

**FOI 202000034467**

FOI Request

*Between 23 March and present (5<sup>th</sup> May 2020) Copies and details of any internal correspondence in the Scottish Government regarding a Universal Basic Income. (This might take the form of emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, texts or instant messages, minutes, briefings or other). Specifically, but not limited to, the cost and economic viability of implementing a Universal Income Basic Income.*

**Section 1 – Two documents in total**

**First Document**

**[redacted S.25(1)]**

**Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

**Sent:** 20 April 2020 17:57

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee's Report on Arts Funding

Good Afternoon [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for this.

Cab Sec is content with the letter, I have attached a version I have sent out.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 20 April 2020 12:19

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture  
<CabSecEFWC@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** Response to CTEEA Committee's Report on Arts Funding

Dear PO

Please find attached a revised draft letter of response to the CTEEA Committee's Report on Arts Funding for Cabinet Secretary's consideration/approval.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss further, or require a copy of the original submission.

Thank you.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 2 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 15 April 2020 12:07

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Can you save to eRDM please? It's for Response to CTEEA report re Citizens Basic Income

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 15 April 2020 11:18

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks for this, good call to check in! The publication has been delayed a little, although a new date hasn't yet appeared, so would suggest the revised wording below.

**The Committee also recommends that artists and cultural freelancers be included in the range of participants in ongoing feasibility studies into a Citizens Basic Income (CBI). The CBI Feasibility Study Steering Group's interim report (November 2019) proposes models for piloting universal and unconditional income payments in Scotland. I can confirm that, in any such scenario, all citizens living within a given pilot area – including artists and cultural freelancers – will be included. As the Committee may be aware, the Steering Group's final report will was due to be published in spring 2020 for review by the Scottish Government. The publication of this report has been postponed due to COVID-19, as a result of redeployment of resources for the councils involved with the CBI Steering Group. Although a new date has yet to be set, it is still due to be published later this year, at which point the Scottish Government will review the findings and decide the next steps.**

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 15 April 2020 10:18

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I hope you are well in these strange times.

For various reasons, Fiona Hyslop's response to the CTEEA Committee's report into arts funding has not yet issued. I'm hoping to get a final version to PO this week but – given the passage of time – I just wanted to check in with you on the current status of the CBI Feasibility Study Steering Group's final report. Is that still due this spring (as per the text below) or has it been delayed?

Be very grateful for your advice.

With many thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 05 February 2020 12:37

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Not a problem at all, I'm content with the text below, thanks for checking in and please let me know if you have any further requirements!

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 05 February 2020 11:31

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Thanks again for all your help with this. I've copied below our draft for the Cabinet Secretary's response. It's pretty much as you supplied but just wanted to check it with you to ensure you are happy with it. With apologies, could you let me know by 2pm if you require any changes.

The Committee also recommends that artists and cultural freelancers be included in the range of participants in ongoing feasibility studies into a Citizens Basic Income (CBI). The CBI Feasibility Study Steering Group's interim report (November 2019) proposes models for piloting universal and unconditional income payments in Scotland. I can confirm that, in any such scenario, all citizens living within a given pilot area – including artists and cultural freelancers – will be included. As the Committee may be aware, the Steering Group's final report will be submitted in spring 2020 for review by the Scottish Government, which will then decide the next steps.

Many thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 10 January 2020 09:18  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Please may I ask you to take a look at the following wording and let me know if it meets your needs?

*The Committee recommends that the Scottish Government take steps to ensure that artists and cultural freelancers are included in the range of participants in the ongoing feasibility studies into a basic citizens income.*

**In November last year, the Citizen's Basic Income Feasibility Study Steering group published an interim report on proposed models for piloting universal and unconditional income payments in Scotland. In such a scenario, all citizens living within a given pilot area, including artists or cultural freelancers, would be included.**

**Once the final report is submitted, in spring 2020, it will be for the Scottish Government to consider the next steps. Any future decisions need to be based on robust evidence and provide value for money.**

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 08 January 2020 14:37  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Sorry I missed you! That sounds great. No particular format requirements.  
Many thanks  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 08 January 2020 11:47  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I just spotted that you're just down the floor, so popped by to go through this, but spotted that you were in a huddle.

I'm happy to put together a quick paragraph responding to this recommendation, and, having got that cleared, send it over to you?

Please let me know if that works for you and if there's a particular format that I should be mindful of.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 06 January 2020 10:51

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** Response to CTEEA Committee Report on Arts Funding

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Happy New Year! I hope you are well, and thanks again for your help with information on Citizens Basic Income.

As you may be aware, the Culture, Tourism, Europe & External Affairs Committee published its Report into Arts Funding on 10 December 2019: **[redacted S.25(1)]**

I am now drafting Ms Hyslop's response to the report, and would like to draw your attention to the recommendation at para 204, which reads: *The Committee recommends that the Scottish Government take steps to ensure that artists and cultural freelancers are included in the range of participants in the ongoing feasibility studies into a basic citizens income.*

Could you advise how this can be taken forward please?

I would be grateful if you could get back to me by Friday 17 January.

With many thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] Scottish Government | 2G South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 3 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management

**Sent:** 01 May 2020 16:43

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>; DL SpAds Economy Hub <DLODOPSEH@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Communications Covid-19 <CommunicationsCovid-19@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot> [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management <COVID-19ScottishExchequerandFinancialManagement@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Briefing request - Ms Forbes - Reform Scotland event

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

### **Briefing request - Ms Forbes - Reform Scotland event**

With apologies for the delay, please find attached:

A briefing paper covering the 4 areas requested (7 pages)

COVID 19 – Master top line briefing (as at 14:30 today – 10 pages)

A Framework for decision-making – Core Brief and FMQ (2 pages and 4 pages respectively)

Please note that in the briefing paper, there is a reference to an updated publication of the framework, highlighted in red on page 2, that can be removed depending on developments.

Reform Scotland is on the agenda for the Monday morning Finance Portfolio Update meeting with Ms Forbes, and [redacted s.38(1)(b)] can go through any questions or points of clarification that may be required.

Regards

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 16:36

**To:** COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management <COVID-19ScottishExchequerandFinancialManagement@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Economy Covid-19 Hub <BESTCovidHub@gov.scot>; DL SpAds Economy Hub

<DLODOPSEH@gov.scot>; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Communications Covid-19  
<CommunicationsCovid-19@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Briefing request - Ms Forbes - Reform Scotland event

Finance Covid Hub

Ms Forbes has agreed to take part in a web based discussion with Reform Scotland on Monday afternoon looking at the future of the economy. Full invite at the bottom.

There's a couple of specific points that will be discussed which Ms Forbes has asked for briefing on – could the four points be picked up and a draft of the lines to take be provided to PO by 16:00 tomorrow? If you can let me know who will pick this up that would be great.

I'm aware that there is briefing being prepared for Ms Forbes statement on Tuesday so there's likely to be some parts that can be taken across from this. I know **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** (cc'd) and her team are leading on this. Where this is read across I'd ask if we can still get specific lines on each point even if it's repeating information.

**What will be the demands on government spending, borrowing and taxation?**

**The state has justly responded to the pandemic in sweeping and authoritarian ways - what should its role be as society returns to “the new normal”?**

**How much credence should be given to proposed and radical measures such as Universal Basic Income, individual wealth taxes and windfall taxes on the most successful sectors?**

**How far should Scotland go in carving out a distinct path?**

If you can let me know who will pick this up that would be great.

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted S.25(1)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Second Document**

**PS/Cabinet Secretary for Finance**

**[out of scope]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

#### **Section 4 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 15:16

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI Feasibility Steering Group meeting Thursday 2nd April 2020

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Please see below our lines on CBI.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 14:46

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI Feasibility Steering Group meeting Thursday 2nd April 2020

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]– can you send [redacted s.38(1)(b)]the lines you sent [redacted s.38(1)(b)] on CBI. Can you also ask [redacted s.38(1)(b)]to include me on the invite list?

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 12:33

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI Feasibility Steering Group meeting Thursday 2nd April 2020

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Hope everyone is well

Do you have any thoughts on what we should be feeding back to the Group about the current situation and demands for a CBI? It doesn't seem to be on Thursday's agenda, but I imagine it will come up.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

## **Section 5 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:45

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People  
<CabSecSSOP@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]>

**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] is your person re UBI I think. I know she was trying to speak to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] about this but that hasn't happened yet.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] also asked me to send on the attached.

[redacted s.25(1)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:40

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People  
<CabSecSSOP@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

[out of scope]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:38

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People  
<CabSecSSOP@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Call with DFM and paper

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]– the one thing I wasn't clear about is when the Cabinet paper would be going up. What did you draw from the discussion on that?

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[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:34

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

<[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

Thanks both – sounds good!

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People  
**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:29  
**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

Thanks **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

I suspect that is exactly what Cab Secs will be looking for. You'll have all this but what I gleaned from the call was:

1. Need to own the territory around Basic Universal Income
2. **[out of scope]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:28  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Call with DFM and paper

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**– I was just on the call with DFM on the Advisory Group paper. Happy to offer a further version of the paper if that would be helpful, taking in DFM's comments and seeking input from Reserved Benefits team on the UBI point.

Just let me know

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Deputy Director, Social Justice and Regeneration  
The Scottish Government

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Section 6 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 19:05

**To:** McVie A (Ann) <Ann.McVie@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Call with DFM and paper

FYI

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**/ Deputy Director - Social Justice and Regeneration - Scottish Government

e: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 17:00

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

Brilliant, thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. Some brief notes from Cab Secs (I think you have most of this covered but just for completeness!):

[out of scope]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] also provided the following link on UBI for info: [redacted s.25(1)]

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:37

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

OK – I'll try and get something to you both later today. Need to pop out just now but will be back in later.

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:34

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>

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**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:29

**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Call with DFM and paper

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**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:28

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government <[CabSecCLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecCLG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People <[CabSecSSOP@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecSSOP@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Director for Housing and Social Justice <[DirectorHSJ@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorHSJ@gov.scot)>; CLG

Coordination Unit <[CLGCoord@gov.scot](mailto:CLGCoord@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Call with DFM and paper

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Just let me know

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 7 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 09:10

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Cab Sec Submission - Statement from VOCAL on support for carers and centres - March 2020 (A27713700)

**Importance:** High

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]- we spoke. Here is the proposed text for the attached sub for your thoughts.

#### Background

We have provided £250,000 to four local authorities to undertake a study into the feasibility of conducting local pilots for a Universal Basic Income (UBI) in Scotland. However, the emerging findings from this work make it clear that the Scottish Government does not have the range of social security or tax powers to enable it to make such a payment.

