

ANNEX A - FOI 202000014909

[07/01/2020, 14:19:19] Team Todd: Messages to this group are now secured with end-to-end encryption.

[08/01/2020, 14:39:00] [Redacted]: We've postponed your catch up with [Redacted] as dont think there will be enough time. We can just head to parly when the meeting is done

[09/01/2020, 08:53:47] [Redacted]: Morning. I'm not going to head round for the ACR meeting. Lots of officials there.

[09/01/2020, 08:54:48] Maree Todd: Ok

[09/01/2020, 17:44:52] [Redacted]: There are computer problems across the SG. Struggling to get the 2 yo briefing for the elc team

[09/01/2020, 17:46:54] [Redacted]: Just come through... [Redacted] will drop off shortly

[09/01/2020, 17:50:09] Maree Todd: Thanks

[09/01/2020, 17:59:57] [Redacted]: [Redacted]was downstairs so your briefing is in the car 😊

[09/01/2020, 18:00:22] Maree Todd: Ok

[09/01/2020, 18:05:05] [Redacted]: I may have f'd up 🙄 Found my email to the committee members blocked in my out outbox. So that explains no response.. I've been in touch with each of them now and will have sorted by tomorrow. Sorry...

[09/01/2020, 18:05:44] Maree Todd: No problem - at least progress made

[09/01/2020, 20:39:53] Maree Todd: I've checked with [Redacted] & she's fine with me coming down on the 25th for the event with the FM. I'll need to be home on the Friday night for her party & come down early sat.

I gather from my Irish pals that the Taoiseach is likely to call a general election next week - so setting up ministerial meetings might prove tricky. Folk will be electioneering. If not poss I'll go sightseeing with the girls. 😊

[10/01/2020, 16:24:52] Maree Todd: image omitted

[11/01/2020, 11:54:58] Maree Todd: Match tomorrow has been cancelled because of the lousy weather. Any chance of changing the car to 6am mon?

[11/01/2020, 11:56:09] Maree Todd: Or at least sun eve?

[11/01/2020, 12:31:27] [Redacted]: I'm trying to get in touch with the car service. Will let you know

[11/01/2020, 13:20:06] [Redacted]: All sorted for 6am on Monday.

[11/01/2020, 13:25:17] Maree Todd: Fab thanks. A train would have got me there by just after 10 am but more chance for work in the car.

[12/01/2020, 21:52:35] Maree Todd: Just noticed the kilbrandon lecture in my diary on thurs 30th Jan but I booked my flight to Dublin from Edinb that night 🙄

[12/01/2020, 21:56:22] Maree Todd: Depart 21.25

[13/01/2020, 08:25:25] Maree Todd: That's me at Perth. I have responded to the three disclosure items in my inbox - hopefully you have them? Connectivity a challenge always!

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[13/01/2020, 08:26:38] [Redacted]: Yep. Got them. Thanks

[13/01/2020, 15:44:47] [Redacted]: Hi. The care review haven't arranged a sponsor for their photocall event on 5th Feb. Would you be happy to sponsor in your MSP capacity? If so, the care review will get in touch via your MSP email address.

[13/01/2020, 15:45:11] Maree Todd: Yes no bother

[14/01/2020, 06:55:03] Maree Todd: I don't have a folder for today - can you bring a paper copy of the college briefing today? Thanks

[14/01/2020, 06:58:39] [Redacted]: Yeah I'll bring it with me 😊

[14/01/2020, 06:59:42] Maree Todd: Thanks.

[14/01/2020, 07:16:05] [Redacted]: Do you also want the additional disclosure docs in the car? Copy of the bill, keeling schedule etc. Or happy to get when you get back?

[14/01/2020, 07:16:38] Maree Todd: Happy to get them when I get back.

[15/01/2020, 08:52:33] Maree Todd: Are the ELC team on FB? I'm looking to share the clips recorded last week on my FB page without linking to the tweet which doesn't look great. Any thought?

