

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 13 December 2018 10:43
To: **[redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted]**
Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S5W-20557

Categories: to do

[redacted]

Allocate to **[redacted]** please.

Best wishes
[redacted]

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 13 December 2018 10:15
To: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S5W-20557

Hi - just wondering who this should be allocated to

Sent with BlackBerry Work (www.blackberry.com)

From: pqt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 13 Dec 2018 09:08
To: **[redacted]**
Subject: PQ Reference: S5W-20557

A PQ, reference S5W-20557 has been allocated to you as lead action officer. This PQ may be reached by clicking on the link below.

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<http://s0678a:8080/pqtracker/drafting/answer>

* MSP: Mark Griffin

* Due at MPO: 26/12/2018

* Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications have been received for the best start grant, and how many of these are for a third or greater child.

Allocation notes: Hello **[redacted]**, Please note the PO deadline is 2pm 26/12/18. Please update the PO and Minister on the PQ tracker. Please Send PQs through the Send to PO button. Regards,

[redacted]

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From: **[redacted]** on behalf of Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Sent: 13 December 2018 11:32
To: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**

Cc: Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; Social Security BMU
Subject: RE: PQ S5W-20535, S5W-20536, S5W-20555, S5W-20556, S5W-20557, S5W-20558 and S5W-20580

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Apologies,

Emails crossing, I now understand from **[redacted]** that it will be allocated to **[redacted]**.

[redacted] (Directorate BMU) – for your info too.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** On Behalf Of Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Sent: 13 December 2018 11:19
To: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Cc: Social Security Scotland Chief Executive **[redacted]**
Subject: FW: PQ S5W-20535, S5W-20536, S5W-20555, S5W-20556, S5W-20557, S5W-20558 and S5W-20580

[redacted], **[redacted]**,

Grateful for your advice on a PQ I'm trying to allocate:

S5W-20557 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications have been received for the best start grant, and how many of these are for a third or greater child.

It had initially been given to **[redacted]** but Ann has been in touch this morning and suggested that think Social Security Scotland should lead on PQs that relate to stats on applications etc.

I've also spoken to **[redacted]** who this would be best placed with CAD: SSODA **[redacted]**

Can you please let me know if you can take on this PQ and if yes, to whom it should be allocated on the tracker?

Thanks

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** On Behalf Of Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Sent: 13 December 2018 11:00
To: McVie A (Ann) **[redacted]**
Cc: Social Security Scotland Chief Executive <ce@socialsecurity.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: PQ S5W-20535, S5W-20536, S5W-20555, S5W-20556, S5W-20557, S5W-20558 and S5W-20580

I had thought so too Ann but on receipt of **[redacted]** email, thought it had been agreed by folks that **[redacted]** was to take.

I'll speak to **[redacted]**.

[redacted]

From: McVie A (Ann) **[redacted]**
Sent: 13 December 2018 10:55
To: **[redacted]**; Social Security BMU <SSDBMU@gov.scot>; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive <ce@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; **[redacted]**;
[redacted]
Cc: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
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[redacted]

I think SSS shd lead on PQs that relate to stats on applications etc. are you ok with that?

That would mean you would lead on 57 rather than **[redacted]**.

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Ann McVie | Deputy Director | Social Security Directorate |2C South, Victoria Quay,
The
Shore, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ| **[redacted]** **[redacted]**
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From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 December 2018 08:38

To: ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox <ETFMQPQ@gov.scot>; Social Security BMU

<SSDBMU@gov.scot>; Social

Security Scotland Chief Executive <ce@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; [redacted];

[redacted]; McVie A (Ann)

[redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: PQ S5W-20535, S5W-20536, S5W-20555, S5W-20556, S5W-20557,

S5W-20558 and S5W-

20580

Morning [redacted]

I think the PQs should be allocated as follows (colleagues please shout up if you disagree!):

35 and 36 – assume these are for [redacted]?

55, 56, 58 – [redacted]

57 – [redacted]

80 – [redacted] to allocate within SSS.

