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Sent: 09 November 2018 14:22:40
To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: FW: For Attention of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Attachments: P1 SNSA Review .pdf

AO - [redacted – exemption applies]

For maccs/MR.

For action officer - Please provide a welcoming response to this. DFM will need to look at proposals.

[redacted – exemption applies] | Assistant Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | E: DFMCS@gov.scot<mailto:DFMCS@gov.scot>

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[redacted – exemption applies]>> On Behalf Of Gray I (Iain), MSP
Sent: 06 November 2018 09:40
To: Scottish Ministers
<Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot<mailto:Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>>
Subject: For Attention of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Hello,
Please see attached a letter for the Deputy First Minister from Iain Gray MSP.
Best Wishes,

[redacted – exemption applies]
Office of Iain Gray MSP (East Lothian)
[redacted – exemption applies]

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*Pls consider these
points in
transparency advice
on Pl Review.
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20/11*

13 November 2018

Dear John,

Thank you for giving up your time to see me last week about the future of the Scottish Baccalaureate and, principally, access to the Advanced Higher element within it.

You also asked me for my views on the format of the independent review on Primary One testing. I do not have any one individual in mind as to who would be the most suitable chair but I do think it would be beneficial to have input from the OECD. I say this for two reasons:

Firstly, as has been well documented, there are concerns that the database for Scottish education has some gaps which has meant that it has been more difficult to carry out comparative qualitative studies. The OECD has, I think, some interesting things to say in this respect (as do groups like the Royal Society of Edinburgh). The more the analysis is seen to be truly objective and independent, the better.

Secondly, and as we discussed, there are really two issues within the Primary One debate; is it educationally sound to test four and five year olds at all and, if it is, what makes for testing which adds value to teachers' judgment. To answer the first issue, I personally think we should be looking at the experiences of other nations, most especially those with high standards of education. Again, I think the OECD would be best placed to assist.

I think independent analysis will be greatly enhanced, and therefore more readily accepted by parents and teachers alike, if those who undertake the review have a strong, proven track record in dealing with the necessary quantitative and qualitative data, plus the relevant survey and interview techniques which are necessary to draw valid conclusions.

I hope this helps and I also hope your mother is continuing to make good progress.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Liz Smith MSP

From: [redacted – exemption applies]
Sent: 22 November 2018 16:03:32
To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: FW: National standardised testing primary 1

Attachments: 2018.11.15 Letter to John Swiney review of testing.pdf

For maces - allocate to [redacted – exemption applies].

[redacted – exemption applies] - similar to the letter from Liz Smith MSP. DFM has commented "reflect on this in formulating my approach of P1 assessments. I need to conclude on this asap."

Thanks
[redacted – exemption applies]

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From: [redacted – exemption applies]>
Sent: 15 November 2018 16:33
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
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Subject: National standardised testing primary 1

Dear Cabinet Secretary for Education,

Please find attached a letter from Ross Greer regarding the review of national standardised testing in primary one.

Kind regards

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