[15/01/2020, 15:58:12] [Redacted]: Hi. I have the official report from committee yesterday's session on the children (scotland) bill. Could you remind me which part you were looking for? Just to make sure I have the right one

[15/01/2020, 16:03:38] Maree Todd: It was a psychologist who gave evidence about welfare centred practice which was reported as relating to children's reporters. I think in the P&J but I can't find it now.

[15/01/2020, 17:17:54] Maree Todd: I'm in CR2

[16/01/2020, 21:15:52] Maree Todd: Did the care review photo call ever get sorted?

[16/01/2020, 22:06:02] [Redacted]: Yes all sorted. The message about a sponsor should have been that they were told they need support from more than one party. So they approached Ian Gray. All arranged now and DFM has made himself available to attend the photo call aswell as the launch in the morning with the FM.

[17/01/2020, 12:58:32] [Redacted]: Hi. You said that you'd come down in the morning of 25th February now that the intandem portfolio day event is in the evening, but are you happy if I offered that morning to go and launch the sensory floor of the Scottish tribunals in Glasgow?

[17/01/2020, 12:59:10] Maree Todd: Ok slave driver!

[17/01/2020, 13:09:41] [Redacted]: Thanks 😊

[17/01/2020, 16:53:50] Maree Todd: image omitted

[17/01/2020, 16:56:05] Maree Todd: Also, I have a constituency issue around an essential bus service being withdrawn locally. Who can I ask some questions? SPAD? Or can I ask officials? [Redacted] is not the best at getting back to me & time is of the essence.

[17/01/2020, 17:10:22] [Redacted]: The dinner should be fine but I'll confirm on monday.

Do you want to email over what you need and I'll see if I can get something from officials?

[17/01/2020, 17:30:30] Maree Todd: Done, M

[20/01/2020, 09:24:09] [Redacted]: Hi. Did you get a chance to look at the bookbug quote I sent you on friday?

Also, on the bus service stuff I think I'll need to do it formally through Mr Matheson, but I'll ask them to turn it round within a couple of days. I'll need to edit your email slightly to make it from you to Mr Matheson if that's ok.

[20/01/2020, 09:25:03] Maree Todd: Yes that's fine. Sorry, must have missed the book bug quote.

[20/01/2020, 09:26:13] Maree Todd: Can you send it again. I can't find it.

[20/01/2020, 09:26:39] [Redacted]: Just sent it

[20/01/2020, 13:11:55] Maree Todd: Just reading the briefing for tomorrow. There's been a bit of twitter chat about Fife over the weekend. I wonder if you could ask the team if they can brief me on any sensitivities? [Redacted] commenting & me tagged.

[20/01/2020, 13:17:35] Maree Todd:
<https://twitter.com/givetimescot/status/1218660639201206279?s=21>

[20/01/2020, 13:18:15] Maree Todd: Perhaps I'm wrong about it being Fife 🇬🇧

[20/01/2020, 15:11:52] Maree Todd: I have just rearranged an [Redacted] appointment for [Redacted] to mon 2nd March. I took the private setting off so that you can see it when arranging apprentice week visit. Thanks

[21/01/2020, 07:58:36] [Redacted]: Morning. I've had to wait at home for [Redacted]. I dont think I'm going to make it on time for the car 🚗 do you mind heading on your own? [Redacted] from the ELC team will be there

[21/01/2020, 08:06:23] Maree Todd: No bother, that's fine. I have been faffing around & am just going on my daily mile 🚴

[21/01/2020, 09:31:26] [Redacted]: Hi. Not sure if you already know but we've just heard that [Redacted] pass away on Thursday.

[21/01/2020, 09:32:18] Maree Todd: No I hadn't heard. Was it expected? [Redacted]? I can drop him a text.

[21/01/2020, 09:41:46] [Redacted]: Unexpected. Yeah [Redacted].