[out of scope]

Kind regards

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] | Carer Benefits | Social Security Policy | [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Scottish Government | 1-B (south) Victoria Quay | Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Find out more about social security for carers on our webpages, and sign up for our blog and Twitter feeds

[out scope]

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 14:34

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Q&A for Statement

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

The advice is from carer policy as it was an ask – of many - from Vocal.

Lines from your core brief went in and I checked them with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**. Apologies if I have managed to miss you on the emails on this.

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 30 March 2020 14:08  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Q&A for Statement

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Thanks for flagging.

When you say she is getting briefing – from whom?

We are actually the lead on UBI (or CBI) – as we are funding a steering group to look at the feasibility of pilots in Scotland. It is, however, Aileen Campbell who is leading not SAS. **[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**– can you send **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** our lines from the COVID19 Core brief on it?

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 30 March 2020 13:01  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Q&A for Statement

And the Cab Sec will be getting briefing this afternoon saying that it is a specific ask for carers!

Kind regards





## **Section 8 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 07:46

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Subject:** RE: UBI meeting - 30/04

Thanks for listening in [redacted s.38(1)(b)].

Was there anyone from the SNP, Lib Dems or Greens there, as far as you can tell?

You will have seen the press release from Willie Rennie who does not quite understand the complexities of a CBI.

I am listening to the Finnish report launch on Wednesday and will feed back.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 01 May 2020 09:29

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** UBI meeting - 30/04

Hello,

I dialled into last night's UBI discussion meeting, overall it wasn't very illuminating but a couple of key takeaways below:

- [redacted s.38(1)(b)], from the RSA was one of the speakers. [redacted s.38(1)(b)] was the only person to mention the work on a feasibility study last night and also acknowledged that it was likely to reflect that it'd be impossible to implement a UBI without cooperation from UKG or more powers.
- The call was very Labour-centric and there were several different ideas for what a UBI should look like, and whether non-left wing parts of the party would accept it. There were a couple of councillors and an ex-MP but no other senior political representation on the call.

Nothing to really move the needle but still diverting enough to listen to whilst cooking!

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 9 – One Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 14:10  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: UBI in PMQs

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

I spoke to **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** about it – happy for you to get feedback from me or call me direct – whichever is easiest.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 12:50  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: UBI in PMQs

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Thanks for sight of this, very helpful to know.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 12:45  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: UBI in PMQs

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 12:40  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: UBI in PMQs

<https://twitter.com/jordanhowell/status/1252923346842521600>

Found video of it!

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)], [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 22 April 2020 12:35

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: UBI in PMQs

Hello,

I'm not sure if you've had a chance to watch today's PMQs, but Ian Blackford called upon the UK Government to introduce a UBI.

I'm looking for the exact wording now (the Parliament TV player isn't working for me at the moment), and will circulate that shortly **[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 10 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 11:32  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** CBI - economic modelling

Hi guys

I wrote up a quick note of the economic modelling presentation with my summary, for ease of reference, and for the future. Here it is.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

### **Second Document**

#### **Note on economic modelling: CBI**

##### **Background**

- It is based on a nationwide rollout, not a pilot.
- It is not forecasting, but likely impact
- This type of economic modelling has not been done anywhere else to the same extent. Other areas have not look at structural and economic change. Therefore, this is innovative and hence needs to be treated with a degree of caution. Also, never been a national CBI scheme from which we can draw on evidence.

**Stage 1:** micro-stimulation. This is static and assumes nothing else changes. Traditional model. Looks at poverty rates and high rate CBI achieves the greatest reduction in poverty, followed by UC and then low level CBI

Costs for low level costs £27bn a year (each tax band would increase by 8 points)

Costs for high level £58 bn a year (and each tax band would increase by 39-49 points)

Costs for UC comparator (abolishing two child limit etc) costs £1bn and increase in tax bands of 6 points but: only benefit families with children; not a CBI; and impact on poverty rates not as great. **Action:** Need to think of lines re this.

**Stage 2:** macroeconomic. No other CBI study has taken this approach.

Looks at impact on GDP, employment and consumption. And looks at it making different assumptions about the labour market and how it would react – but no empirical evidence.

In all scenarios GDP reduces – it is looking at 20/30 years in the future – and compares it to what would happen if CBI had not been introduced (but does assume that the economy continues to grow). There is not enough evidence of the wider benefits such as improved health, education etc, to incorporate into the modelling – hence it only considers impact on labour market.

The impact on poverty is dependent on the assumptions made about the labour market. These models are not fully evidenced apart from the classic approach, and not quite up to date.

GDP reduces most under the classical model (scenario 1) and least under the social wage model. Under scenario 2 (workers CBI) it reduces by 17.9% - as more people are unemployed - and under families CBI it reduces by 8.9%.

The impact on poverty is greater under families CBI than workers CBI.

May be criticism towards steering group for using that model – not been peer reviewed. But the CBI models/scenarios are a middle ground so more plausible than classical approach or social wage model (which assumes everyone loves CBI and accepts high taxes).

## **Summary**

**Whatever model you use the cost of a national CBI scheme is significant, would require an increase in tax for almost everyone, and result in a reduction in GDP. In turn this would achieve a reduction in poverty; is there a better and more targeted way to achieve the same?**

## **Section 11 – One Document**

To note -  
**[redacted s.25(1)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 04 May 2020 09:33  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: Work and pensions committee call for evidence on UBI

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

Thanks  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 04 May 2020 08:26  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: Work and pensions committee call for evidence on UBI

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 03 May 2020 19:44  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: FW: Work and pensions committee call for evidence on UBI

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Attached is draft call for evidence from work and pensions committee. I'd like us to do submission please – can be usual format of letter to committee rather than big detailed thing. Should have Covid slant eg this is the time, work together and introduce (or give us powers to) clear a CBI would have stopped lot of issues pandemic has caused with people through gaps and writing for UC.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

Thanks  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 12 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

[out of scope]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

#### **BACKGROUND:**

**22 April:** During Prime Minister's Questions, Ian Blackford, MP put forward a suggestion to the First Secretary of State, Dominic Raab, to implement an emergency Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme in response to COVID-19. The suggestion by Mr Blackford is not a CBI in the style suggested by the independent steering group, but rather an emergency cash payment for everyone which would not replace existing benefits. In the Prime Minister's absence, Mr Raab said: **QUOTE:** *"We need to have a very focused approach, providing the resources that we need to those who need them most. A universal income, without being based on need, would not provide that."*

**10 April:** Independent think-tank Reform Scotland published a briefing stressing the need to implement a UBI to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. On the same day First Minister for Scotland welcomed the report and tweeted: **QUOTE:** *"This is an interesting and timely read from @reformscotland - I've long been interested in concept of UBI but current situation strengthens case immeasurably. It would require UK gov co-operation - given current powers of @ScotParl - but hopefully we can have serious discussion."*

**Annex C**

[out of scope]

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 27 April 2020 10:41

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Commission: Cabinet Secretary at Social Security Committee 30

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

That would be perfect, many thanks. Hoping to get a swift response from CAD/[redacted s.38(1)(b)] and will send up the responses ASAP (providing [redacted s.38(1)(b)] is content with questions 2 and 4, as mentioned in the previous email).

In the meantime I attach the remainder of our amended briefing which has been cleared and now includes CBI lines/Q&A.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

[out of scope]

## **Section 13 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 11:39

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)] . It is really helpful to see.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 09:56

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Subject:** RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 14:21

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Thanks for sharing the FMQ. And a readout from the Finnish pilot would be good – sounds interesting.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 14:08

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

No problem to send you a copy of the letter – the reference to CBI will be a one-liner so we have got it covered.

It would be interesting to get a read out from the Reform Scotland meeting if relevant. I have also sent you the FMQ we submitted earlier today.

I am listening into a launch of the Finnish CBI pilot on Wednesday and happy to copy you into the readout if you would find it useful?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 04 May 2020 13:19

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Thanks, **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**. Would be good to see the letter once it's sent, or before that if you think our input is needed.

FYI Ms Forbes has agreed to take part in a web discussion with Reform Scotland today. It's mainly about public finances and tax but there's a chance that UBI might come up given their recent report. We contributed to a fairly high-level briefing and included the latest lines you'd provided us with. Someone in my team is dialling into the call so I can send you a readout if it looks to be relevant to you.

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 04 May 2020 07:45

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Thanks **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 29 April 2020 14:18  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Many thanks for flagging this, much appreciated.

We're aware of SNP at Westminster calling for an emergency universal basic income scheme. Although no formal proposals have been suggested, it does seem to differ to the pilot model outlined in the CBI pilot feasibility study that SG is facilitating, in that it aims to be more targeted to those on low-incomes or experiencing financial hardship as a result of the outbreak.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

I hope this is helpful and I'm more than happy to discuss further.

Take care,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 29 April 2020 07:22  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

I noticed yesterday evening that the SNP at Westminster were part of a cross-party group of MP's who have written to the Chancellor to call for a UBI. Given their alignment to the current government up here, I thought this would be of interest to you.

As before, do let me know if there are any developments our end as there are likely to be significant dependencies on income tax policy and impacts on revenues.

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 20 April 2020 08:07  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Not a problem.

Further information on the feasibility study can be found here: **[redacted s.25(1)]**

The interim report, published in November last year, can be found here: **[redacted s.25(1)]**

More than happy to keep in touch going forward and will send on the Group's final report when shareable.

Lastly, you may be interested in attending an informal session our team is hosting on CBI/UBI given the recent public and political interest in such a scheme. Details of the session are yet to be finalised but I'll keep you posted.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 20 April 2020 07:57  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Thanks for providing the lines.

As an aside, can you send me with a link to the website and the interim report please? As mentioned in the lines, there would be a huge role for income tax in any UBI type scheme so I'd be keen to be kept in the loop if/when anything starts to progress on this.

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 19 April 2020 11:01

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Please see below our contribution.

Happy to discuss further if helpful.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

On the issue of a Universal Basic Income, sometimes referred to as a 'Citizen's Basic Income', we welcome the recent report from Reform Scotland which raises the need to explore such a payment to provide financial security to people during the coronavirus pandemic. We believe this is an idea worth exploring and would urge the UK Government not to dismiss it out of hand.

As you may know the UK Government on 26 March indicated that it was "not in favour of a Universal Basic Income". We believe nonetheless that the recent outbreak of COVID-19 strengthens considerably its case.

However, the Scottish Government does not have the range of social security or tax powers to enable it to make such a payment and that is why we urge the UK Government to keep its commitment, made by the Prime Minister on 18 March to explore the idea of a Universal Basic Income to provide a much-needed safety net to those at risk.

