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Item 1:

From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)
Sent: 22 July 2020 12:47
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted - S38(i)(b)] ; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: RE: PM visit

I see the FM has just answered this

Thanks

Ross

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From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)
Sent: 22 July 2020 12:04
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: FW: PM visit

Hi Comms – see below, assuming the position is unchanged, can you get back to Global along the lines we gave to the National the other day.

But the FM may be asked this question at briefing so let's hold off until after that

Thanks

Ross

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From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser
Sent: 22 July 2020 12:03
To: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: RE: PM visit

Hi Ross,

Can you respond in Stuart's absence?

Thanks very much,

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

[Redacted – Out of Scope]

Item 2:

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 21 July 2020 12:21

To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SpAds views: Media query - PM visit to Scotland - Politico

Thanks, Liz

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 21 July 2020 12:19

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SpAds views: Media query - PM visit to Scotland - Politico

Same response

Thanks

Elizabeth Lloyd

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

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From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 21 July 2020 11:59

To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: SpAds views: Media query - PM visit to Scotland - Politico

Hello Liz, Ross

Politico are asking about the PM's apparent visit to Scotland. We issued info to the National yesterday, saying the PM's schedule was a matter for No10. Politco are asking if the FM or anyone in SG plans to meet him during the visit. Is the position still the same on this – his schedule is a matter for No10 and SG is not aware of any meeting?

Thanks

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

MEDIA QUERY

I'm writing today because I saw that Prime Minister Boris Johnson is [headed to Scotland this week](#).

I'm just curious if the First Minister and any other members of the Scottish government have plans to meet with him and what the details of those plans are ie. which days and who he will meet with? Any detail you can provide are most welcome.

1. If the PM is coming, do you have a couple lines on what the First Minister intends to tell him when he visits?
2. Will they discuss the government's plans internal market? Can a compromise on that issue be reached? What is the Scottish government asking for?
3. When does the Scottish government plan to submit evidence to the UK government's consultation on the internal market?

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Item 3:

[Redacted S30(b)(ii)]

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 20 July 2020 10:48

To: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland

Thanks Ross,

Yes, that was my understanding as well. I'll hang fire for now,

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 20 July 2020 10:43

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Dropping the National off the copylist

As far as I'm aware this visit is just press speculation – clearly well-briefed speculation – and they haven't actually formally confirmed any visit yet.

So we wouldn't have been contacted about any visit - as nothing is confirmed yet.

I'm just waiting to speak to FMPO just to double check there haven't been any requests for meetings – but I don't think there will have been (often they come in very late anyway).

But let's hold off until later in the day in case there are any more developments during today.

Thanks

Ross

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Item 4:

From: MacInnesJ (John) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 22 July 2020 17:23

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Crawford E (Ewan) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; john.swinney.msp@parliament.scot; Higgins K (Kate) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; humza.yousaf.msp@parliament.scot; McFarlane J (John) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; fergus.ewing.msp@parliament.scot; Bowman K (Katy) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; McAllan M (Màiri) (Special Adviser) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; paul.wheelhouse.msp@scottish.parliament.uk; kevin.stewart.msp@parliament.scot; Aileen.Campbell.MSP@scottish.parliament.uk; McCaig C (Callum) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Kate Forbes <kate.forbes.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: PA - [EMBARGOED UNTIL 22:30] PM hails 'sheer might' of union ahead of visit to Scotland

Plus:

- **Northern and Western Isles to benefit from £100m growth deal** [also embargoed]

From: Mediapoint <mediapoint@pa.media>

Sent: 22 July 2020 16:56

To: MacInnesJ (John) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Subject: PM hails 'sheer might' of union ahead of visit to Scotland

PM hails 'sheer might' of union ahead of visit to Scotland

POLITICS Johnson

By Craig Paton, PA Scotland Political Reporter

16:50 - 22 Jul 2020

This story is embargoed until 22:30 - 22 Jul 2020

The “sheer might” of the UK has been shown during the coronavirus pandemic, the Prime Minister has said ahead of a visit north of the border.

Boris Johnson will arrive in Scotland on Thursday, ahead of the one year anniversary of his first day in Downing Street on Friday.

Downing Street said that during his visit – his first to Scotland since the general election in December – the Prime Minister will meet with businesses hit by the pandemic, those working in green energy, and military personnel to thank them for their efforts in the response to coronavirus.

There are no plans to meet with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who said at her regular coronavirus briefing on Wednesday that she would be willing to meet with the Prime Minister.

Mr Johnson has pledged £50 million for Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles to develop the economy of the islands as part of a growth deal.

The Scottish Government said it will invest the same amount in the islands, meaning every area in Scotland will now receive funding from the joint UK and Scottish government initiatives.

Ahead of the visit, the Prime Minister said: “When I stood on the steps of Downing Street one year ago, I pledged to be a Prime Minister for every corner of the United Kingdom. Whether you are from East Kilbride or Dumfries, Motherwell or Paisley, I promised to level up across Britain and close the opportunity gap.

“The last six months have shown exactly why the historic and heartfelt bond that ties the four nations of our country together is so important and the sheer might of our union has been proven once again.”

The Prime Minister’s visit comes after a surge in support for Scottish independence in recent months, according to polls, with two Panelbase surveys reporting 54% of respondents would like to see Scotland split from the UK.

The same polls predicted the SNP will win a majority of seats in the Scottish Parliament at next year’s election.

Then prime minister David Cameron agreed to stage the independence vote in 2014 after the SNP won a majority at Holyrood in the 2011 election, however Mr Johnson has repeatedly ruled out another referendum.

Ahead of Thursday’s visit, the Prime Minister praised the work of the armed forces in running mobile coronavirus testing centres in Scotland and providing air transfers support.

