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Subject: RE: Mr Mackay's resignation letter

Steve

For response later ..suggest below

Cc'ing James Hynd

Line for background

Mr Mackay resigned verbally to the First Minister on Wednesday evening and it was accepted immediately.

There was no subsequent exchange of letters, for information – there is no requirement for a Cabinet Secretary to send a letter or for the First Minister to reply.

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Subject: Mr Mackay's resignation letter

Liz and Ross,

Tom Gordon asking for pictures of Mr Mackay's resignation letter and FM's reply.

How best should we reply?

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Subject: RE: Urgent - new Sun splash

BBC just want to discuss the 'hurdles the SG tried to throw up'.

Global asked how the SG dealt with the allegations in the immediate aftermath of the Sun's publication and if there's any truth to claims the SG tried to place legal hurdles in the way of the Sun ahead of publication.

Cheers,
[Redacted]

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[Redacted] – it'll almost certainly be a decline, but what specifically are they asking about?

The Sun splash doesn't have any new information, so I'm assuming they're asking about other stuff further inside the paper, in terms of SG handling of the issue on Wednesday night?

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Subject: RE: Urgent - new Sun splash

Hi all,

Just took a call from Global and BBC looking to speak to DFM or a Minister regarding today's Sun splash. I imagine it will be a decline on both – just forwarding for awareness as there is no huge rush to get back to them.

Cheers,
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Hi

Transcripts have been ordered and we'll share asap

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On Andrew Kerrs question I think DFM answer suffices. Can we get transcripts of both interviews asap and we should use as the basis for lines and queries during the day

Liz

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Agreed

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Subject: RE: Urgent - new Sun splash

Hi,

PA also looking for a comment on this Daily Record story, but as he is no longer a minister I'm not sure there would be anything for us to add.

'Got any naughty pics?' Derek Mackay bombarded married SNP activist with messages for years

Shaun Cameron says the 'creepy' MSP even suggested they got together at his Edinburgh home.

A married **SNP** activist last night told how disgraced Derek Mackay bombarded him with messages for almost four years, including one asking: "Got any naughty pics?"

Shaun Cameron, 25, received dozens of unwanted Facebook messages from the former Scottish **finance secretary** despite meeting him just once.

The **shamed MSP**, who Shaun branded "creepy", even suggested they got together at his Edinburgh home.

SNP supporter Shaun Cameron has spoken to the Daily Record about his experiences with disgraced SNP MSP Derek Mackay (Image: Daily Record)

After Mackay resigned from his senior government role over “predatory” behaviour with a 16-year-old schoolboy, Shaun told the Record how the politician:

- Made a beeline for him at an SNP fundraiser.
- Found out his name then tracked him down on Facebook.
- Bombarded him with messages, including some which were sexually suggestive.
- Put pressure on Shaun to keep the conversations private.

Aspiring politician Shaun also told how he felt unable to tell Mackay to leave him alone because of his high profile in the SNP.

On one occasion, the MSP wrote: “Would you like to come stay with me sometime?”

The last message he sent was on Sunday. He told Shaun he was “finishing the budget papers” but was free to see him in the city.

Shaun said Mackay, 42, asked him if was gay. Despite Shaun telling him he was straight and in a long-term relationship, the politician continued to insist they meet.

After Shaun got married last May, Mackay told him he looked “loved up” but continued to contact him.

Shaun said he felt “pressurised” to respond to Mackay due to his standing in the party – otherwise he would have told him to “f-off”.

He called him a “predator” who didn’t “take the hint” despite repeated demurrals.

Mackay resigned as finance secretary yesterday – hours before he was due to deliver the budget – after it emerged he sent messages to a 16-year-old boy.

In the online messages, Mackay invited the teen to dinner and a rugby event as well as calling him “cute”.

He contacted the boy over a six-month period on Instagram and Facebook.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon revealed Mackay has been suspended from the SNP amid the fallout from the scandal.

Shaun said he met Mackay at a SNP fundraising dinner at the Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries in March 2016.

He said: “It was a fundraiser to help get (South Scotland SNP MSP) Joan McAlpine re-elected. There were 100 to 150 people there. Alex Salmond delivered a speech and Joan was there along with Derek Mackay, who also gave a speech.

“I was 21. I would say Derek Mackay made a beeline for me.

“I was with my then partner and introduced her so he knew what the situation was. He was asking general things, such as, ‘What brings you here tonight?’

“I thought it was a bit strange he’d walked past two or three tables to come and talk to me.”

Mackay then tracked Shaun down on social media. Shaun has 1400 Facebook friends and counts several SNP MSPs among them.

He said: "About a week after the event, I got a friend request from him on Facebook. It was strange because I don't know how he found out my name.

"I wondered why he wanted to be Facebook friends but didn't think too much about it and accepted. The Facebook Messenger messages started almost immediately.

"He asked if I was gay and if I knew what his political position was. He knew fine well I was straight. I made that clear."