You may be aware that the Scottish Government has provided £250,000 to four local authorities to undertake a study into the feasibility of conducting local pilots in Scotland. We are committed to delivering a better social security system, built on dignity and respect, and to tackling poverty. The introduction of a Citizens Basic Income is a bold proposal which could help achieve this. The concept of a Basic Income is relatively untested, and as such the Scottish Government has committed financial support to four local authorities in Scotland to scope the feasibility of this scheme.

An official Steering Group, an accountability governance structure through Councillor and Stakeholder Groups, a website, as well as a social media presence have been established around the feasibility study.

The Steering Group is chaired by NHS Health Scotland who lead on the development of the research and evaluation design. The other members of the Steering Group are the four local authorities and the Scottish Government.

An interim report was published in November last year and a final report will be published later this year. The emerging findings from the report make it clear that the Scottish Government does not have the range of powers over social security or tax to make a universal payment, at speed, to every person living in Scotland. These are actions which can only be taken by the UK Government, as this is where policy and administration of Sick Pay and welfare benefits lies.

We urge the UK Government to seriously explore making a universal payment to everyone in the UK in this difficult times, and to reconsider its approach to date on welfare and look to increase child benefit, increase the levels of Sick Pay and further increase Universal Credit.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 16 April 2020 14:20

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: URGENT FAST TRACK RESPONSE Basic income Tax and Corporation tax

No problem **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**.

[out of scope]

## **Section 14 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 09:31

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Invitation to give evidence to the Social Security Committee

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks. This additional background and quotes information might be helpful?. If you agree, are you happy to send direct to PO?

- Reform Scotland published a report on 10 April which suggests the recent outbreak of COVID-19 strengthens considerably the case for a such a payment. Other countries, such as Spain, are reported to also be considering such emergency payments.
- QUOTE: “We’re not in favour of a universal basic income, although we have strengthened the safety net for the most vulnerable in our society with over £7bn invested in improving our welfare system.” Chancellor of the Exchequer, 26 March 2020.
- QUOTE: “I don't think Universal Basic Income is the right response to this.” Chancellor of the Exchequer, 14 April 2020.
- QUOTE: “We need to have a very focused approach, providing the resources that we need to those who need them most. A universal income, without being based on need, would not provide that.” First Secretary of State, 22 April 2020.
- QUOTE: “We do not support a universal basic income mainly because, it would not target our precious resources at such a challenging time at those who need them most. In total, Scotland will receive a cash boost of over £3 billion to tackle coronavirus, so the financial support from the UK Government is going there.” First Secretary of State, 29 April 2020.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 09:25

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to give evidence to the Social Security Committee

What Cab Sec already has – please let us know if there should be anything further.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

Sent: 30 April 2020 09:04

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People; Byrne A (Alison); Baron-Broadhurst L (Lisa); McVie A (Ann); Wallace D (David)

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** ; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; MacDougall A (Audrey); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director)

Subject: RE: Invitation to give evidence to the Social Security Committee

Ta, what Annex is that in?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 30 April 2020 09:04

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People; Byrne A (Alison); Baron-Broadhurst L (Lisa); McVie A (Ann); Wallace D (David)

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** ; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; MacDougall A (Audrey); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director)

Subject: RE: Invitation to give evidence to the Social Security Committee

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Current material in the pack reads:

Whether and, if so, how the Coronavirus Covid-19 crisis changes the arguments around the merits of a universal basic income

The Scottish Government remains committed to tackling poverty and inequalities, including the increased financial hardship many will now face as a result of COVID-19. Exploring the feasibility of a Citizen's Basic Income is a way of addressing these issues.

We believe it is an idea worth exploring and that is why we have provided £250,000 to four local authorities to undertake an independent study into the feasibility of conducting local pilots in Scotland. An interim report was published in November last year and a final report will be published later this year.

The emerging findings from the report make it clear, however, that the Scottish Government does not have the full range of powers over social security or tax that are required to make a universal payment to everyone in Scotland, at speed and without causing detriment to the recipients. This why we continue to call on the UK Government to explore an emergency Universal Basic Income and not dismiss it out of hand.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

Sent: 30 April 2020 09:02

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People; Byrne A (Alison); Baron-Broadhurst L (Lisa); McVie A (Ann); Wallace D (David)

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; MacDougall A (Audrey); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Kerr S (Stephen) (Social Security Director)

Subject: RE: Invitation to give evidence to the Social Security Committee

We believe that Cab Sec may be asked about Universal Basic Income this morning. I don't see anything in pack on that (although may have missed). Is there anything readily available on that?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

[out of scope]

## **Section 15 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 28 April 2020 12:18

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Zoom debate on Basic Income (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn CLP )

Great thanks. And I will listen to the podcast on the finnish CBI on 6 May and feed back to you and others.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 28 April 2020 11:57

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Zoom debate on Basic Income (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn CLP )

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

I've signed up for that and will report back on it to SG colleagues

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 27 April 2020 07:29

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Zoom debate on Basic Income (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn CLP )

Hi there

Could one of you listen in/attend and give a brief readout? The MSP for that area is Bob Doris (SNP).

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

[out of scope]



## **Section 16 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 07 April 2020 07:55

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Spain looking to introduce UBI in response to COVID-19

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. Good spot. Are there other people in the Government or outwith that you might useful share this with at this point in time (i.e. before it has been implemented)?

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 07 April 2020 07:30

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Spain looking to introduce UBI in response to COVID-19

Hi both,

For info - Spain is seriously exploring the idea of launching a UBI scheme that would initially support families during the pandemic but could also become a permanent fixture.

[redacted s.25(1)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**Section 17 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]>

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 10:06

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Urgent [redacted s.38(1)(b)]: Ms Forbes Statement - ACTION by noon on Thursday if you can

Thanks for this [redacted s.38(1)(b)], [Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 09:55

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: Urgent: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]: Ms Forbes Statement - ACTION by noon on Thursday if you can

For info

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 09:54

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]: Ms Forbes Statement - ACTION by noon on Thursday if you can

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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[Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[out of scope]

**Section 18 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 30 March 2020 12:51

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: SpAds views: Media query - universal basic income - Herald

Fine thanks, sorry missed this earlier

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 30 March 2020 09:28  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: SpAds views: Media query - universal basic income - Herald

Thanks **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**. SpAds, the Herald are asking if the universal basic income project has been delayed because of COVID-19. The final report was due to be submitted to the SG this month but the outbreak means this has been delayed indefinitely. I briefed the journalist by phone and said we couldn't provide a revised timescale. Bizarrely, he's asked if I could send over a line. Grateful for views on the proposed line – and if you're happy, can this go on SpAd clearance?

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Info to be issued

The feasibility project timeline has been delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

MEDIA QUERY

I wondered what the latest was on the plans for a universal basic income pilot scheme.

The timeline on the project website says a full business case for pilots was due to be submitted to Scottish Government this month.

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Has it been delayed by coronavirus?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Senior Media Manager  
Newsdesk  
Desk: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Scottish Government | news.gov.scot

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 30 March 2020 07:33  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: Universal basic income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Yes, to confirm, the feasibility project timeline has been delayed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The final report was due to be submitted to SG this month, prior to the necessary governance and clearance processes each participating local authority needs undertake to seek approval from their relevant Council Committee before publication. However, due to the outbreak, various staff resourcing issues and meeting cancellations have altered this timescale.

Furthermore, it is also likely that when normal working practices are resumed, a process of prioritising Council business will see consideration of the report de-prioritised in the short-term.

As of yet we do not have a confirmed revised date for SG to receive the report, but if helpful I will keep you informed when we know more.

I hope this is helpful in the interim and please let me know if you require anything further.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 29 March 2020 09:01  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: Universal basic income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

I was out of the office on Friday so I don't know if this has now been dealt with. If not, **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** will be able to help.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 27 March 2020 15:29  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: Universal basic income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

The Herald are asking what the latest is on the plans for a universal basic income pilot scheme. They say the timeline on the project website says a full business case for pilots was due to be submitted to Scottish Government this month. They are asking if it has been delayed because of coronavirus. Can you advise?

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Has it been delayed by coronavirus?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 19 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 08:21

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Hi both,

Thanks for this – will tweak the CB (to reflect the UBI FMQ note that went up from us yesterday, as opposed to the combined UBI/Pay note). Is it also worth reflecting in our lines FM's recent comments re: SG having "constructive discussions with UKG"?

Will await the statement transcript [redacted s.38(1)(b)] is chasing.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 08:11

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Yes, you missed all the excitement!

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 08:03

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Just as a heads up, this is an update on the UBI FMQ note that we sent up yesterday.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of First Minister Covid Briefing Unit  
Sent: 04 May 2020 18:29  
To: Social Security BMU ; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; DL SpAds Economy Hub; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; McVie A (Ann); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Dear **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Thank you for your and colleagues work on the UBI and Pay briefings. I have brought these together into a single edited briefing as attached. [out of scope]

Grateful for an updated briefing for 11:00am tomorrow please.

Many thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of Social Security BMU  
Sent: 04 May 2020 13:06  
To: First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** DL SpAds Economy Hub; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
McVie A (Ann); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Hi,

Please find attached the requested FMQ note.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of Social Security BMU  
Sent: 04 May 2020 08:58  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** CPS Group Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries COVI;D-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Hi,

I can confirm that the Social Security Reserved benefits team will provide the FMQ note.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 04 May 2020 08:50

To: CPS Group Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Thanks all - **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Reserved Benefits team is leading on this. **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, please see UBI FMQ request below.

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: CPS Group Hub

Sent: 03 May 2020 18:54

To: Reid A (Adam); Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit;

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; CPS Group Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**>; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; DL SpAds Economy Hub **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Copying in Social security hubs as they may have an interest. I have also included CLG hub as they also may wish to contribute.

Kind regards,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: Reid A (Adam)

Sent: 03 May 2020 18:44

To: Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial  
Management; CPS Group Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** DL SpAds Economy Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4  
May

I think social justice lead on UBI. Adding Paul who might be able to advise.

Adam

Adam Reid

From: Economy Covid-19 Hub

Date: Sunday, 03 May 2020, 6:27 pm

To: Economy Covid-19 Hub, First Minister Covid Briefing Unit, **[redacted  
s.38(1)(b)]**>, Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries, COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and  
Financial Management; CPS Group Hub

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**DL SpAds Economy Hub, Reid A (Adam), **[redacted  
s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4  
May

Apologies also adding Communities and public services group hub.

