting with his understanding and how the paper could be developed. I have set out below further reflections for the Cab Sec which should help with the next draft. Some of this not specifically for the paper but for development later on/further requests. I know some of these don't sit with you but I think it's helpful if it is channelled through you so you have a full picture of what is going on.

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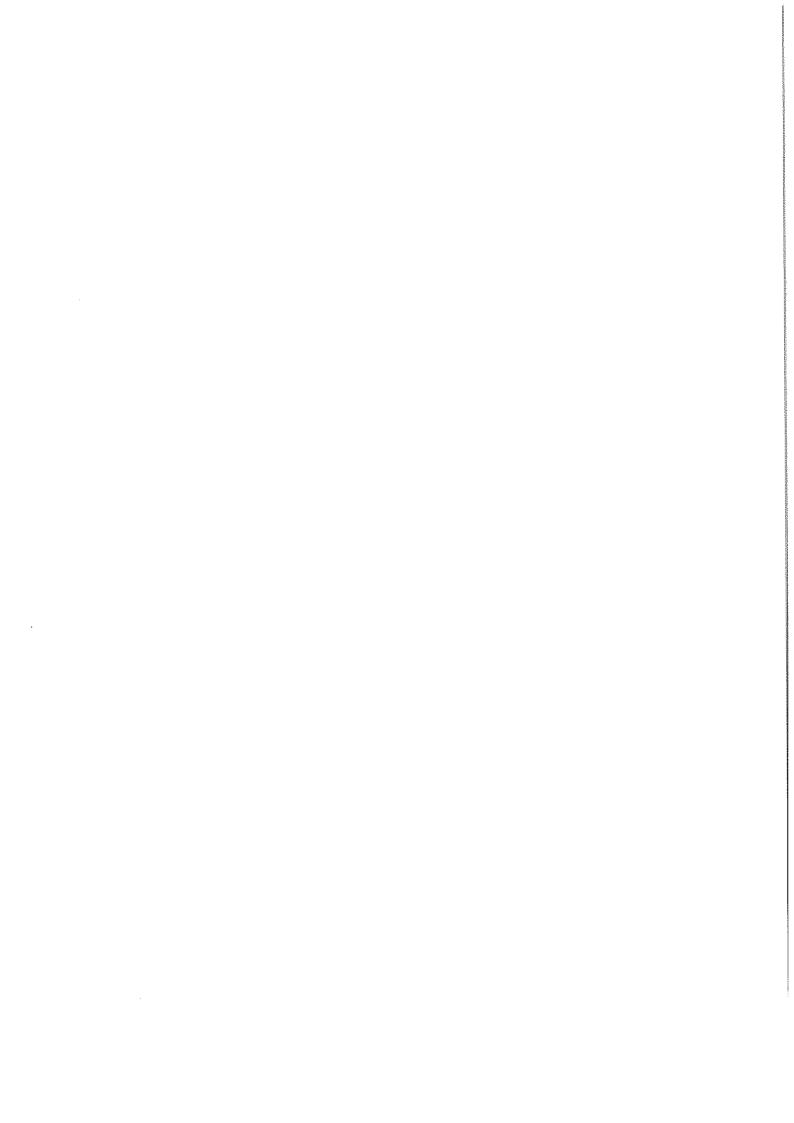
Required (but not immediately for the paper)

Please provide a revised paper as discussed.

