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Sent: 31 October 2019 17:29

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Subject: RE: Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme

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Mr Matheson has noted with thanks.

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Deputy Private Secretary to Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
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Sent: 30 October 2019 12:21

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Subject: RE: Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme
Importance: High

{REDACTED}

Further to my earlier email, please find in the attached email exchange confirmation from the Cabinet Secretariat that they think it appropriate for the event at Michelin to go ahead as planned on 6 November.

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 30 October 2019 10:20
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McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser) <Stewart.Maxwell2@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}
Subject: Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme
Importance: High

PS/Cab Sec
{REDACTED}

Please find attached a submission seeking a decision from the Cabinet Secretary on a proposed £7.5m investment from the Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme in the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc.

The submission is marked as urgent due to a planned, related announcement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work **next Wednesday** (6 November).

Please note that we are currently seeking advice from the Cabinet Secretariat as to whether this announcement will be impacted by the pre-election quiet period prior to the proposed UK General Election.

Happy of course to answer any questions,
Kind regards,
{REDACTED}

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Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

UPDATE ON TAY CITIES REGION INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Purpose

1. To provide an update on the £10m Tay Cities Region Industrial Investment Programme and seek your agreement to an associated £7.5m funding proposal for the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc (MSIP).

Priority

2. **URGENT:** An announcement is scheduled for 6 November (para 10).

Background

3. Heads of Terms were signed for the Tay Cities Region Deal in November 2018. The Scottish Government (SG) and UK Government (UKG) will each make £150m available through the Deal to support inclusive economic growth in the region over the next 10 to 15 years.
4. In January 2019 the First Minister announced an extra £50m would be offered by SG, fulfilling a commitment made prior to agreeing Deal Heads of Terms to invest £200m in the region. This investment is aligned with, but separate to, our support for the Deal, given our agreed approach is to fund Deals on a 50/50 basis with UKG.
5. £40m of this additional funding will support the development of the Cross Tay Link Road to the north of Perth. The remaining £10 million is allocated to a regional Industrial Investment Programme (IIP), which will support the existing and future needs of manufacturing businesses across the whole region. The First Minister also indicated that the IIP should explore all opportunities across all industrial sectors, and that she expected future options for the Michelin plant in Dundee to be a key focus of the regional partners' discussions.

IIP development

6. Scottish Enterprise (SE), working closely with the region's four local authorities, have drafted an outline business case for the IIP.
7. In order to optimise regional impact, officials have been clear that we expect the IIP and its constituent projects ultimately to be overseen by the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee. Officials are working with regional partners to finalise the associated governance arrangements.

Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc project proposal

8. SG officials, Dundee City Council and SE have identified an immediate opportunity to make a significant investment through the IIP to support the development of the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc (MSIP).
9. Michelin is due to close its Dundee plant by June 2020, with the loss of 845 jobs. The impact of these redundancies will be felt across the region – although the majority of Michelin employees live in Dundee, almost one third (32.5%) live elsewhere in the Tay Cities region.
10. Whilst the job losses pose a significant challenge to the regional economy Michelin are committed to delivering a positive and lasting legacy from the site, and are working with public sector partners including SE and Dundee City Council to develop MSIP. The aim of MSIP is to deliver a new future for the site and for the region more widely, focusing on sustainable mobility and low carbon industries. Over time we expect MSIP to become a global location for investment in these emerging sectors, which in turn will bring quality employment opportunities and other benefits to both the region and Scotland as a whole.
11. Michelin has committed to investing £30m to take MSIP forward, which the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy, and Fair Work has pledged to match with £30m public funding over the period to 2027/28. A formal announcement of this commitment is planned for **6 November**.
12. This note proposes that £7.5m of this match funding is drawn from the IIP, to support the following projects:
 - Innovation Hub** (£5m) to facilitate the development and growth of new companies focused on sustainable transport and the low carbon economy;
 - Grow on space** (£1m) to house businesses emerging from the Innovation Hub; and
 - Ancillary works** (£1.5m), namely site preparation and infrastructure work at the core of the Parc.
13. Officials are content that these proposals accord with, and will help to deliver against, the IIP's overarching objective of strengthening the region's industrial sector and investing in the drivers of Industry 4.0.
14. While the focus of the proposed IIP investment is on the Michelin site we expect it to deliver wider regional benefits in terms of employment, innovation, and supply chain activity across the region's manufacturing base. Moreover, the £7.5m being sought from the IIP will form part of a much larger, £60m MSIP investment package that is wholly additional to SG's existing £150m commitment to strengthening the regional economy through the Tay Cities Region Deal.