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** On Behalf Of Economy Covid-19 Hub

Sent: 03 May 2020 18:03

To: First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**>; Fair Work Covid19  
Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management

Cc: Economy Covid-19 Hub; **redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; DL SpAds Economy Hub ; Reid  
A (Adam); **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4  
May

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Thank you- copying in the relevant hubs.

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than the economy hub.

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Economy Covid Hub  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 03 May 2020 17:35

To: First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Economy Covid-19 Hub

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Dear Economy Hub,

Ahead of FMQs on Wednesday this week we are aware of some media coverage of calls by the Liberal Democrats for introduction of a Universal Basic Income. This has also been raised by Willie Rennie at the 2 previous FMQ sessions.

Please could we commission an FMQ note setting out the SG position on this and referencing previous FMQ exchanges. I am conscious that a part of our line will be around the extent to which this is reserved. In order to support our position can you also include material on pilots we have been engaged in, lobbying of UK Government and other measures we have taken in relation to this policy.

Grateful for confirmation this has been picked up and for a draft to be returned to this copylist by 13:00 tomorrow (Monday)?

Many thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 20 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 05 May 2020 08:26

**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Social Security BMU; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

DL SpAds Economy Hub; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

; McVie A (Ann); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Reid A (Adam); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thanks and happy to discuss.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 18:29

**To:** Social Security BMU; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit

<FMcovidbriefingunit@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; DL SpAds Economy Hub Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

McVie A (Ann); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Reid A (Adam); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

First Minister Covid Briefing Unit

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income and Pay - Deadline 11:00 Tuesday

Dear [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thank you for your and colleagues work on the UBI and Pay briefings. I have brought these together into a single edited briefing as attached. [out of scope]

Grateful for an updated briefing for 11:00am tomorrow please.

Many thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]> **On Behalf Of** Social Security BMU

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 13:06

**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit <>; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]DL SpAds Economy Hub; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; McVie A (Ann); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Hi,

Please find attached the requested FMQ note.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]On Behalf Of Social Security BMU

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 08:58

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; CPS Group Hub; Reid A (Adam); Economy Covid-19 Hub First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management;; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; DL SpAds Economy Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

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Thanks,

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 08:50

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; CPS Group Hub; Reid A (Adam); Economy Covid-19 Hub First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit;

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Thanks all - [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Reserved Benefits team is leading on this.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

, please see UBI FMQ request below.

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** CPS Group Hub

**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:54

**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; Reid A (Adam); Economy Covid-19 Hub First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit; **redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Cc:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Copying in Social security hubs as they may have an interest. I have also included CLG hub as they also may wish to contribute.

Kind regards,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** Reid A (Adam)

**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:44

**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; CPS Group Hub; Economy Covid-19 Hub First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit; **redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

I think social justice lead on UBI. Adding **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** who might be able to advise.

Adam

Adam Reid |

**From:** Economy Covid-19 Hub

**Date:** Sunday, 03 May 2020, 6:27 pm

**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**; CPS Group Hub; Reid A (Adam); First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit; **redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Cc:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, DL SpAds Economy Hub; **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Apologies also adding Communities and public services group hub.

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**On Behalf Of** Economy Covid-19 Hub  
**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:03  
**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
>; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management  
**Cc:** Economy Covid-19 Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
; DL SpAds Economy Hub; Reid A (Adam) [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 03 May 2020 17:35  
**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Economy Covid-19 Hub  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; DL SpAds Economy Hub  
**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

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Please could we commission an FMQ note setting out the SG position on this and referencing previous FMQ exchanges. I am conscious that a part of our line will be around the extent to which this is reserved. In order to support our position can you also include material on pilots we have been engaged in, lobbying of UK Government and other measures we have taken in relation to this policy.

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Many thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 21 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 09:34

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Thanks everyone.

Just to let you know that me and [redacted s.38(1)(b)] are being pulled into a job to analyse responses to the FM's framework document which will probably involve the best part of this week. I'm sure CBI will come up in it though.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 08:58

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] and I are dealing.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 08:50

**To:** CPS Group Hub; Reid A (Adam) <[Adam.Reid@gov.scot](mailto:Adam.Reid@gov.scot)>; Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit;

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

DL SpAds Economy Hub [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Thanks all - [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Reserved Benefits team is leading on this. [redacted s.38(1)(b)], please see UBI FMQ request below.

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** CPS Group Hub

**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:54

**To:** Reid A (Adam); Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit >; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; CPS Group Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; CLG Coordination Unit

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; DL SpAds Economy Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:44

**To:** Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; CPS Group Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; DL SpAds Economy Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**To:** Economy Covid-19 Hub; First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Fleetwood D (David), Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management; CPS Group Hub

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)], DL SpAds Economy Hub, Reid A (Adam) [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

Apologies also adding Communities and public services group hub.

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Economy Covid-19 Hub

**Sent:** 03 May 2020 18:03

**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Fleetwood D (David); Fair Work Covid19 Enquiries >; COVID-19 Scottish Exchequer and Financial Management

**Cc:** Economy Covid-19 Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

; DL SpAds Economy Hub; Reid A (Adam); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 03 May 2020 17:35

**To:** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit; Economy Covid-19 Hub

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] DL SpAds Economy Hub

**Subject:** RE: FMQ Commission - Universal Basic Income - Deadline 13:00 Monday 4 May

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**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 22 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 07:58  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FM on UBI - OFFICIAL: SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Apologies for the delay in responding. As way of background what the SNP was lobbying for initially was a temporary CBI and immediate cash payments. The attached letters suggests they are keen for it to be permanent as part of the post COVID19 recovery.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

I have spoken to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] about whether there is anything we should do on it at a Ministerial level at the moment and she says no.

I sent a recent press enquiry separately.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 29 April 2020 09:02  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FM on UBI

Yes, I was wondering if that was a reference to the SNP raising it at PMQs? I can pick it up with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] to confirm when I speak with her later

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** | Reserved and Working Age Benefits Team Leader | Scottish Government | 1-B (South) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 29 April 2020 09:00  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FM on UBI

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 29 April 2020 08:56

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: FM on UBI

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Key exchange from yesterday's FMQs:

"I am on record as being very interested in a universal basic income and I think that the experience of this pandemic and the impacts from dealing with it make the case for a universal basic income stronger than ever. I certainly want to see it seriously considered as an option," she told Holyrood responding to LibDem leader Willie Rennie.

"I do not want to stray into political or constitutional territory, but I wish that we had the totality of powers in this Parliament so that we could move ahead with something like that right now. However, with welfare still largely reserved, we would need to do that in co-operation and collaboration with the UK Government. I will continue to raise it with the UK Government.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 23 – One Document**

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
[out of scope]  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Sent: 21 April 2020 19:57  
To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Subject: RE: CBI sub

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for this and for outlining the clearance process, it's helpful to know.

I've noted your comment in Annex A and as you'll see I've now taken this forward with CAD colleagues.

Lastly, many thanks for offering a chance to discuss the FM note and FMQ, I'm looking forward to being involved in a first draft of this work. As requested I'll pop sometime in our calendar for next week, and yes it will be lovely to have a video chat for change!

Thanks again,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Sent: 21 April 2020 11:35  
To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
Subject: RE: CBI sub

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I have gone through this and taken out all the comments that have been resolved. I have left in a comment at Annex A for you. Once you have dealt with that happy for you to send to [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. Ask them for their comments and advise that after that we will tidy up, add in the others annexes, run it by them again and send to [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. The timing for it going to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] depends on when [redacted s.38(1)(b)] gets back to us on publication and we will also need to speak to comms before we send to [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Do you want to set up a session for us next week to brainstorm what we should cover in the FM note and FMQ? Set up a time that suits you and let's do it via video on skype so we can see each other! ☐

Thanks and happy to discuss.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 16 April 2020 12:39  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI sub

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

On the back of my previous email, and in light of our helpful Skype chat, please see the amendments to the sub in relation to Reform Scotland. As mentioned below I have addressed your previous comments/feedback.

Once you're content I'll send on the sub to CAD colleagues.

Thanks again,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 16 April 2020 08:52  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: CBI sub

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Please see attached an updated version of the sub which seeks to address your comments and feedback.

I've also popped in a section to reflect FM's recent response to the Reform Scotland briefing, though I was unsure as to the necessary level of detail.

Happy to discuss at our sub catch-up later.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 24 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

- ISSUE: 22 April: During Prime Minister's Questions, SNP MP Ian Blackford put forward a suggestion to the First Secretary of State, Dominic Raab, to implement an emergency Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme in response to COVID-19. In the Prime Minister's absence, Mr Raab said: QUOTE: "We need to have a very focused approach, providing the resources that we need to those who need them most. A universal income, without being based on need, would not provide that."
- ISSUE: 10 April: Independent think-tank Reform Scotland published a briefing stressing the need to implement a UBI to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. On the same day First Minister for Scotland welcomed the report and tweeted: QUOTE: "This is an interesting and timely read from @reformscotland - I've long been interested in concept of UBI but current situation strengthens case immeasurably. It would require UK gov co-operation - given current powers of @ScotParl - but hopefully we can have serious discussion."
- **[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**
- **QUOTE:** "We're not in favour of a universal basic income, although we have strengthened the safety net for the most vulnerable in our society with over £7bn invested in improving our welfare system." Chancellor of the Exchequer, 26 March 2020.
- **QUOTE:** "I don't think Universal Basic Income is the right response to this." Chancellor of the Exchequer, 14 April 2020.
- **QUOTE:** "We need to have a very focused approach, providing the resources that we need to those who need them most. A universal income, without being based on need, would not provide that." First Secretary of State, 22 April 2020.

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2020 07:28  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI lines for FMQ

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thanks and happy to discuss.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 24 April 2020 16:21  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: FW: CBI lines for FMQ

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

In **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** absence, do you happen to where to send our CBI lines (attached) for the FMQ? My understanding is that it would go to **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** at the FMQ team but I'd rather double check with yourself first and offer the opportunity to comment on the lines before submission. For awareness, **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** has already reviewed and amended.

Many thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 24 April 2020 16:16  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI lines for FMQ

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Sorry, I missed your Skype message on this! Good question about **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** absence, I'm not sure who's coordinating on this, as such I'd recommend forwarding to **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** (as she did FMQs before **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**).

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 24 April 2020 16:13  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI lines for FMQ

Hello,

Please see attached the revised version. Do I need to send this off and if so, in **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** absence, who is leading on FMQs for our area?

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 24 April 2020 15:57  
To: Ross K (Katherine) **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: CBI lines for FMQ

[out of scope]

## **Section 25 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 30 April 2020 17:07  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you. [redacted s.38(1)(b)] has reviewed and I've taken forward his suggestions.