[21/01/2020, 09:44:20] Maree Todd: That's really tough. I'll text him.

My HIAL meeting this eve is now at 5pm (or perhaps always was & was wrong in the diary 😞)

Any chance of seeing [Redacted] a bit earlier so I can make it?

[21/01/2020, 09:50:44] [Redacted]: The stage 3 is on until 4.45 so not really any other time. We just rearrange her meeting?

[21/01/2020, 11:18:33] Maree Todd: How soon is that likely to be?

[21/01/2020, 11:25:35] [Redacted]: You will see her on Tuesday in Dundee but I can set up a phone call before then if you need one?

[21/01/2020, 11:29:00] Maree Todd: Just check with her if there is anything she wants to discuss before then & we can do it by phone if nec. The HIAL issue is a bit of a hot topic at the moment & being seriously politicised so I need to go along if I can.

[21/01/2020, 15:02:13] Maree Todd: DFM says I don't need to change my Dublin plans. He suggested asking Ms McKelvie & Ms Denham but it's not a disaster if a Minister can't go.

[21/01/2020, 18:51:06] Maree Todd: I forgot to pass this on today but [Redacted] messaged me last night about the nursery in Brodick.

Hi Maree hope you're well and not too ridiculously busy 🙄

Just really wanting to check in with you without making this awkward but I just wanted to see if you've been made aware about the issues that our Nursery in Brodick are having to be ready for the extra hours for August?

They're currently using the local village hall which they have to share with other community groups so cant use it for the 1140 hours.

Your name was mentioned in our local paper that Kenneth Gibson would be bringing it up with you....

Has he done this?

[21/01/2020, 18:51:29] Maree Todd: Ah thanks Maree that would be great.

It's been there for years but never been ideal as the toilet facilities are out of the hall, shared with the library in the same building and there is limited kitchen facilities.

And as it's shared with other community groups they have to put the nursery together and take it down every day!

They're not run by North Ayrshire Council, parent run so serious fund raising would have to happen to get another building!

Anything you can find out would be much appreciated.

Theres an emergency community meeting being held next week to see what can be done to save the Nursery x

[21/01/2020, 18:52:13] Maree Todd: And the message I sent in between was:

I'll check in with the team tomorrow & see what I can find out about Brodick. I can't imagine that the village hall is a permanent solution.

[23/01/2020, 12:05:58] Maree Todd: Can I have takeaway gnocchi at 2pm

[23/01/2020, 12:06:05] Maree Todd: Thanks 😊

[23/01/2020, 15:54:23] [Redacted]: Hi. Did you want to see the extra info for the mountain rescue thing before confirming you can do as minister? Or can I say it's fine?

[23/01/2020, 15:54:49] Maree Todd: Just say it's fine

[23/01/2020, 15:54:58] [Redacted]: Will do. Thanks

[23/01/2020, 17:58:38] Maree Todd: Can you stick an appointment in my diary for [Redacted] on [Redacted] at [Redacted]. Thanks

[23/01/2020, 18:36:51] Maree Todd: [Redacted]out of hospital & in good form

[23/01/2020, 19:52:17] [Redacted]: I'm glad to hear that! I hope she's feeling ok

[24/01/2020, 11:42:31] [Redacted]: Hi. Could you remind me what time your flight is next Thursday? Do you need a car to the airport or are you travelling with others?

[27/01/2020, 16:08:53] [Redacted]: Hi. East lothian council have apparently been in touch with the ELC team about a tweet you liked. Its was by [Redacted] about deferral. Comms and officials would recommend un liking it and sending a PM to [Redacted] to say it was unintentional as it describes her as "not mourned" What do you think?

[27/01/2020, 16:18:46] Maree Todd: Hmm. I've just gone back to look & I didn't notice the 'not mourned' bit, just the praise of Highland council. I've unliked it but it seems a bit OTT to PM & apologise for liking a tweet. Just let them know I have done as they asked?