"To begin with, it was general chit-chat. Then he invited me to stay over in Edinburgh. The address was near the Scottish Parliament. I was polite but never agreed. I knew what he was after. It was quite obvious.

"He would ask if the conversation was strictly between us. He was quite pushy. I'm obviously a happily married man. He was being quite sexual, quite suggestive.

"You would think the messages would stop after being ignored two or three times but I have pages and pages of him messaging me and getting no response. It's quite creepy."

Shaun said he mostly ignored the messages, which were often sent at night.

In January 2017, Mackay messaged: "Are these conversations just between us?"

Shaun assured him: "Yeah, of course."

Mackay replies: "Good, would you like to come stay with me sometime?" He added: "I could treat you to some drinks." After receiving no reply, Mackay said: "Maybe not."

In September that year, Mackay sent a message asking: "Got any naughty pics?"

Months later, after receiving no replies from Shaun, the MSP asked: "You not talking to me?"

Shaun told the Record: "It was never public Facebook messages, always private. Sometimes he would send 'hey' or a wave emoji. It was like he wanted to start a conversation.

"I told my wife about it. She was angry but I kind of turned a blind eye. I'm an SNP supporter so it was difficult for me to admit this was bad.

"I got married last year and kind of ignored him altogether. It had got tiresome and he disappeared for a while. Then he sent messages at the end of last year saying I looked 'all loved up' because he would have seen wedding photos on my timeline."

Shaun, who works for a pension firm, is a part-time DJ in nightclubs. He's been an activist in the SNP for six years.

He said: "I responded to the minority of his messages. I'd maybe get 10 for every one I replied to. I never led him on.

"I didn't respond because I wanted to get rid of him – but he didn't take the hint.

"I was being polite because I was afraid it would damage my stance within the party.

"I did feel pressurised because I didn't want to lose my position. It's 100 per cent that there was a power dynamic."

Shaun said he felt "locked into" the messaging despite not wanting to respond.

He added: “I often felt, ‘I’d better say hello back.’ If he wasn’t a senior politician, I would have blocked him on Facebook.

“If I asked something about politics, he didn’t seem interested. He never showed an interest in me as a person. He seemed only interested in one thing.”

Shaun, who was born and brought up in Dumfries, was shocked by the revelations about Mackay’s messages to the teenager.

He said: “It’s disgusting. I can relate to the way the boy felt. I’m older and was able to deal with it but for a teenager, it would have been frightening. He was abusing his position of power. I’d call him a predator. He’s a desperate person.”

The Record tried to contact Mackay at his home in Renfrewshire yesterday but there was no response.

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Subject: Urgent - new Sun splash

Hi,

BBC’s Andrew Kerr is looking for a comment on the latest Sun story that SG used ‘media lawyer style’ tactics when responding to the Mr Mackay story on Wednesday night.

Grateful for views on a possible response. I will also flag this to DFM for awareness as he is doing Today at 730 and GMS at 8.

Thanks

[Redacted]

Derek Mackay should have been ‘sacked on the spot’ by SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon, says Jackson Carlaw

NICOLA Sturgeon should have sacked Derek Mackay “on the spot” rather than choreograph a resignation statement after a “night of PR spin”, it has been claimed.

The First Minister came under fire over the government response to the scandal of her key lieutenant sending unwanted messages to a schoolboy.

It emerged ex-Finance Secretary Mackay, 42, was allowed to resign — rather than be fired — following a meeting with Ms Sturgeon in his party office on Wednesday night.

And we can also reveal that the Scottish Government tried to throw up hurdles to the Scottish Sun to prevent us from publishing the bombshell revelations.

Their attempts included demanding to know the name of the 16-year-old schoolboy as well as asking for our “justification for publication, given the intrusion into private and family life, and correspondence including digital communication”.

Scottish Tory interim leader Jackson Carlaw, said: “The information she received would have been clear — and he should have been sacked on the spot.

He added: “The First Minister’s main concern should be for this boy and his family, not a night of spin and her own PR requirements.”

And the Scottish Lib Dems also slammed Ms Sturgeon over her response.

A party spokesman said: “Once the First Minister was aware of troubling and alarming events she should have immediately acted to remove Derek Mackay from his position.”

Mackay’s dramatic meeting with Ms Sturgeon came after The Scottish Sun shared details of his disturbing messages to the 16-year-old boy with the First Minister’s official spokesman, at 5.50pm on Wednesday night.

The Government later refused to comment and it was not until 8.09am on Thursday that a carefully worded statement was released from Mackay and Ms Sturgeon — saying he had resigned for acting “foolishly”.

Quizzed on why he was not sacked, the First Minister’s spokesman told a Holyrood media briefing that Mackay offered to resign “pretty much immediately” after Ms Sturgeon found out.

Asked why his departure was only announced the following day, he said: “We took the decision to allow Derek to speak to the people close to him and to announce this first thing in the morning.”

