

Annex

Question 2)

From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 February 2020 08:10
To: DL SPADS <DLSPADS@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: STATEMENT FROM DEREK MACKAY

Please share with your Cab Secs and ministers.

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From: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 February 2020 08:09
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Stuart Nicolson – Head of Communications & Senior Political Spokesperson

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Sent: 06 February 2020 08:11
To: [Redacted multiple @gov.scot email addresses]; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [Redacted] gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted multiple @gov.scot email addresses]
Subject: RE: media query - Scottish Sun splash - Daily Mail/GMS/Sky

All,

The statement below has just issued from SPADs:

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Sent: 06 February 2020 00:15
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted multiple @gov.scot email addresses]
Subject: media query - Scottish Sun splash - Daily Mail/GMS/Sky

Good evening all,

Sky, the Daily Mail and GMS are asking for response to the Scottish Sun splash.

The [Sun](#) is carrying an SG no comment line.

I'll collate the requests as they come in - grateful for thoughts.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Newsdesk
Scottish Government
Ext [Redacted]

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Question 3)

From:

[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot][SMTP:FIRSTMINISTERWEBSITE@GOV.SCOT]

Sent: 08 February 2020 19:36:37

To: First Ministers Website Mailbox

Subject: Derek Mackay £12,000 Payout

Auto forwarded by a Rule

From: <[Redacted]@btinternet.com>

Subject: Derek Mackay £12,000 Payout

Message Body:

I like many others find it is disgusting and wrong that this payment should be made to the former finance minister.

If this is a contractual obligation then it needs to be changed.

Ministers who resign voluntarily and /or are dismissed because of misconduct should not qualify for this payment.

Can I ask if you agree with this and if so will you amend the employment rules to reflect this.

Your personal response is eagerly awaited urgently.

Thanks. [Redacted]

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From: <[Redacted]@btinternet.com>
Sent: 08 February 2020 12:08
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Finance Minister

Dear First Minister

Can you please advise why you allowed Derek Mackay to resign? Why did you not sack him?

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: <[Redacted]@hotmail.com>
Sent: 07 February 2020 11:33
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Derek Mackay MSP

Dear First Minister,

I wish to know if this predatory person will receive any financial benefits from leaving his job?

What did you know about any of his behaviour in the SNP?

This person has the capacity to bring your government down as you by may will be seen as inactive as to his previous behaviour.

Yours Respectfully

[Redacted]

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From: <[Redacted]@ntlworld.com>
Sent: 06 February 2020 12:43
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Derek MacKay

Dear First Minister

Could you please confirm if Derek MacKay MSP will be expelled from the SNP party after his resignation from his Scottish government post as Finance Secretary follow revelations that he was sending text messages to a 16 year old boy? Your statement this morning says that "Mr MacKay recognises that his behaviour has failed to meet the standards required" so surely he can't continue to represent the constituency of Renfrewshire North and West as an MSP in Hollyrood or be a member of the SNP.

Your sincerely
[Redacted]

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From: <[Redacted]@[redacted]com>
Sent: 06 February 2020 11:38
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: glen.campbell@bbc.co.uk
Subject: FW: Personal experience of grooming a 16 year old-re Derek Mackay analysis

FOA Nicola Sturgeon

Having read the report around Derek Mackay, any comment from you except this behaviour is vile, abhorrent, and most be completely and utterly condemned is the wrong one

I have no political view here, we are talking about children being groomed, that is it

Please please do the right thing and strongly condemn this behaviour

I'm more than happy to take a phone call if it would help understand how devastating this sort of action can be

Regards, [Redacted]

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From: <[Redacted]@hotmail.com>
Sent: 06 February 2020 10:26
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Finance minister

Dear First Minister,

The finance minister's behaviour is deplorable and possibly criminal. He only offered his resignation as finance minister because he was compelled to by events and this is only the first step in removing him from all government business. I ask you now, will he resign as an MSP as he cannot represent the constituency or will you sack him and force a by - election.

He is unfit for any job in government, and your position and action on this matter will impact on you personally, as it is a test of leadership over personal friendships.

I await your response with interest.

Yours Respectfully

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From: <[Redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: 06 February 2020 13:57
To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>
Subject: Derek Mackay

Dear First Minister

Had you not today fired Derek Mackay I would have resigned my membership of the Scottish National Party.

Yours sincerely

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From:
[FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot][SMTP:FIRSTMINISTERWEBSITE@GOV.SCOT]
Sent: 06 February 2020 11:52:34
To: First Ministers Website Mailbox
Subject: Re: Derek Mackay
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From: <[Redacted]@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Derek Mackay

Message Body:
Dear Ms Sturgeon,

I am writing to express my sympathy towards your former Finance Minister Derek Mackay in relation to the recent press publication.

I believe that nobody deserves that degree of humiliation in the public eye, In my opinion, it was a deliberate plan to destroy him both as a politician and as a human being due to his protected characteristic. The press needs to stop demonising and poisoning individuals, including politicians.

I believe that a second thought should be considered as a fair and democratic practice. I am homosexual by myself and I have lived and faced with all the ignorance and prejudice associated with 'being different'.

I hope my little note will make a change for the better, a kinder society and a more rigorous regulated press and media.

Kindest regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Two email addresses redacted]
Sent: 06 February 2020 10:48
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Derek Mackay resignation

Good morning,

I am a big fan of Nicola Sturgeon and wish she could move south of the border to show us English how good politicians can be.

However, I feel that I must say something about the issue of Derek Mackay's resignation.

I am not at all comfortable that Derek Mackay was made to resign. He is openly gay, separated from his wife and the boy by legal definition actually a young man of 16.

In 1968 my [Redacted]. Nobody, wrote to the papers, nobody called the police.

It seems to me that there is considerable bias here. If an older man gets together with a young lady – he gets a pat on the back.

However, because it is a man approaching a younger man, suddenly it must be wrong, immoral, disgusting.

There is no scandal here, Derek Mackay has committed no offence and he should be re-instated.

Did the young man request no further contact? Did he attempt to block Derek Mackay's messages? It seems to me very simple, these two guys had been chatting, mum found out and stirred it up. Derek Mackay is by no means unattractive and probably the feelings were mutual.

There is no such law, nor is it against morality for an older guy to date a younger one, even if the younger one is only sixteen. The pair of them are perfectly able to even get married if they want to. Mother's outrage, while appealing to the newspapers has nothing to do with it. The young man can do whatever he wants, he is sixteen.

Derek Mackay has lost his job and his good name has been splashed over the front pages for doing nothing wrong. He isn't the first guy that got his turned by an attractive young man and he certainly will not be the last.

Regards

[Redacted]

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