[redacted]

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[redacted], Head of Reserved Benefits and Strategic Engagement Division

Area 2C South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Tel: [redacted]

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox

Sent: 12 December 2018 17:29

To: Social Security BMU [redacted]; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive

[redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: PQ S5W-20535, S5W-20536, S5W-20555, S5W-20556, S5W-20557, S5W-20558 and S5W-20580

Hi there

We have some Social Security PQs that have been lodged this afternoon

I have copied in [redacted] because the first two refer back to a PQ she answered

previously

S5W-20535 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-20268 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 7 December 2018, whether the interview panels for the Social Security Scotland Senior Management Team and Executive Advisory Body included anyone who identifies as black or minority ethnic.

S5W-20536 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-20268 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 7 December 2018, for what reason the Social Security Scotland Senior Management Team and Executive Advisory Body were appointed without anyone who identifies as black or minority ethnic, and whether there were any applicants who did.

The PQ it refers to is: S5W-20268

To ask the Scottish Government how many members of the Social Security Scotland (a) senior management team and (b) executive advisory body identify as black or minority ethnic (BME).

S5W-20555 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) discussions it has had with and (b) information it has sought from the UK Government regarding mitigation of the two-child benefit cap.

S5W-20556 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to comments made by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work in The Times on 8 December 2018, when it requested access to DWP data for the purposes of mitigating the two-child benefit cap.

S5W-20557 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications have been received for the best start grant, and how many of these are for a third or greater child.

S5W-20558 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what alternatives to accessing DWP data it has considered in order to mitigate the two-child benefit cap.

S5W-20580 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government on what date the Social Security Scotland headquarters in Dundee will become fully operational.

The system generated deadline on the tracker is 26th December – please check with Private Office for the effective deadline

Thanks

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 14 December 2018 10:08
To: **[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]**
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S5W-20557

Categories: to do

Yes we will ...can you allocate to **[redacted]** or **[redacted]**.

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 14 December 2018 09:54
To: **[redacted]; [redacted]**
Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S5W-20557

Hi there – I forwarded this pq yesterday and I has come back to me today. before I go back to them, can I double check that you are going to take it?

[redacted]
Best Start Grant Policy Team Lead
Social Security Policy Division
Area 3J South Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
[redacted]
[redacted]
(Office days – Monday to Thursday)

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Sent: 14 December 2018 09:18
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 December 2018 14:20
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

Hi all, here are some draft answers to three PQs we have in on BSG applications/payments based on figures already in FMQ brief or received from [redacted] earlier today. The 4,000 applications figures [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted] | Assistant Statistician
Social Security Operations and Delivery Analysis (SSODA) | Communities Analysis
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[redacted – out of scope]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 December 2018 14:35
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

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How about

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 December 2018 14:20
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

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From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 18 December 2018 16:46
To: **[redacted]; [redacted]**
Subject: RE: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

Categories: to do

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 18 December 2018 14:35
To: **[redacted]; [redacted]**
Subject: RE: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

How about

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 18 December 2018 14:20
To: **[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]**
Subject: BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

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[redacted]

[redacted – out of scope]

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From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 19 December 2018 12:23
To: McVie A (Ann); MacDougall A (Audrey); **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Subject: For action today - BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

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Dear all, draft PQ answers below **[redacted]** Please could you get back to us with any comments on these today as I will need to submit cleared answers to private office by midday Friday.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: MacDougall A (Audrey)
Sent: 19 December 2018 12:25
To: **[redacted]**; McVie A (Ann); **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
Subject: RE: For action today - BSG PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

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I'm satisfied with this.

Audrey
email: **[redacted]**
Blackberry: **[redacted]**
Phone: **[redacted]**

Nollaig Shona Duit!
Happy Christmas

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Sent: 19 December 2018 12:23
To: McVie A (Ann) **[redacted]**; MacDougall A (Audrey) **[redacted]**;
[redacted]; **[redacted]**; **[redacted]**
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From: **[redacted]**
Sent: 21 December 2018 10:47
To: Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser)
Cc: **[redacted]**
Subject: PQs to clear - S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609
Attachments: PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609.docx

Categories: to do

Hi Jeanette, draft Best Start Grant PQ answers attached for clearance.
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From: Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser)
Sent: 21 December 2018 10:58
To: **[redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted]**
Subject: RE: PQs to clear - S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609
Attachments: PQs S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609.docx

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Suggested changes

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Sent: 21 December 2018 10:47
To: Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) **[redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted]**
Subject: PQs to clear - S5W-20557 S5W-20608 S5W-20609

Hi Jeanette, draft Best Start Grant PQ answers attached for clearance.
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