As mentioned in the email below, I've kept the various comment exchanges from CAD colleagues and ourselves.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 29 April 2020 16:34  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks for this. Once [redacted s.38(1)(b)] has reviewed completely, can you let me know and I can have a quick look at all the comments together?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 29 April 2020 16:23  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Thanks for this [redacted s.38(1)(b)], I agree with you, [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

This addresses some of [redacted s.38(1)(b)] concerns by situating it in clearly subjective terms.

I need to run to the post office now, but will go through the rest of the CAD responses first thing tomorrow.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 29 April 2020 16:07  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: FW: CBI final report submission

Hi both,

You'll see that CAD colleagues have contributed to the submission.

I'm broadly content with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** modelling update and I've gone back to **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** on a few issues – mainly to avoid too much detail in the body of the document.

I've also made a few comments where I'd appreciate you steer. Before I go back to CAD colleagues I'd be grateful if could review and let me know if you have anything further to add to their contributions. **[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

I note that some issues/comments have already been resolved as you'll see, but I've kept them in for awareness/further comment.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 28 April 2020 11:49  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

I have now added changes covering economic modelling in the main body of the submission – see paragraph 11. I've added the headline results for poverty but I wasn't sure whether these should move to the paragraph 10 instead – I will live it with you to decide.

I've also expanded the annex to give a bit more detail on economic modelling – let me know what you think.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 27 April 2020 09:31  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: CBI final report submission

Hi all,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**- I've taken forward most of your additions, though I've made a comments where I'd be grateful for your input. These are broadly in relation to keeping the level of detail down to a minimum in the body of the document. There's also a question specific to the economic models; in the interests of clarity I wonder whether it would be possible to replace models 1A, 3A etc. with models/scenarios 1, 2, etc. Would this cause an issue?

I understand **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** will kindly take forward additional work on the economic modelling this week which will give **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** a chance to review the changes so far.

Happy to discuss further if helpful,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 23 April 2020 07:55  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, many thanks for your additions to the submission and for responding so swiftly. I've not yet had the opportunity to examine these in more depth but at first glance, these are very helpful.

I'm happy for **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** to pick up the economic modelling on Monday as this will give me enough time to review your additions/comments and raise any follow-up questions as necessary.

Thanks again,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 22 April 2020 16:55  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Thanks for sending this on. I'm happy to summarise the economic modelling part but I'm on leave until Monday. If **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** is looking to send this on before that, happy for you to do that and perhaps check with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**? Otherwise I can pick this up on Monday.

Thanks,  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 22 April 2020 16:23  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Thanks for writing this up. It's very good.

I filled in the gaps in the main body you and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** identified (where possible; where not I made a note) but most importantly I added info you suggested in the technical annex. However, I left out the economic modelling part as I was wondering if we should give **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** an opportunity to cover this given that she the person that was most involved in this strand of work and may also have the best understanding of the economic modelling including what the key takeaways are that the CabSec should know. I copy **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, you can let me know if you'd like to summarise this in like 2 – 3 paragraphs (that may be hard given the complexity of this work) and if you prefer I do it which is not a problem but may check it with you later just to make sure I picked up the key findings well.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, let me know if you have any questions on what I've added in the file and if anything is unclear.

Best,  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 21 April 2020 19:56  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: CBI final report submission

Evening both,

Hope you are keeping well all things considered!

Please see the latest iteration of the submission for Ms Campbell that details the report's key findings, as well as our proposed response package and comms plan.

You'll see in the comments section there are several areas in relation to the report's key findings where we'd be very grateful for your input, particularly on the economic modelling and outcomes of interest. It would also be helpful if you could provide a more detailed version of these findings to be included as an annex. You'll see that there is some content in the annex at the moment, though I'd like to make clear that this is a result of re-drafting and shortening the key findings section. I've left it in should it be helpful but I'm more than happy for you to remove/amend as appropriate.

Once your contributions/comments are included, I'll tidy up the submission, include the additional annexes from our end and then run it past you both ahead of sending to Ann and Audrey for clearance. The timing for it going to Ann and Audrey depends on when Wendy gets back to us on the revised reporting and publication timeline.

Whilst there is no immediate rush for this, I'd be very grateful if you could provide a rough indication as to when you will be able to take this forward.

Many thanks and happy to discuss further if helpful.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 26 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2020 15:16  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Thanks.

Have a good weekend.

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2020 15:11  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I made a few amendments. I'm broadly happy with this – though I think it will be a question for policy as to how much we emphasise it.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2020 14:58  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

One more question – what do you think about such paragraph in the Annex?

[Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2020 12:10  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

I agree – but we do need the modelling headline results where that's referred to

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 24 April 2020 12:08

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for this.

[Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Hope this makes sense.

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 April 2020 10:29

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I've added a few comments, changes.

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 22 April 2020 16:24

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

I've added what [redacted s.38(1)(b)] requested and there're two things I wanted to bring to your attention.

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Let me know what you think.

Best,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 21 April 2020 19:56

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI final report submission

Evening both,

Hope you are keeping well all things considered!

Please see attached the latest iteration of the submission for Ms Campbell that details the report's key findings, as well as our proposed response package and comms plan.

You'll see in the comments section there are several areas in relation to the report's key findings where we'd be very grateful for your input, particularly on the economic modelling and outcomes of interest. It would also be helpful if you could provide a more detailed version of these findings to be included as an annex. You'll see that there is some content in the annex at the moment, though I'd like to make clear that this is a result of re-drafting and shortening the key findings section. I've left it in should it be helpful but I'm more than happy for you to remove/amend as appropriate.

Once your contributions/comments are included, I'll tidy up the submission, include the additional annexes from our end and then run it past you both ahead of sending to Ann and Audrey for clearance. The timing for it going to Ann and Audrey depends on when Wendy gets back to us on the revised reporting and publication timeline.

Whilst there is no immediate rush for this, I'd be very grateful if you could provide a rough indication as to when you will be able to take this forward.

Many thanks and happy to discuss further if helpful.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 27 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2020 11:08  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Thanks for dealing with this [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2020 09:31  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi all,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] - I've taken forward most of your additions, though I've made a comments where I'd be grateful for your input. These are broadly in relation to keeping the level of detail down to a minimum in the body of the document. There's also a question specific to the economic models; in the interests of clarity I wonder whether it would be possible to replace models 1A, 3A etc. with models/scenarios 1, 2, etc. Would this cause an issue?

I understand [redacted s.38(1)(b)] will kindly take forward additional work on the economic modelling this week which will give [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Happy to discuss further if helpful,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 23 April 2020 07:55  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] many thanks for your additions to the submission and for responding so swiftly. I've not yet had the opportunity to examine these in more depth but at first glance, these are very helpful.

I'm happy for **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** to pick up the economic modelling on Monday as this will give me enough time to review your additions/comments and raise any follow-up questions as necessary.

Thanks again,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 16:55  
**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Cc:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Thanks for sending this on. I'm happy to summarise the economic modelling part but I'm on leave until Monday. If **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** is looking to send this on before that, happy for you to do that and perhaps check with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**? Otherwise I can pick this up on Monday.

Thanks,  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 22 April 2020 16:23  
**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Cc:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** RE: CBI final report submission

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Thanks for writing this up. It's very good.

I filled in the gaps in the main body you and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** identified (where possible; where not I made a note) but most importantly I added info you suggested in the technical annex. However, I left out the economic modelling part as I was wondering if we should give **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** an opportunity to cover this given that she the person that was most involved in this strand of work and may also have the best understanding of the economic modelling including what the key takeaways are that the CabSec should know. I copy **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** in – **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, you can let me know if you'd like to summarise this in like 2 – 3 paragraphs (that may be hard given the complexity of this work) and if you prefer I do it which is not a problem but may check it with you later just to make sure I picked up the key findings well.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** , let me know if you have any questions on what I've added in the file and if anything is unclear.

Best,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 21 April 2020 19:56  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** CBI final report submission

Evening both,

Hope you are keeping well all things considered!

Please see attached the latest iteration of the submission for Ms Campbell that details the report's key findings, as well as our proposed response package and comms plan.

You'll see in the comments section there are several areas in relation to the report's key findings where we'd be very grateful for your input, particularly on the economic modelling and outcomes of interest. It would also be helpful if you could provide a more detailed version of these findings to be included as an annex. You'll see that there is some content in the annex at the moment, though I'd like to make clear that this is a result of re-drafting and shortening the key findings section. I've left it in should it be helpful but I'm more than happy for you to remove/amend as appropriate.

Once your contributions/comments are included, I'll tidy up the submission, include the additional annexes from our end and then run it past you both ahead of sending to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] for clearance. The timing for it going to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] depends on when [redacted s.38(1)(b)] gets back to us on the revised reporting and publication timeline.

Whilst there is no immediate rush for this, I'd be very grateful if you could provide a rough indication as to when you will be able to take this forward.

Many thanks and happy to discuss further if helpful.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 28 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

[entire document redacted s.25(1)]

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2020 10:58  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI Exec summary comments

Thanks both, I see that [redacted s.38(1)(b)] is making some changes at the moment, I'll send a clean version to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] later today.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2020 09:39  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI Exec summary comments

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)] ,

I forgot to say I also added some comments a few days ago; only minor things I think.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2020 09:38  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Subject:** RE: CBI Exec summary comments

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks, I have tracked some suggested changes and questions. Happy to discuss.

Grateful if you could copy us into the email to [redacted s.38(1)(b)] so we can see what she says.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Sent: 14 April 2020 10:44  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: CBI Exec summary comments  
Hello all,

A copy of the CBI Steering Group's executive summary for the final report can be found below, with comments and changes from **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** and I.

**[Redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

I will returning a version of this to **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** on Monday 20.04, please may I ask you to make any additional comments or suggestions before then?

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 29 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 10:15  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI economic modelling - overview

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Yes I think tables 21 (no migration) and Table 22 (migration) don't quite map across to the what I think are the equivalents in the FAI report (4.10 and 4.11) although they're probably fine in terms of the scale of effects.

I'm assuming that the steering group and FAI will make sure that it all directly reads across, but we'll keep an eye on that.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 23 March 2020 20:01  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI economic modelling - overview

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

I hope that's useful.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Sent:** 23 March 2020 16:38  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: CBI economic modelling – overview

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)], that really was a tour de force!

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I attach the slides I'm going to talk through at this meeting – no need to review beforehand, only if you're very keen!

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

-----Original Appointment-----  
**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Sent: 10 March 2020 11:50

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: CBI economic modelling - overview

When: 23 March 2020 15:30-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: VQ 1st Floor Rotunda Project Space PS2 (6) / SKYPE

Hope this new slot works – please let me know otherwise.