Financial considerations

15. IIP funding sits within the City Region and Growth Deals budget and was originally flat profiled at ~£1.1m a year over nine years (starting in 2020/21) within current financial plans. However, given the immediacy of the MSIP opportunity and emerging underspends in the wider deals programme, officials will consider whether there is flexibility to make funding available over a shorter timeframe. This would have the benefit of meeting an immediate need to secure the MSIP project while helping to alleviate pressures in future years.

Comms and handling

16. The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work will be on site on 6 November, the first anniversary of the announced closure, to meet with Michelin employees and reaffirm 'Team Scotland's' £30m funding commitment. Arrangements for the day are still in development but are likely to include the launch of the proposed Innovation Hub. Press will be invited to attend.
17. There are no plans to provide a detailed breakdown of the £30m commitment on 6 November. Given the immediacy of the MSIP opportunity it has not yet been possible for SE to seek formal approval of the IIP business case from the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee, although the Chief Executive of Dundee City Council has consulted informally with his counterparts in Angus, Fife, and Perth and Kinross, who have indicated they are supportive in principle. We would suggest therefore that further publicity around the IIP's support for MSIP takes place in due course, once further detail on the projects listed at paragraph 12 is known.

Recommendations

18. You are invited to:

- **Note this update;**
- **Agree that £7.5m of the £10m Tay Cities Region Industrial Investment Programme be utilised for the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc proposal;**
- **Note that (subject to your agreement) officials will explore options for making this £7.5m available as soon as possible; and**
- **Note the planned announcement by Mr Mackay on 6 November.**

{REDACTED}, Cities Team
{REDACTED}
30 October 2019

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From: {REDACTED} **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Sent: 29 October 2019 12:08

To: {REDACTED}

Subject: RE: timings for 6th November event

Hi {REDACTED}

Sorry should clarify, he is doing a breakfast at the Michelin site with workers then the action group is starting at 10:00

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

Deputy Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 29 October 2019 12:03
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: timings for 6th November event

Hi {REDACTED}

This is really helpful.

Thanks so much

Thanks
{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

Senior Project Manager, Scottish Economic Development

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From: {REDACTED} **On Behalf Of** CabSecFEFW@gov.scot
Sent: 29 October 2019 11:52
To: {REDACTED} CabSecFEFW@gov.scot
Subject: RE: timings for 6th November event

Hello {REDACTED}

I gave Richard Rollison revised times as we are heading to Aberdeen after but have a separate meeting with Steve before heading.

09:00-12:00 was the new times proposed. Extending this to 12:30 should be okay but we will let you know closer to the time if that's an issue.

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 29 October 2019 10:34
To: {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>
Subject: timings for 6th November event

Hi {REDACTED}

Quick question. With the UK Budget no longer being announced on 6th November, does this affect the timings for Mr Mackay returning to Edinburgh?

We have put the programme for the day together on the basis that he has to be back in Edinburgh by 12.30pm. Is this still the case?

Thanks
{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}
Senior Project Manager, Scottish Economic Development
Scottish Enterprise

From: {REDACTED} **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
Sent: 30 October 2019 15:58
To: {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}
Cc: {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Michelin timings

Hello {REDACTED}

Not quite sure why they still think it is 08:30. I had emailed {REDACTED} who had asked.
He will likely be coming from home so 09:00 would be better thanks. What would you need him for at 08:30?

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 30 October 2019 15:46
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}
Cc: {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Michelin timings

{REDACTED} just to check I believe SE had thought the Cab Sec would be arriving at 08:30 is this still possible or is 9:00 the earliest?

{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED} > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
Sent: 30 October 2019 14:25
To: {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>
Cc: {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Michelin timings

Hi {REDACTED}
As discussed timings below;

09:00-10:00 Breakfast meeting with workers
10:00-12:30 MDAG

Thanks

{REDACTED}
{REDACTED}

Deputy Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 30 October 2019 14:17
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>
Cc: {REDACTED} >
Subject: Michelin timings

Hi {REDACTED}

Can I double check Cab Sec can still arrive for 8:30am on Wednesday? Also, now that the UK budget isn't happening, when does he need to leave?