The spokesman also said “the detail” of the six months of Mackay’s messages to the boy only emerged at 11pm — when the Scottish Sun published the story.

But today we can reveal the Government fired back a string of questions to The Scottish Sun — which could have potentially hampered publication of the story — following two 15-minute conversations with the First Minister’s spokesman at 5.50pm and 6.40pm.

The Scottish Sun can exclusively reveal:

- SNP Finance Secretary Derek Mackay bombarded schoolboy, 16, with creepy texts and called him 'cute' despite knowing his age
- The teen was "grossed out" by Mackay's compliments and worried when urged to keep the chats secret

- He felt forced to make up lies to avoid a face-to-face encounter with the powerful MSP who was tipped as the next First Minister
- A leading child abuse expert warned the messages 'should be probed by cops' and may show 'patterns' of inappropriate behaviour
- Mackay sensationally QUIT this morning and apologised, taking "full responsibility" for his "foolish actions"
- Read the entire six months' worth of private Facebook and Instagram posts here.
In the conversations, we detailed the allegations, read out key exchanges and flagged up experts' concerns.

We also advised the Government to speak to Mr Mackay to view the entire conversation. But in an email at 7.23pm, the Scottish Government questioned the "justification" for the story.

It said: "Given you yourself state that there is nothing illegal or unlawful in the messages, can you advise on your justification for publication, given the intrusion into private and family life, and correspondence including digital communication."

The Government also asked for written confirmation "that the material has been obtained by legitimate means", and "the material you are basing this story on to be emailed across to us as soon as possible".

The Government then insisted our newspaper had a "moral obligation to share this material in order for us to be in a position to offer any form of substantive response or view".

The email also added: "Can you advise on the name of the individual?"

The Scottish Sun declined to provide the information and the Scottish Government later refused to comment.

Quizzed by reporters, Ms Sturgeon suggested Mackay jumped before he was pushed.

She said: "He offered his resignation but regardless of that it would have not been an option in my view for him to remain in government from what I knew last night."

Pressed on why she didn't sack Mackay rather than let him resign, the First Minister gave no answer before dodging more questions by walking into a lift that was being held for her.

Her spokesman was also quizzed on whether the use of the word "foolish" in the statement announcing Mackay's resignation downplayed the gravity of the message blitz.

He replied: "Those are Derek's words. That's clearly how Derek Mackay himself regards what happened."

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Sent: 06 February 2020 18:26

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Subject: FW: media query - Scottish Sun splash - Daily Mail/GMS/Sky

Here you go. I'd go straight to Liz or Stuart if you get anything further but hopefully they'll just take it from FMQs or the statement below.

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Have sent on.

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Hi Stuart,

Not getting much traffic here but one more journalist looking for the statement - they are from CNN.

Many thanks,

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Stuart – Can you also send to CNN: Martin.Goillandeau@turner.com

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Will do.

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Hi Stuart,

Hope you are well.

Just to say we have had the New York Times and Bloomberg seeking the below statement.

Grateful if you could send on.

Many thanks,

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Stuart/SpAds,

Reuters are asking for the statement – their email is uk.online@reuters.com

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All,

The statement below has just issued from SPADs:

STATEMENT FROM DEREK MACKAY

Derek Mackay said:

"I take full responsibility for my actions. I have behaved foolishly and I am truly sorry.

"I apologise unreservedly to the individual involved and his family.

"I spoke last night with the First Minister and tendered my resignation with immediate effect.

"Serving in government has been a huge privilege and I am sorry to have let colleagues and supporters down."

Accepting Mr Mackay's resignation, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:

"Derek has taken full responsibility for his actions and apologises unreservedly for them to the individual involved and to those he has let down. He has submitted his resignation as a government minister which I have accepted.

"Derek has made a significant contribution to government, however he recognises that his behaviour has failed to meet the standards required.

"The Minister for Public Finance, Kate Forbes, will present today's Scottish Government budget setting out our actions to support the economy, back our people and public services and tackle the climate crisis, and that remains my government's focus."

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Ms Freeman as an interview with Mandy Rhodes this morning. Think it's 10.30.

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No expected media this morning for SSOP or CLG. Ms Campbell has a low level event not on the note (speaking at a town centres summit in Edinburgh at 11:35).

We do have a live Nine bid for SAS on GRA for this evening. It's still with Cab Sec for consideration. Obviously not for this morning but worth being aware of.

Thanks,
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Adding team leaders in case of any bids going ahead this morning not on list

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Hi all,

Attaching a copy of today's Events Note.

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Copying in [Redacted] and [Redacted] on MMU who will have access to todays note. I will be in in 10 and can check too.

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I know we had no one on radio this morning. Is anyone on visits with likely media attendance?

Liz

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Thanks, Liz.

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We won't be responding overnight. I think the best position for you – is that you don't have a response to give.

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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,

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Stuart/SpAds,

Reuters are asking for the statement – their email is uk.online@reuters.com