Hello,

As per email, setting up some time to chat about the economic modelling report prepared by the Fraser of Allander Institute, Manchester Metropolitan University and IPPR Scotland.

I know that **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** has a meeting to go to at 15:30 and we may not need the whole hour but good to have a room in case we need more time.

I'll circulate some tables with the main results prior the meeting.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 30 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 March 2020 10:34

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI chat with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] - very quick question

Thanks guys. [redacted s.38(1)(b)] is really keen to see any paper or briefing that comes out of this meeting, so if you get anything – can you forward on?

Cheers

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 March 2020 08:25

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI chat with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] - very quick question

That was my impression as well. I thought that RSA was there as well but I may be wrong.

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 March 2020 08:16

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI chat with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] - very quick question

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

They only came together for the meeting I believe.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 March 2020 08:12

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: CBI chat with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] - very quick question

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. And are they an established group or did they just get together for this meeting?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 23 March 2020 08:11

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Subject: RE: CBI chat with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** - very quick question

Morning **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

From what I remember there were a couple of representatives from the Resolution Foundation, freelance journalists, members of the UBI Lab Sheffield, and several members of Compass.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, please let me know if there's anyone I've missed.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 23 March 2020 08:04

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: FW: CBI chat with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** - very quick question

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Very quick question as I want to tell **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** about this – can you advise who or what organisations were on the call?

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 19 March 2020 16:35

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: CBI chat with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Hi all,

A slightly more detailed read-out of the call with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** et al earlier –

Key takeaways

- Given time constraints, existing delivery mechanisms would be more suitable (UC, HMRC, PAYE system) and in the long-term explore a new system
- Would not be a 'pure' UBI as proposed in the feasibility study
- Disagreement over universal payment or targeted payment to those in greater need (or UBI would be one of several mitigation measures)
- Importance of grants/financial assistance that are non-repayable.

Summary of discussion

- Long-term purpose to mitigate future similar situations – discussion around COVID-19 revealing the degree of economic precarity as well as the inadequacy of the benefits system

- How to reach those without bank accounts, especially those in poverty, women
- Some incentives to employers including tax rebates on the condition staff are not let go, as well as covering a % of employees' salaries (similar to Denmark and Ireland) on the same condition
- Suggestion to remove the complexity and negative aspects of UC including: conditionality, providing grants not loans, and simplifying the claiming process
- Disagreement over level of payment, figures discussed: £500 or £1000 each month for an adult, £250 or £500 for a child

#### Issues

- Disagreement over people having to navigate the UC system – criticism on account of its complexity and stigma
- Disagreement on whether to have a universal payment or higher targeted payments to mitigate redundancies and gig economy workers, self-employed etc.
- Clawbacks for higher earners – concern over political/public appetite

#### Next steps

- Today's discussion and proposals to be amalgamated into a briefing paper to support MPs in exploring UBI. To happen within the next few days.

#### Additional info on suggested delivery mechanisms and support provision

Delivery methods to get as many people as possible, options include:

- rent and mortgage suspensions
- NI conts and Personal Tax Allowance as cash equivalent (similar to what was mentioned at FMQs)

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 19 March 2020 15:09

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Subject: CBI chat with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Hi all,

To let you know I'll have a brief summary of discussions circulated later today – I'm about to head into a couple of meetings but aim to get it to you before I leave at 4:30pm.

At a very high level – key issues discussed included:

1. The need to have both an immediate and long-term response
2. UBI payment to be one of a several measures of support to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19
3. Managing expectations that UBI will not be a silver bullet now or in the future
4. Delivery mechanisms: broad consensus on using a combination of existing structures such as UC (for the unemployed), HMRC for the self-employed (as a reverse engineered payment), post-office payments (for those without bank accounts), banks (getting money directly into people's accounts)

5. Need to support both the supply side (e.g. keeping businesses and employees safe) and demand side
6. Clawbacks – delivering a UBI but with emergency tax rise for high earners (deemed more palatable both politically and publicly)

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 31 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 30 April 2020 15:33  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: PMQs - CBI question

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. I saw the amended lines.  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Hello,

For awareness, in PMQs today, Dave Doogan, SNP called for a UBI (Mr Blackford instead raised a Brexit-related question). Raab again refused the suggestion, stating that a UBI wouldn't be sufficiently targeted.

Will amend the lines in the CB and the CBI sub.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 32 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 15 April 2020 07:47  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Artic Affairs events/Citizens Basic Income

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)].

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 15 April 2020 07:37  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** FW: Artic Affairs events/Citizens Basic Income

For info. Will keep you updated when I hear back from [redacted s.38(1)(b)] colleagues.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 14 April 2020 19:49  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Artic Affairs events/Citizens Basic Income

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks for your email. I have temporarily moved to one of the covid hubs.

All events that were planned for this spring or summer have been cancelled or postponed. Our Arctic event has been tentatively rescheduled for 11 September but we will have to review the situation over the summer.

So far as I can recall, digital colleagues (contact: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]) are working on an event with the Danish Embassy to be held in September in Glasgow. The Nordic Council are also looking to host a mini-conference on the green economy in Glasgow in September ([redacted s.38(1)(b)] will have more).

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (cc'ed) are best placed to provide more info on other domestic and international events that can serve as a platform to raise awareness of the report.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Sent: 14 April 2020 07:09

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: Artic Affairs events/Citizens Basic Income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Hope you're keeping well given the circumstances!

We spoke about a month ago on our areas of work. I'm in touch to let you know that publication of CBI feasibility report has been delayed due to COVID-19. We are nonetheless still keen to identify opportunities for later in the year to showcase the work and what it means for policy feasibility studies in general, as well as how the work contributes to the wellbeing economy work.

Would you be able to share any events or plans for events where members of the group running the study may be able to discuss this work? I wonder if any planned events have been cancelled/postponed in light of recent circumstances? Grateful for any information you can share at the moment.

Thanks and take care,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 33 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 24 April 2020 14:24

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** Iain Duncan smith article on UC and UBI

Hello,

Just spied this – IDS praising the UC system in its handling of the UC claims surge and further suggesting that implementing a UBI is the wrong way to go. I don't think we need to update our lines on this (other than perhaps our CBI lines as there are a few good quotes here on why UKG will not implement such a scheme).

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 34 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2020 10:28  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** FW: Read out - CBI meeting with Ms Campbell

Good idea.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2020 08:56  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Read out - CBI meeting with Ms Campbell

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for this. I think it makes sense to cover disability and carer status – I will follow up with [redacted s.38(1)(b)].

Thanks,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 06 April 2020 08:57  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Read out - CBI meeting with Ms Campbell

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

[redacted - s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 01 April 2020 08:13  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Read out - CBI meeting with Ms Campbell

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

That sounds like a good plan. I hope to dial in too.

On **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** , just leave off responding until we have something to tell her – she will have plenty on her plate at the moment anyway.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Cc: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** Subject: RE: Read out - CBI meeting with Ms Campbell

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

Many thanks for your email and for pursuing this request.

It's helpful to see **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** feedback and be aware of the intention to discuss breakdowns for different subgroups at Thursday's meeting.

I'll be in attendance and happy to raise the issue of when the data will available on the day, though I wonder if **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** will be also be dialling-in to cover any modelling-based queries?

Unless **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** think otherwise, regarding the UC comparison option, I'd say it would be worth following this up at Thursday's meeting too - it's an issue we need to be mindful of in our reactive lines to the report.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 35 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 04 May 2020 07:56

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** FW: For clearance - Media query - Universal basic income - Kingdom FM

Hi guys

[redacted s. 30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s. 30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Sent:** 02 May 2020 09:44

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Cc:** News Desk; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; McVie A (Ann); Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; CPS Group Hub

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** For clearance - Media query - Universal basic income - Kingdom FM

Cab Sec/PO

Kingdom FM have asked for a Scottish Government comment on the story below/LibDem news release on Universal basic income. They are calling on SG/FM to take part in an intergovernmental summit on a universal basic income to deliver a universal support package that anyone in need can access swiftly during the current crisis.

We have discussed with officials and SpAds and proposed the lines below. Grateful for clearance please.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We are committed to tackling poverty and inequalities, including the increased financial hardship many will now face as a result of COVID-19. This is why, as the First Minister made clear, we believe the experience of this pandemic has made the case for a Citizen’s Basic Income stronger than ever.

“In our 2018 Programme for Government we provided £250,000 to four local authorities to investigate the feasibility of conducting local pilots and to give a Citizen’s Basic Income the consideration it deserves. An interim report was published in November last year and a final report will be published later this year.

“The interim report made clear the Scottish Government does not have the full range of powers over social security or tax that are required to make a universal payment to everyone in Scotland, which is why we have continually called on the UK Government to work with us on this issue.

“As we face the current crisis, we are already providing a range of valuable benefits for people on low incomes and those who are struggling the most, which provide a higher level of support than the DWP benefits they replace, and to a wider range of people.

“In addition we have committed £350 million of additional funding to support those most at risk. This includes over £100 million allocated to our local authorities, with £30 million targeted to provide locally coordinated responses to food insecurity – investment which is supporting over 150,000 children to access Free School Meals and an additional £45 million to the Scottish Welfare Fund,

“During this time of crisis it is of critical importance that the UK Government match our efforts and reconsider austerity measures, such as the two child limit, for which we have continually called for change.”

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

## **Section 36 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] >

**Sent:** 02 May 2020 11:53

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Cc:** News Desk; [redacted s.38(1)(b)] McVie A (Ann); Social Security BMU Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; CPS Group Hub ; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: For clearance - Media query - Universal basic income - Kingdom FM

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

I will issue now.

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Sent:** 02 May 2020 11:51

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Cc:** News Desk; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; McVie A (Ann); Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)] CPS Group Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** RE: For clearance - Media query - Universal basic income - Kingdom FM

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)] ,

Ms Campbell is content to clear.

Best regards

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 02 May 2020 09:44

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

**Cc:** News Desk; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]; McVie A (Ann); Social Security BMU; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]CPS Group Hub; [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

QUERY:

I appreciate there is a comment from Nicola Sturgeon included below, but this request is just to see if the idea or the First Minister's thinking has advanced any further forward on the policy.

**[redacted – s.25(1)]**

## **Section 37 – Four Documents**

### **First Document**

**[entire document redacted S.25(1)]**

### **Second Document**

**[entire document redacted S.25(1)]**

### **Third Document**

**[entire document redacted S.25(1)]**

### **Fourth Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 14 April 2020 15:47

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** FW: Final (Draft) CBI Feasibility Report

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

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This is the most recent email I've received from **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

with the latest version of the report.