Thanks,
{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

Senior Media Manager

Economy and Finance Communications

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{REDACTED}

From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 30 October 2019 11:50

To: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>;

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<CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

Colleagues,

I had a useful talk with {REDACTED} on the phone.

I have also discussed with James Hynd, Head of Cabinet Secretariat, and we have concluded that there is no reason why this long-planned event should not go ahead on 6 November (which is likely to be confirmed as the first day of the pre-election period). This conclusion also covers the related funding announcement – which is to be jointly funded by Michelin and SG.

SG election guidance for UK general election campaigns covers events which might be deemed to have “*a party political purpose*” or of which “*the purpose is related to the UK general election campaign*”. It also covers and announcements “*which may have a particular impact on UK general election issues, such as policy statements with specific reserved or cross-border dimension*”. The proposed event and announcement do not raise concerns in relation to these points.

The following points are relevant:

- The date of the event has been determined by the anniversary of the Michelin announcement, so there can be no suggestion that the event has been arranged in response to the UK general election. The event has been in diaries for some time, and Michelin executives are also attending;
- The event is part of the ongoing work in partnership between a number of groups, including SG, Scottish Enterprise, Dundee City Council and, of course, Michelin;

- The focus of the event will be on the positive work by the SG and others to save jobs and help devise a new use for the Michelin site, in collaboration with Michelin (as mentioned in the recent Programme for Government);
- The related funding is an essential part of ongoing work to re-purpose the site and has been planned for a long time.

If, as Richard suggests below, Michelin were to be in the lead on the announcement, then this would also reduce the risk of any misunderstandings in relation to the election period, but this is not essential.

I hope this is helpful.

{REDACTED}

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From: Rollison R (Richard)
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 10:35:53 AM
To: {REDACTED}
 Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work;
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Cc: {REDACTED}
 Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election
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If necessary could we get Michelin to front the announcement with us riding on their coattails.

All of this is devolved and I think Wed is on the cusp of the pre election period.

Richard Rollison
 Interim Director
 Directorate for Economic Development
 Scottish Government
 {REDACTED}

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Cc: Rollison R (Richard) Richard.Rollison@gov.scot, {1 LINE REDACTED} >, Maxwell S
 (Stewart) (Special Adviser) Stewart.Maxwell2@gov.scot, {2 LINES REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

Thanks {REDACTED} I would agree with what you have said below around purdah.

{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 30 October 2019 10:05

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Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

I'd be keen for Cab Sec to be played into the announcement so he could do media bids at the site on Wednesday.

If we can't do on Wednesday I think we would need to consider postponing until post-purdah.

From: {REDACTED} **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Sent: 30 October 2019 09:51

To: {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

Hello {REDACTED}

I will let James and {REDACTED} come back to us on this. As this is a new announcement it could still be counted. If they don't think we should do this then we could look at other options such as announcing this via a PQ in Parliament on Tuesday before Purdah starts then go to Dundee on Wednesday and Michelin can announce what they want then?

Also copying in {REDACTED}

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

Deputy Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 30 October 2019 08:33

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Subject: Michelin - UK Election

Cabinet Secretariat, {REDACTED}

PO as you will be aware we are planning to have the Cab Sec in Dundee next week for the 1st anniversary of the Michelin closure announcement where it was planned that we with the MSIP partners (SE, DCC AND Michelin) would announce that the funding is in place for the parc. With last night's announcement for a UK general election I would be grateful if Cabinet Secretariat can advise if Purdah will be in place and can we still proceed with next week's visit and announcement? To be clear our funding announcement will be covered and be using our devolved powers.

Grateful given the timeline for urgent advice.

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 04 November 2019 13:52

To: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Cc: {1 LINE REDACTED} Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser) <Stewart.Maxwell2@gov.scot>;

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<CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>; {REDACTED} Rollison R (Richard)

<Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}

Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

{REDACTED}

We've discussed this again in comms and have agreed with partners to issue the news release tomorrow so the funding announcement is out before purdah begins at midnight. We still plan to go ahead with the media event on Wednesday though.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,
{REDACTED}

From: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

Sent: 30 October 2019 12:04

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>; Benn R (Robin) <Robin.Benn@gov.scot>; Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}

Cc: {1 LINE REDACTED} Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser) <Stewart.Maxwell2@gov.scot>; {3 LINES REDACTED} Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox

<CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

Happy to stick with Wednesday – thanks.