He added: “The UK Treasury stepped in to save the jobs of a third of Scotland’s entire workforce and kept the wolves at bay for tens of thousands of Scottish businesses.

“More than ever, this shows what we can achieve when we stand together, as one United Kingdom.”

Northern and Western Isles to benefit from £100m growth deal

SCOTLAND Islands

By Craig Paton, PA Scotland Political Reporter

16:56 - 22 Jul 2020

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Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles are to receive £100 million of investment as part of a new growth deal.

The Scottish and UK Governments will each provide £50 million to boost the economy of the islands, which will be the last part of Scotland to receive cash under the growth deals.

The Scottish Government said its investment will be made over the next 10 years.

Transport Secretary Michael Matheson said the funding will help the islands to recover from the pandemic and improve economic growth, including in the creation of tourist destinations and low-carbon energy.

He said: "This money will work to improve the quality of life for island communities, alongside the Scottish Government National Islands Plan we introduced to the Scottish Parliament at the end of 2019.

"This significant investment will support islanders' ambitions to create world-class visitor destinations, lead the way to a low-carbon future, support growth and future industries and help the communities thrive by attracting and retaining young talent, driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth and delivering long lasting benefits for people living across the three island authority areas.

"It is important that all deals take account of the unprecedented economic challenges created by coronavirus and we are working with partners to understand how best to move forward and respond to current circumstances."

In total, £1.8 billion has been invested by the Scottish Government in city region and growth deals in recent years, with the UK Government offering in excess of £1.5 billion.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said: "The city region and growth deals will be crucial to our economic recovery from coronavirus.

"Today's announcement means that every corner of Scotland will benefit from these and takes the UK Government's investment in growth deals across Scotland to more than £1.5 billion."

He added: "These deals are just part of the unprecedented support that the UK Government is providing to people and businesses in Scotland during this time.

"We have supported 900,000 jobs in Scotland with our furlough and self-employed schemes, including 11,600 across the islands.

"We look forward to working with our partners across the islands and the devolved administration in Scotland to develop innovative and effective proposals."

Item 5:

From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Sent: 22 July 2020 16:26
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Crawford E (Ewan) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: FW: FM BID - Reporting Scotland and Radio 4 Today - Tomorrow

[Redacted S30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

Ross

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From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)
Sent: 22 July 2020 16:23
To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Cc: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: RE: FM BID - Reporting Scotland and Radio 4 Today - Tomorrow

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]– we're asking party colleagues to sort someone for morning broadcast, they're aware of Today bid but just refer them to Westminster press office.

The FM may well get asked about PM visit at briefing tomorrow but we're wondering if we should just do a pooled clip in the afternoon as well. But let's just bottom that out tomorrow.

Thanks

Ross

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From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Sent: 22 July 2020 16:10
To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Cc: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]
Subject: FM BID - Reporting Scotland and Radio 4 Today - Tomorrow

Hi both,

BBC Scotland want to speak to FM tomorrow afternoon off the back of whatever PM says in the morning to use on Rep Scot, Network and radio. Recommend accept?

Expect we'll hear from others during the course of the day tomorrow too.

Also Radio 4 Today want FM tomorrow morning, happy with a decline?

Thanks,

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

[Redacted – Out of Scope]

Item 6:

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 20 July 2020 10:33

To: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: Spad view: Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland

Hello,

We've been approached by the National as below about this. I've suggested she approach Number 10 for information about the PMs programme, but do we want to say anything about this?

Regards,

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

[Redacted – Out of Scope]

Item 7:

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 22 July 2020 09:33

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism <CabSecRET@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; McCaig C (Callum) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands <MinisterECI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity <CabSecTIC@gov.scot>; Higgins K (Kate) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Burgess WG (George) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation <MinisterTII@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Orkney creamery and cheddar

[Please note, the attachment referenced below is the additional document enclosed with this letter]

Good Morning,

I attach an overview on Orkney Creamery which will hopefully help.

Thank You

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 21 July 2020 16:57

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism

<CabSecRET@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>; Lloyd

E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; McCaig C

(Callum) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

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[Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation

<MinisterTII@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Orkney creamery and cheddar

We will have something on the file somewhere given a general overview of Orkney cheese and can send this round once retrieved.

On the trade side then the creamery is linked to Lactalis and about 60% of the produce is currently moved to France so there will be an issue if there is tariffs applied at the end of the transition period between UK and EU. Through the Dairy Growth Board we are looking to see if we can get some of the Orkney produce to North America (US/Canada) but very small at this stage with EU trade being by far the biggest concern.

Thanks

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Sent: 21 July 2020 16:46

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism <CabSecRET@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>; Lloyd

E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; McCaig C

(Callum) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

<MinisterECI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

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[Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation

<MinisterTII@gov.scot>; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Orkney creamery and cheddar

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

We'll get you something asap (bringing in other colleagues)

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

From: [Redacted S38(i)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism

Sent: 21 July 2020 16:09

To: [Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism <CabSecRET@gov.scot>; Minister

for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; McCaig C (Callum) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands <MinisterECI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity <CabSecTIC@gov.scot>; Higgins K (Kate) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Burgess WG (George) [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; [Redacted S38(i)(b)]; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation <MinisterTII@gov.scot>

Subject: URGENT: Orkney creamery and cheddar

Importance: High

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]

Understand the Prime minister is going to Orkney tomorrow or Thursday to launch the islands deal, suggestion is that he is visiting the Orkney creamery. Could you provide a short briefing on Orkney creamery and any issues relating to the cheddar and trade etc. Are they one of the products affected by the US tariffs?

Kind regards

[Redacted S38(i)(b)]