Hope this is helpful.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 38 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 29 April 2020 07:40

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI/WE meeting readout

Hi all,

Many thanks for a helpful meeting yesterday. Please see below a quick summary of what was discussed and next steps:

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

As discussed please see below a link to the interim report. Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions, I'd be happy to discuss further if helpful.

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 39 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

#### **Citizen's Basic Income Factsheet**

#### **What is a Citizen's Basic Income (CBI)?**

A CBI, also referred to as a 'Universal Basic Income' or 'UBI', is an unconditional, non-withdrawable income for every individual as a right of citizenship (Citizen's Income Trust, 2017).

#### **Key elements of a CBI are that it is:**

- **Basic:** A minimum payment, sufficient to meet basic needs
- **Universal:** Paid to everyone, based on rights of residency
- **Unconditional:** Without conditions, and non-withdrawable, irrespective of other sources of income
- **Individual:** Assessed and paid individually (including to children) rather than by household

#### **Are all CBIs created equal?**

No. There are many models. Differences include:

- the amounts of the Basic Income;
- how payment levels are applied across different age groups;
- the source of funding; and
- how it interacts with the existing tax and welfare systems.

#### **Why the interest in CBI?**

The idea of a CBI is not a new one, though a combination of factors has, in recent times, broadened its public and political appeal within and outwith the UK. These include:

- rising inequality;
- widespread economic insecurity; and
- the potential impact of automation on labour.

#### **What are the pros and cons?**

The concept has both its proponents and critics. Among its advocates a CBI is seen as a way to:

- promoting social justice and equality;
- reducing poverty and income inequality;
- removing work disincentives;
- addressing job insecurity; and
- increasing freedom to make choices.

Critics view a CBI as:

- encouraging labour market withdrawal;
- promoting state dependency;
- diverting funds from those most in need; and
- costly.

### **What is the Scottish Government's involvement in CBI?**

- In September 2017 the Scottish Government's Programme for Government committed to explore the feasibility of piloting a CBI in Scotland.
- We have committed £250,000 over 2 years (2018-2020) to support Fife, Glasgow, North Ayrshire and Edinburgh local authorities to work together to explore the feasibility of local pilots of basic income in Scotland.
- A Steering Group, comprising the four local authorities, NHS Health Scotland and the Scottish Government was set up to oversee the project.
- The Steering Group was tasked with producing a feasibility business case which included full details of the ethical, legislative, financial and practical implementation of conducting a pilot as well as its potential costs, benefits and savings.
- An interim report was published in October last year, with the final business case due to be published later this year.

### **What is the Scottish Government's current position on CBI?**

- Given the issues with the UK benefit system, and the interest across Scotland in a Citizen's Basic Income, we believe it is important to explore it further.
- The emerging findings from the feasibility work make it clear that the Scottish Government does not have the range of powers over social security or tax to make such a payment.
- These are actions which can only be taken by the UK Government, as this is where policy and administration of taxation and welfare benefits lie.
- When the final report has been submitted, we will need to consider the next steps. Any future decisions will need to be based on robust evidence and provide value for money.

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)] **Sent:** 16 April 2020 10:26

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI one-pager (though technically one-and-a-half-pager)

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Please see attached a first draft of the CBI one-pager/factsheet for the interactive session. I've tried to keep it brief and relatively informal and upbeat.

Grateful for feedback.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 40 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 14 April 2020 13:09

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI interim report

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Many thanks once again for taking the time to chat. As discussed, please see the link below to the interim report. It's a rather lengthy read so I would suggest focusing on the conclusion and next steps section on page 92.

Please note that the areas for further exploration as discussed on the call are described in more depth in the final report which I'll circulate when shareable.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Many thanks and take care,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.25(1)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 41 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 14 April 2020 12:31

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI interest

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

As discussed, the report and comments by the FM.

You will have seen the Reform Scotland report <https://reformscotland.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/basic-income-briefing.pdf> which was published last week. [redacted – s. 30(b)(ii)] “[redacted s.25(1)]”.

[redacted s.25(1)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 42 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

- ISSUE: 22 April: During Prime Minister’s Questions, SNP MP Ian Blackford put forward a suggestion to the First Secretary of State, Dominic Raab, to implement an emergency Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme in response to COVID-19. In the Prime Minister’s absence, Mr Raab said: QUOTE: “We need to have a very focused approach, providing the resources that we need to those who need them most. A universal income, without being based on need, would not provide that.”
- ISSUE: 14 April: Chancellor of the Exchequer, when responding to a question on UBI and COVID-19 at the Downing Street daily press conference said: QUOTE: "I don't think universal basic income is the right response to this."
- ISSUE: 10 April: Independent think-tank Reform Scotland published a briefing stressing the need to implement a UBI to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. On the same day First Minister for Scotland welcomed the report and tweeted: QUOTE: “This is an interesting and timely read from @reformscotland - I’ve long been interested in concept of UBI but current situation strengthens case immeasurably. It would require UK gov co-operation - given current powers of @ScotParl - but hopefully we can have serious discussion.”
- ISSUE: 18 March: During Prime Minister’s Questions, SNP MP Ian Blackford first put forward a suggestion to the Prime Minister to implement an emergency UBI scheme in response to COVID-19. Mr Johnson agreed to meet with opposition party leaders to discuss the potential for introducing a temporary UBI. He said QUOTE: “It is very important that, as we go forward, we try to enlist a consensus in this House about how to support people throughout the crisis.”

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

### **Second Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent: 24 April 2020 13:34**

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject: CBI FMQ**

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Please see attached the FMQ lines for CBI.

Couple of comments from myself in terms of how we reflect both CBI and UBI appropriately in our lines.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 43 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

**[entire document redacted S.25(1)]**

### **Second Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 09 April 2020 11:08

**To:[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** CBI exec summary

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

As discussed earlier, pinged over my comments on the exec summary. They're relatively high level but I'd like to make sure I've not missed anything obvious and to know what yourself and **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** picked up on. No rush for this – it's more for my own knowledge/development.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 44 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

#### **[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

- We committed £250,000 over 2 years (2018-2020) to support Fife, Glasgow, North Ayrshire and Edinburgh local authorities to work together to explore the feasibility of local pilots of basic income in Scotland.
- Given the issues with the UK benefit system, and the interest across Scotland in a Citizen's Basic Income, we believe it is important to explore it further.
- We welcome the final report, to be published on X, which provides a preferred pilot model, as well as details of the ethical, legislative, financial and practical implementation of a CBI pilot in Scotland.
- The report also includes the estimates of the fiscal and economic impacts of a national rollout of CBI, as well as estimated direct costs for a pilot– ranging from £76 million to £203 million.
- But the costs do not include implementation costs or take account of savings that could be generated from suspending benefits.
- The emerging findings from the report make it clear that the Scottish Government does not have the range of powers over social security or tax to make such a payment.
- These are actions which can only be taken by the UK Government, as this is where policy and administration of taxation and welfare benefits lie.
- Now that the final report has been submitted, it will be for the Scottish Government to consider the next steps. Any future decisions will need to be based on robust evidence and provide value for money.

### **Second Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** 15 April 2020 17:14

**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** CBI comms lines

Hello,

Further to our skype conversation earlier, I've drafted lines to take forward **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** request re: proactive comms.

I've kept it fairly high level and factual (**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**).

Very grateful for feedback, particularly in terms of length. I've done it as part of a Soc Sec FMQ contribution. I have a meeting with **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** tomorrow so I'll see if she would rather have a set of top lines for the moment or a standalone FMW. Will update you and amend the lines as appropriate.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 45 – One Document**

Hi guys

See below.

**[redacted s.25(1)]** useful in case anyone from the Greens on the social security committee and asks about it during the Cab Sec's appearance on 30 April. We will need briefing on CBI as it is also mentioned in the papers issued to Committee members (**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, I have forwarded)

**[redacted s.25(1)]** - this was posted recently by Neil Couling on Tweeter and is an old report.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 22 April 2020 18:55  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject:

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

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**Section 46 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2020 16:40  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FoA Invoice received

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2020 15:41  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FoA Invoice received

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2020 15:37  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: FoA Invoice received

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)].

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]– what do you think?

Also agreed with the outstanding issues you have set out.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 14:54  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** FW: FoA Invoice received

Hi All,

I attach the final FAI report. **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** is asking whether we're content with the report and whether it's okay to release the payment.

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

Cheers,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

**Section 47 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 12:53  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: report on cbi pilots

[out of scope]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 12:53  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: report on cbi pilots

[out of scope]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 12:51  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: report on cbi pilots

[out of scope]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 12:50  
**To:** McVie A (Ann); [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: report on cbi pilots

Hi Ann,

The CBI Steering Group published an interim report last November, they were due to have the final feasibility report published during Spring this year (June specifically), however, due to COVID-19 this publication date has been delayed and a new date is yet to be announced.

The delays are due to the councils who have been involved in the steering group needing to each sign off the report before it is published, and their business being sufficiently disrupted by COVID-19 response work that this has not proved possible.

I will send you an update on the new publication date as soon as we get it from the steering group.

Please let me know if you need anything else on this!

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** McVie A (Ann)  
**Sent:** 04 May 2020 12:46  
**To:** **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** report on cbi pilots

Hi

Can you please remind me where we are in this?

I know we have had the interim report – is here another report due soon? I have a recollection of an email about it, but can't quite remember. Thanks Ann



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## **Section 48 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2020 09:56  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE shadow cabinet

Hui guys

See below. The article is also interesting.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2020 09:47  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** shadow cabinet  
**Importance:** Low

**Morning, new shadow work and pensions secretary supporter of UBI apparently....**

***Jonathan Reynolds**, shadow work and pensions secretary: Yet another big job for a member of McDonnell's high-achieving shadow Treasury team. Loyal to Corbyn, but no Corbynista. Straight-talking Mackem who used to work for James Purnell, then bagged his Stalybridge seat when he quit. Former aide to Miliband too, back in the day. Jonathan to his mother, but Jonny to his mates. Supports universal basic income — one to watch, given his new brief.*

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **Section 49 – One Document**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: April 01 2020 09:29  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE Universal basic income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

I was out of the office on Friday so I don't know if this has now been dealt with. If not, **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** will be able to help.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

From: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Sent: 27 March 2020 15:29  
To: **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: Universal basic income

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

The Herald are asking what the latest is on the plans for a universal basic income pilot scheme. They say the timeline on the project website says a full business case for pilots was due to be submitted to Scottish Government this month. They are asking if it has been delayed because of coronavirus. Can you advise?

Thanks

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Has it been delayed by coronavirus?