{REDACTED}

Special Adviser to the First Minister

{REDACTED}

From: {REDACTED} > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Sent: 30 October 2019 11:59

To: {REDACTED} Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>; {2 LINES REDACTED} Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser) <Stewart.Maxwell2@gov.scot>; {3 LINES REDACTED}

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Subject: RE: Michelin - UK Election

Hello All

Thanks {REDACTED}. Mr Mackay is happy to stick to the 6th November based on this advice.

Callum/Stewart – let me know if you have any other thoughts on this.

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 04 November 2019 11:51

To: {REDACTED} Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

Cc: {REDACTED}

Subject: MSIP news release

Hi both,

Please find attached a draft news release on the MSIP funding announcement.

As discussed with {REDACTED}, grateful for your feedback so I can incorporate any changes on our side before we share with Michelin for their sign-off.

Thanks,

{REDACTED}

Senior Media Manager

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{REDACTED}

£60m for Michelin-Scotland Innovation Parc Plans for future of site progress.

The long-term future of Michelin's Dundee site and the associated jobs has been secured through £60 million funding for the Michelin-Scotland Innovation Parc (MSIP).

The funding agreement comes a year after it was announced the Michelin plant would close in June 2020.

The aim of MSIP is to provide job opportunities and skills development in the region and to be a leading global destination for innovation and investment in sustainable mobility and low carbon energy.

Finance Secretary Derek Mackay said:

"MSIP will create a vibrant and ambitious innovation park which will attract companies, research institutions and a highly skilled workforce to address global challenges including tackling climate change.

"We want Scotland to lead the way in developing the technologies of the future and this new facility will be vital in helping us achieve this."

Michelin-Scotland Innovation Parc Chief Executive John Reid said:

Background

Michelin-Scotland Innovation Parc is [a joint venture](#) between Dundee City Council, Scottish Enterprise and Michelin and the funding is being provided by all the three partners.

Notes to editors

Scottish Enterprise quote:

Leader of Dundee City Council John Alexander said:

"Today's announcements are testament to the hard work done by all the partners over the past year.

“We share a determination to deliver a vibrant long-term future for the Baldovie site, built around sustainable mobility and low carbon energy, and that vision is becoming a reality.

“With the funding agreed, work about to start on-site and a fantastic brand we can sell to the world, everything is in place to create something really special here in Dundee.

“There will be no let-up in our efforts to attract investment and create employment, and I look forward to welcoming tenants to this world-leading facility.”

Deputy Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 30 October 2019 08:33

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Subject: Michelin - UK Election

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From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 04 November 2019 10:37

To: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>{REDACTED}

Subject: RE: MSIP Scottish public sector session

Hi Richard,

This will be a SG news release with quotes from SE, Michelin and Dundee City Council.

While Cabinet Secretariat has given us the go ahead to make the announcement on Wednesday, I've discussed with the head of our department and we think it would be better to issue it on Tuesday before purdah begins but still do the visit as planned on Wednesday. I will pick up with comms colleagues and check this is ok with all the partners.

{REDACTED} has come back separately regarding the funding but to confirm, we are only planning on announcing the total funding. The new branding will be 'launched' by being in the photos on the day but we won't include that in the news release as it's not really that news worthy to media.

I'll circulate a draft news release today for comments.

Thanks,
{REDACTED}

From: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 04 November 2019 08:00
To: {REDACTED}
Cc: {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: MSIP Scottish public sector session

Thanks {REDACTED}

{REDACTED} - Can we get a call on this ASAP please.

Is this an msip press release rather than SG? Seems a bit odd if we are putting in £30m

I'm not sure why we want to break the £30m down into its components parts at this point - hostage to fortune.

Seems to me that we are overdoing the various announcements - money, innovation centre, branding and video all at once. There may be good reason for that but feels like we could hold some of that back for another day and to maintain momentum.

Richard Rollison
Interim Director
Directorate for Economic Development
Scottish Government
{REDACTED}

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: {REDACTED}
Date: Sunday, 03 Nov 2019, 9:03 pm
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Fyi

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{REDACTED}

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From: {REDACTED}
Sent: 05 November 2019 15:10
To: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}
Subject: RE: Updated news release

Thanks, Richard.

SE has confirmed they're happy with the explanation of sustainability.

I've updated the third paragraph.

I'll circulate this round everyone now.