Thanks and have a good weekend

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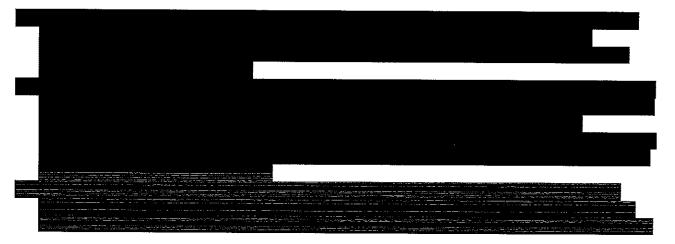
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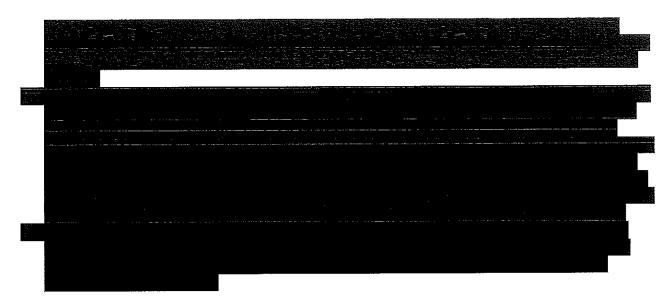
Local Taxation



Other Material

• I have spoken again to tonight and he has asked that we slightly bring forward our timeline for this material to aim to have it with Mr Mackay by 3 October, to allow for a potential discussion with him on this before he heads off for October recess (so a possible meeting on 4 October). In order to achieve that, and to allow the Public Spending team a day or so to knit this all together into a single coherent note, I would be most grateful if the additional information on the points below could be sent back by close of play on Monday 1 October.





In terms of how we handle the subsequent advice that goes to Mr Mackay/Ms Forbes and ultimately FM

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,

John

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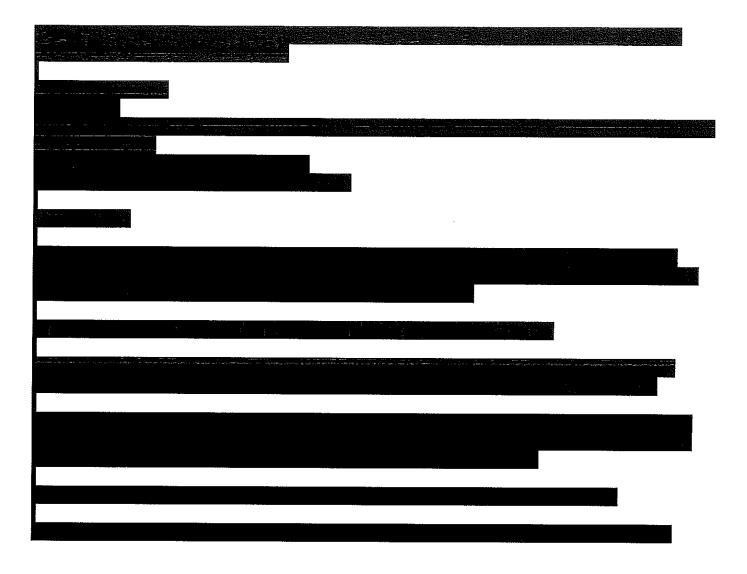
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Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work < CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Follow up to meeting yesterday

All,

A quick read out of the meeting with FM earlier today.



Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

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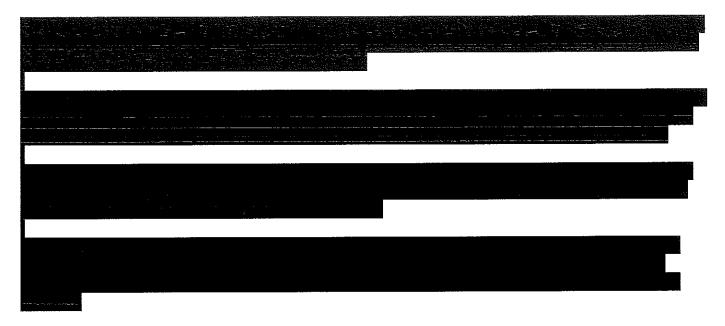
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Subject: Follow up to meeting yesterday

Hello all,

Discussion yesterday focussed almost exclusively on local government tax/finance – with a focus more on a direction of travel than specific commitments at this stage.



Thanks, Callum

Callum McCaig

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