

Exchanges between Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Government between 6 November 2018 and 8 January 2019

From: [SE OFFICIAL]

Sent: 08 January 2019 10:26

To: [SG OFFICIAL]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [SG OFFICIAL] SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotnet.co.uk>

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

[SG OFFICIAL]

Please see the response issued below as requested. I see [SE OFFICIAL] had dropped you note asking if there had been any follow up correspondence on this one can you confirm please?

FOI RESPONSE

To answer your FOI request, for part one, I've included a list below of all companies that the First Minister engaged with during her trip to China in April this year.

For part two of your FOI request, please see following link for Scottish Government published FOI response on First Minister trip to China: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-01249/>. To help you when viewing the briefings, I've listed what date of briefing each company appears in.

Company name	Date of Briefing
Wood Group	Monday 9th
Weir Group	Monday 9th
SPX Flow	Monday 9th
Howden	Monday 9th
Triton Marine & Engineering Consultants Ltd	Monday 9th
JD Wilkie	Monday 9 th
Abertay University	Monday 9th
University of Dundee	Monday 9 th / Thursday 12 th
University of Glasgow	Monday 9 th /Thursday 12 th
Brewdog	Monday 9 th
Scottish Salmon Company	Monday 9 th
Walkers Shortbread	Monday 9 th
Highland Spring	Monday 9 th
Begg & Co	Monday 9 th
Johnstons of Elgin	Monday 9 th
Holland & Sherry	Monday 9 th
University of Edinburgh	Thursday 12 th
Glasgow School of Art	Thursday 12th

Epidarex Capital	Thursday 12th
University of St Andrews	Thursday 12th
University of Strathclyde	Thursday 12th
Heriot-Watt University	Thursday 12th
Red Rock Power	Tuesday 10th
Reprocell	Thursday 12th
Edinburgh International Investments	Friday 13 th
Todd & Duncan	Thursday 12th
Edinburgh International Festivals	Thursday 12 th
Diageo	Thursday 12 th
Scottish Chamber of Commerce	Friday 13 th
University of Aberdeen	Thursday 12th

I hope this is helpful to you and if you require anything further on this please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]

Sent: 08 January 2019 10:08

To: [SE OFFICIAL]

Cc: Newsdesk@gov.scot; CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot; [SG OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Thanks – grateful if you could share it with me please?

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]

Sent: 08 January 2019 09:39

To: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS] SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotnet.co.uk>; [SE OFFICIAL]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Hi [SG OFFICIAL]

Yes we issued our response to [REDACTED] on 6 December.

Thanks

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]
Sent: 08 January 2019 09:29
To: [SE OFFICIALS] SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;
Cc: Newsdesk@gov.scot; CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Hi all,

I understand that [REDACTED] FOI'd SE directly on this. Can you confirm please if the response issued, and if so when?

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]
Sent: 08 November 2018 11:21
To: [SE OFFICIALS] SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;
Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [SG OFFICIALS]
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Thanks [SE OFFICIAL]

I'll tell the journalist that the trade visit was organised by SE and that she would need to put in an FOI.

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]
Sent: 08 November 2018 11:05
To: [SE OFFICIALS]; SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;
Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

I agree [SE OFFICIAL].
[SG OFFICIAL] unfortunately I think it will have to go through FOI.

Many thanks
[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]
Sent: 07 November 2018 10:13
To: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]; SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;
Cc: Newsdesk@gov.scot; CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot
Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

I'm not sure it is usually public knowledge [SG OFFICIAL] – I seem to remember from a previous enquiry that we had to check with all of the companies before we could release details of their

participation in a particular mission. However, that was a few years ago, so things may be different now.

[SE OFFICIALS] will be better placed to advise.

Thanks

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]

Sent: 07 November 2018 10:10

To: [SE OFFICIALS]; SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;

Cc: Newsdesk@gov.scot; CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot

Subject: RE: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Thanks. I am assuming this info is public knowledge etc. If not I can refer her to FOI.

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]

Sent: 07 November 2018 10:03

To: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]; SE Ops Press Office <SEOpsPressOffice2@scotent.co.uk>;

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Hi [SE OFFICIALS]

Could you please respond to [SG OFFICIAL]?

Many thanks

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]

Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 7:09:55 PM

To: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]; SE Ops Press Office;

Cc: newsdesk@gov.scot; communicationsfirstminister@gov.scot

Subject: Re: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Hi [SG OFFICIAL]

Copying in my colleague [SE OFFICIAL] who might be able to help.

Regards

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]

Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 6:35:23 PM

To: [SE OFFICIAL]; SE Ops Press Office

Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
www.gov.scot



Cc: Newsdesk@gov.scot; CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot

Subject: MEDIA QUERY: China trade visit

Hi [SE OFFICIAL]

Firstly, apologies if this is not for you! Who in SE/SDI comms would be best placed to advise on the below?

Thanks,

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 06 November 2018 16:55

To: [SG OFFICIAL]

Subject: China

Hi [SG OFFICIAL],

This is more for my own interest, than any particular story STV is working up. But I would like to find out who the 30 Scottish companies are that the First Minister “engaged with” on her trip to China earlier this year.

Did they fly out with the FM, or are they companies that already have a presence in China and/or Hong Kong?

Here’s the blog I saw this on,

Thanks!

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<https://firstminister.gov.scot/china-day-6/>

The trip to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong saw the First Minister engage with more than 30 Scottish companies seeking to expand their business interests in China.

Exchanges between Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Government on 15 November 2018

From: [SE OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:56
To: [SG OFFICIALS]
Cc: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]
Subject: RE: FOI on China Visit

Apologies, just noticed a typo in [SG OFFICIAL] email.

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:55
To: [SG OFFICIALS]
Cc: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]
Subject: RE: FOI on China Visit

Hi [SG OFFICIAL]

[SG OFFICIAL] was going back to her so I'll let him confirm if that's ok.

Thanks

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:39
To: [SE OFFICIAL]
Cc: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]
Subject: RE: FOI on China Visit

Thanks for getting back to me [SE OFFICIAL]

Just to clarify, the requester has been made aware that she needs to go to SE directly, so I can just disregard the one I received?

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [SE OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:36
To: [SG OFFICIAL]
Cc: [SG AND SE OFFICIALS]
Subject: RE: FOI on China Visit

Hi [SG OFFICIAL]

We've had the same FOI (from same journalist) come in already to [SG OFFICIAL] and advised that they would need to issue the FOI directly to SE so it can be responded to.

Thanks

[SE OFFICIAL]

From: [SG OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:15
To: [SE OFFICIAL]
Cc: [SG OFFICIALS]
Subject: FOI on China Visit
Importance: High

Hi [SE OFFICIAL]

We've received the below FOI request on Scottish companies FM engaged with on the China visit. Would your team be able to provide us with the content for the response? I'm happy to log on the tracker and do all the logistical stuff, e.g sending acknowledgment via Comms, running by SpAds etc

It'd be great if you could let me know this morning – I'm out of the office from about 11.30 until Monday.

Thanks

[SG OFFICIAL]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 14 November 2018 12:17
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI request - First Minister's China Trip

Hello,

According to the First Minister's official website, during the recent official visit to China the FM engaged "with more than 30 Scottish companies seeking to expand their business interests in China." (<https://firstminister.gov.scot/china-day-6/>)

Please therefore release the following information:

- a full list of the 'Scottish companies seeking to expand their business interests in China'.
- any briefing / background information about any of these companies



Thanks,