{REDACTED}
From: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 05 November 2019 15:00

To: {REDACTED} >
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{REDACTED} – we really need to get this agreed asap.

Happy with ‘Scottish Partners’ if we add the word ‘funding’ to Mr Mackay’s quote.

“Sustainable mobility’ is very much a Michelin phrase – we need to keep it in.

A Campus is bigger than a Centre so I think the words should be the other way round – see below

From: {REDACTED} **Sent:** 05 November 2019 14:49
To: {REDACTED} Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Subject: Updated news release
Importance: High

Hi both,

With thanks for your ongoing help with this, please see updated news release below.

I’m waiting to hear back from SE if it’s ok to say:
low carbon energy and sustainable mobility, including clean transport

Otherwise, I think journalists will just ask what we mean by sustainable mobility.

Richard – from your earlier email regarding funding, do you want the highlighted bit below to be changed to SG?

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: MSIP news release

Thanks, both. I'll circulate to the wider comms team and send separately to {REDACTED} and {REDACTED} Can you send me {REDACTED} email address? I think I have it on an email somewhere but not entirely sure where!

From: Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 November 2019 16:25

To: {REDACTED}

Cc: {REDACTED}

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Ok by me. If others are happy plse send to Michelin.

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Sent: 05 November 2019 15:56
To: {3 LINES REDACTED} >
Cc: 4 LINES REDACTED
Subject: RE: MSIP news release

Many thanks {REDACTED}

From: {REDACTED} **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
Sent: 05 November 2019 16:52
To: {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>
Cc: {5 LINES REDACTED}
Subject: RE: URGENT news release for clearance - MSIP

Hi {REDACTED}

Mr Mackay is content to clear.

Thanks

{REDACTED}

{REDACTED}

Deputy Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | {REDACTED}

From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 05 November 2019 16:32

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Cc: {5 LINES REDACTED}

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{REDACTED},

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{REDACTED}

From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 05 November 2019 18:48

To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: {REDACTED} McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)

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{REDACTED} Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

<CabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Subject: For information - media query: Purdah/Michelin

PO Permanent Secretary,

For information, please see below a line to be issued to the Daily Mail following a comment issued by the Conservatives about the Michelin announcement going out today. This comment has been copied below.

The SG response has been agreed with Cabinet Secretariat.

Thanks,

{REDACTED}

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This announcement was planned before the UK election was announced as the date of the event was determined by the one year anniversary of the news the Michelin plant would close. The event is part of the ongoing work in partnership between the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Dundee City Council and Michelin to re-purpose the site.

“Scottish Government civil servants have been issued with guidance to ensure that the highest standards of propriety are maintained throughout the pre-election period.”

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands said:

"This is the SNP once again playing fast and loose with the rule book."

"Two years ago, Scottish government civil servants privately admitted they had made the wrong call in allowing spending announcements during the election period."

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"Taxpayers' money should not be used as an election bung. This SNP Government just doesn't listen - even to their own advice."

From: {REDACTED}

Sent: 05 November 2019 18:41

To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Rollison R (Richard) <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; {REDACTED} Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>; {REDACTED}

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Thanks James{REDACTED} – I'll issue this but also flag with Perm Sec's office for information.

{REDACTED}

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{REDACTED}

Content with the lines for Cabinet Secretariat's interests.

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Ok by me.

Might be an opportunity for Cab Sec to say he has written to andrea Leadsom – more one for SPAds

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Hi all,

The Conservatives have issued a comment about the Michelin announcement going out before purdah, see below query from the Daily Mail.

Suggested response below on why the date of the event was pre-planned based on the advice last week from Cabinet Secretariat and the lines which issued over the weekend on propriety. Grateful for views ASAP.

Thanks,
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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This announcement was planned before the UK election was announced as the date of the event was determined by the one year anniversary of the news the Michelin plant would close. The event is part of the ongoing work in partnership

between the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Dundee City Council and Michelin to re-purpose the site.

“Scottish Government civil servants have been issued with guidance to ensure that the highest standards of propriety are maintained throughout the pre-election period.”

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Thanks {REDACTED}

Im adding in Mr Hepburn's box as Mr Mackay is concerned that this line may be used in portfolio questions tomorrow that he is missing as he is in Dundee. Mr Hepburn is answering a question on Michelin as Mr Mackay would like it emphasised that there no rules around purdah being broken here. Adding in partly business as well.

Thanks

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