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Enclosure 2. <i>Email</i> – Draft news release - 2019 Exam Results Analysis	20 February 2020, 17:57	Personal details redacted.	Section 38(1)(b)
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Enclosure 1 – Draft text – Exam Diet 2019 – Publication of analysis papers and agreed next steps

[Redacted 25(1)]

Published version available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/exam-results-analysis-2019/>.

Enclosure 2 – Email – Draft news release - 2019 Exam Results Analysis

From: McAllister C (Colin) <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Sent: 20 February 2020 17:57
To: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Pentland MK (Malcolm); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Director of Learning >
Cc: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft news release - 2019 Exam Results Analysis

Works for me

Regards

Colin McAllister
[Redact 38(1)(b)]



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Colin – any views please, slight revision agreed with Malcolm.

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Subject: RE: News release - 2019 Exam Results Analysis

Hello

This is now live: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/exam-results-analysis-2019/>

Hopefully all should be in order but let me know if you spot anything that needs updated.

Thanks
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From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 20 February 2020 19:11
To: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Will do, Michael. Am working on now.

[out of scope]

Thanks
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From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Claire can you pls send link asap so the release can go. Ta. .

[Out of scope]

From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 20 February 2020 18:07

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: Director of Learning; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Pentland MK (Malcolm); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Education

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[Redact 38(1)(b)]

This has been cleared. I am now in meeting so only on email for questions.

Can the report be published, link sent to [Redact 38(1)(b)] and the release issued to main, lawn and education pls?

Thanks

[Redact 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 20 February 2020 17:59

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: Graeme Logan; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Pentland MK (Malcolm); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Education

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PO - I'd be grateful for DFM's comments/clearance on this news release please, agreed with officials and spads.

Duty comms – no action yet please I'll call.

Thanks

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Sent: 20 February 2020 19:04

To: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@sqa.org.uk

Subject: News release - 2019 Exam Results Analysis

Hi

This release is being issued this evening.

Regards

[Redact 38(1)(b)]

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Enclosure 5 – Email – Education publication

From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth)
Sent: 21 February 2020 12:05
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Cc: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin); Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser
Subject: RE: Education publication

DFM PO

Can I ask what time the final report and handling proposals got to DFM.

This strikes me that everything was being done / provided etc – far too close to the deadline

Liz

Elizabeth Lloyd
Chief of Staff to the First Minister
[Redact 38(1)(b)]

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From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 21 February 2020 11:54
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Director of Learning; Pentland MK (Malcolm); [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin) <; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser
Subject: RE: Education publication

Liz

This is last night's timeline.

17:32 – DFM cleared publication of the report
18:07 – News release cleared
19:25 – Report live on the SG website.
19:28 – Fol Reviewer issued response to James McEnaney

Regards
[Redact 38(1)(b)]

From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth)
Sent: 21 February 2020 08:51
To: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and

Skills

Cc: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin); Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser

Subject: Education publication

Morning

I'm looking (on FM's behalf) for an explanation of why we issued this education analysis at 8pm last night, rather than during normal hours.

DFM PO – Can FMPO also be sent a copy of the document...which she would have like to have been aware we were publishing, given it would attract interest.

Can I also be sent any rebuttal lines we're using for the opposition attacks

Liz

Elizabeth Lloyd

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