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Section 50 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:36  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Universal basic Income

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Happy for the others to chime in if they want to have anyone added or removed, but the copy list of this reply should cover everyone.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 05 May 2020 16:28  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** Universal basic Income

Hi there I work for the CLG Hub. I noticed recently you were all named as possible contacts for Universal Basic Income. We keep a contacts page and try to update this for when we get queries so that we can pass these on to the right people.

I wondered if you would confirm you are the right people before I update the contacts page or possibly tell us who is if you aren't.

Thanks

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Section 51 – One Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 06 April 2020 16:19

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** FW: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

Yes, you can just draw these to their attention if necessary. Certainly the IZ point if that's what they're relying on.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 06 April 2020 14:47

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]****Subject:** FW: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.30(b)(ii)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s.38(1)(b)] [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]>**

**Sent:** 06 April 2020 14:21

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** RE: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 02 April 2020 12:14

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** FW: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Thank you,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[out of scope]

**From**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 12:00  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

Hope this is helpful and let me know if anything is unclear.

Best regards,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

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[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 16 March 2020 15:59  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Sorry for late reply.

I had a chat with SG colleagues last week and they also couldn't recollect that timescales for peer review were confirmed in the meeting, although there was indeed a discussion about which chapters reviewers should be asked to look at. We relied on those project timescales in the Excel spreadsheet you shared with us a few weeks ago. But in any case, it's good to hear that the report has already been sent to peer reviewers.

I don't have any further queries but thank you for offering to have a call and please keep me updated when you hear from the reviewers.

Many thanks,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[out of scope]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 13 March 2020 14:52  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Thanks [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. That's helpful and it will be good to see the written responses once they arrive.

Are there any specific timescales for this and for responding to/accommodating the review? Grateful if you could remind me so I can stay up to speed.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[out of scope]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 13 March 2020 13:06  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** FW: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Hi all,

I thought it would be helpful to add to my note in the other email about us having further internal discussions with SG colleagues - we're going to seek some more certainty as to whether or not the design effect/clustering issues have been adequately handled in the report. I believe peer review will cover that as well, since you'll be sharing the whole evaluability chapter with peer reviewers. With regards to that, could you let me know what the timescales are for the peer-review – in particular, we just wanted to confirm that time is factored in to allow whatever comes from the peer review to be addressed in the report and changes to be made as required before it's sent to councils in a publishable format.

Many thanks,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 13 March 2020 11:36  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Full draft Final CBI Feasibility Report for comment

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for sharing this draft report and for all the work you and all steering group members have put into this.

Attached is a version with comments from SG colleagues. Hope these are helpful and please let me know if anything is unclear - I'll be happy to talk further and clarify.

This was quite a quick turnaround for us so we'll be having further internal discussions with colleagues and if something important pops up in these discussions we can feed that in alongside the peer review.

Thanks again,  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

## **Section 52 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 06 April 2020 10:14  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Peer Review Feedback Comments

Ok. Chasing up with [redacted s.38(1)(b)].

There are apparently some serious plans of implementing a permanent CBI in Spain at the moment, [redacted s.38(1)(b)] shared a Bloomberg link with me. But it didn't give much detail – I'll keep an eye on that.

**From** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 06 April 2020 10:12  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Peer Review Feedback Comments

OK, sounds like a plan, we'll see what [redacted s.38(1)(b)] comes back with

It looks like they gave [redacted s.38(1)(b)] an opportunity. If Ministers did decide to proceed I guess it would be examined again, and possibly one of those issues of "detail" that would be overwhelmed if the principle of exploring a CBI took a firm hold.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 03 April 2020 18:24  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** FW: Peer Review Feedback Comments

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

So in summary the peer review they got:

- [redacted s.38(1)(b)] reviewed both interim and final report
- [redacted s.38(1)(b)] didn't review interim report but had only a quick skim of the final + discussion with the group.
- [redacted s.38(1)(b)] commented only on the interim report but not on the final report (he mentioned clustering in that feedback on interim report and they say they addressed his feedback and rely on discussion with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] who agreed with their approach)
- [redacted s.38(1)(b)] didn't look at the sampling approach chapter

I think [redacted s.38(1)(b)] feedback is crucial because he raised the issue of clustering. They say [redacted s.38(1)(b)] was content with their approach and they discussed it with him directly but he had only a quick skim of the report so I'm not sure he was fully aware of their approach. [redacted s.30(b)(ii)] I'll wait for

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** views when he gets back to me and relay them to the group if necessary.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

## **Section 53 – One Document**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 19:38  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Full Report

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Sorry to hear that – I hope your family members will feel better soon.

Thanks for your answers below – I'll link up with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] on the distributional analysis point; it's okay if it's shared separately.

It would be also good to check how the FAI are planning to share the CGE model with SG, so that I can link up with the CGE modelling team here in case they need to have a look at the code.

I hope this makes sense and is effectively a follow up re the outputs we've been promised at the start of the project - I'd be keen to get some clarity on these before we release the payment to FAI (as per [redacted s.38(1)(b)] separate email).

Thanks,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 16:59  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Full Report

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

[out of scope]

How are you? Well I hope.

Yes, FAI have discussed this with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] who can provide socio-economic breakdowns of impacts of the CBI. I am discussing with [redacted s.38(1)(b)] today how we agree what breakdowns we would want and how best to publish them. [redacted s.38(1)(b)] and I were thinking that these might be electronic publication as files available to download rather than part of the main report, but that would be part of the discussion.

There is a Steering Group meeting next week for the overall project that [redacted s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted s.38(1)(b)] attend so we can perhaps discuss this there?

Stay safe.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2020 10:41  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Full Report

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

**[out of scope]**

In particular, I'm following up on 1-3 as there is a lot of ministerial interest in understanding the impact of a CBI on different subgroups of population. Considering that this is something we expected to see as part of the modelling outputs, I'd like to get a sense of what's feasible at this stage.

Thanks,  
[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**[out of scope]**

**From**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Sent:** 13 March 2020 17:14  
**To:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Full Report

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for sharing this. I didn't get a chance to read the full report, given the timescales and the size of the document (!), as it's a very busy week for us. I do have a sense that I've seen a lot of this material in the earlier draft papers though. Having reviewed the core sections, I note the following:

1. We'd be keen for the report to explore the impacts of a CBI on different subgroups of population. We'd be interested in the impact on different family types, by disability status, gender and other protected characteristics. I couldn't see anything other than the impacts in the different parts of the income distribution (i.e. income quintiles). I thought we discussed this type of analysis at the early stages of the project – even looked at what protected characteristics the model couldn't do. Can we check whether it's possible to include this? The microsimulation outputs could be used to run this analysis.
2. A similar point - is it possible to provide the distributional impact for the Stage 3 of the modelling? This is when the macroeconomic changes have been accounted for so we'd be keen to know the impact in different quintiles and ideally for different population groups. We already know that accounting for the wider macro changes makes a CBI less effective in reducing poverty (relative to the Stage 1 static modelling results).

3. If neither 1 or 2 can be done by the modelling team, can we check whether it's possible to get the microsimulation output datasets (including relevant variable names) in case the Scottish Government analysts would like to explore this in the future? Can we also confirm with the FAI what other modelling outputs they intend to share beyond the report?
4. Overall, I think your summary for the feasibility report reflects really well the core findings of the FAI report. That said, we have commented on the earlier drafts of the summary and would be keen to see that these points are addressed consistently across both:
  - a. The wage bargaining scenario is fairly standard way to treat labour markets in the CGE modelling. Therefore, if this scenario is not chosen as the default scenario for presenting the macro results, a clear rationale should be set out in the report explaining why another scenario is deemed more appropriate given that it's fundamental to the results. I think this could be made clearer in the Section 1 of the FAI report.

Happy to chat about any of this in more detail.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[out of scope]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Sent:** 05 March 2020 17:42

**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Subject:** Draft Full Report

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

With thanks to everyone for their efforts, please find attached a draft final report on the CBI modelling work.

As you'll see it's quite long!

We have however, included a lot of material in appendices (including a literature review from IPPR on CBI's more generally which is quite helpful).

We've also included a summary at the start – which builds on the narrative I shared before Christmas. We've also included some key results at that part of the report, which directly read across to your own summary.

As discussed, we had a final couple of tweaks to the model so these have changed the results slightly and we've tracked them into your summary. These tables and results are consistent with our report.

We'll obviously do a double check of our report and prior to publication will format it properly (and check for typos!).

I'm not sure how you wish to share this report amongst your colleagues, so I thought it best to send to you directly and you can decide how best to disseminate. We're meeting on Tuesday at 4pm to go through the report.

Best wishes,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

## **Section 54 – Two Documents**

### **First Document**

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### **Second Document**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 26 March 2020 16:39  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Subject:** FW: CA recipient finances

Some additional context, do PSM/UKMOD handle elements of UC **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**? And lines on UBI from policy **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** as background to this.

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Assistant Economist | Social Security Analysis, Forecasting and Evaluation (SSAFE)  
Communities Analysis Division (CAD) | Scottish Government  
**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 26 March 2020 12:10  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: CA recipient finances

Hi **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**,

**[redacted s.30(b)(ii)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 26 March 2020 12:03  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CA recipient finances

Hi [redacted s.38(1)(b)],

Email chain attached. [redacted s.30(b)(ii)]

**[redacted s.25(1)]**

Proposed response:

We appeal to the Scottish Government to enact a (temporary) universal basic income for carers in recognition of the multiple impacts of the coronavirus situation which for many carers has significant financial consequence As key workers carers should have then same income protection as all other frontline staff.

Do we have ready-made lines on calls for UBI?

Cheers,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 26 March 2020 11:59  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
Subject: RE: CA recipient finances

Hi all,

Thanks for flagging. Yes, the CPAG piece is on our radar – it was commissioned by the independent Steering Group as part of their CBI/UBI pilot feasibility study that's currently ongoing. Our team is working with the Group until a final report is produced later this year.

Would you mind pinging over the Vocal attachment please and I'll have a look?

Please let me know if you'd like more information on the feasibility study and I'll send something over.

Thanks,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**From: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**  
**Sent:** 26 March 2020 11:49  
**To: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**Cc: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Subject: RE: CA recipient finances

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

Yes, I agree that would be a sensible.

With regards to UBI (well not so universal in this proposal), I wonder if it would make sense to bring in **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]** who is, I believe, now working on UBI policy.

Also, I know that CPAG was commissioned to do a piece on UBI and its interactions with the benefits system last year (spoiler alert: it's really complicated!). **[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**, have you seen that?

Cheers,

**[redacted s.38(1)(b)]**

**[rest of email out of scope]**