[29/01/2020, 09:56:26] [Redacted]: Hi. I'll meet you at the radisson at 10.30.

[29/01/2020, 09:57:31] Maree Todd: Perfect

[29/01/2020, 15:47:13] Maree Todd: Can you find me the chief pharmacist email address please. Thanks

[29/01/2020, 16:24:26] [Redacted]: Chief Pharmaceutical Officer - rosemarie.parr@gov.scot

[29/01/2020, 16:50:04] Maree Todd: Thanks. I have a US pharmacist contacting me for career advice. 😊

[29/01/2020, 16:53:47] [Redacted]: Do you want me to meet you with Ministers meeting papers after the vote?

[29/01/2020, 16:54:12] Maree Todd: Yes please

[30/01/2020, 12:52:19] Maree Todd: Getting lunch

[03/02/2020, 10:23:53] [Redacted]: Hi. I'll meet you at VQ reception. Could you message when you're almost there?

[03/02/2020, 10:24:08] Maree Todd: Yes no bother

[03/02/2020, 10:49:56] Maree Todd: Nearly there!

[03/02/2020, 14:44:22] [Redacted]: Hi. For the gypsy/ travellers site visit on monday, could you do 1.15 - 2.30 at Longman Carvan site in Inverness? And would you need a Gov car?

[03/02/2020, 14:45:03] Maree Todd: Yes and no

[04/02/2020, 17:55:58] Maree Todd: On discussion with DFM, he says the GIQ on deferral should answer when we plan to deliver change, not just when we plan to deliver legislation. Apparently that's what the FM asked for. [Redacted] will come back to officials to get an answer but you might want to warn them.

[05/02/2020, 10:19:19] Maree Todd: image omitted

[05/02/2020, 22:17:16] [Redacted]: Hi. Sorry for the late message. I forwarded on some lines to clear earlier on the foster care register. They went to DFM but i wanted to check you were happy too.

[05/02/2020, 22:21:46] Maree Todd: Thanks [Redacted] - they're fine. M

[06/02/2020, 12:58:47] Maree Todd: Gone for lunch

[06/02/2020, 12:59:18] [Redacted]: No probs. Next thing is the DFMs statement at 2

[06/02/2020, 14:20:44] Maree Todd: Any chance you could drop my daily folder to the chamber?

[06/02/2020, 14:44:56] [Redacted]: Sorry just seen this. Will bring it down now

[07/02/2020, 09:58:09] Maree Todd: On my way

[07/02/2020, 10:01:25] [Redacted]: Ok. Everyone is in committee room 1. Lots of them

[07/02/2020, 12:44:17] Maree Todd: Emailed the tickets. French ones too.

[07/02/2020, 12:58:44] [Redacted]: All printed and on your desk

[07/02/2020, 12:58:58] Maree Todd: Perfect, thanks 😊

[07/02/2020, 13:40:02] [Redacted]: Hi. [Redacted] just called to check if you were almost there?

[07/02/2020, 14:32:16] [Redacted]: Hi. There is a yellow warning for wind and snow on monday. If [Redacted], the official coming, cant make it if the trains are off, are you happy for the visit to go ahead?

Or do you think we should postpone for now so that no one has to travel during the warning?

Or give them a heads up and make a call on Monday morning once you know what the weather is like?

[07/02/2020, 15:47:30] Maree Todd: I'm happy to leave the visit in place & call off on Monday if there is a problem. Often these things are very localised & don't cause a problem everywhere. Just make it clear to [Redacted] that she shouldn't travel if affected nor should anyone else. We can call off last minute if needed.

[07/02/2020, 15:57:31] [Redacted]: Ok thanks.

[07/02/2020, 17:26:32] Maree Todd: Apparently it is possible to get my Govt emails on my Parliament iPhone. Revolutionary stuff!

Ben has a blackberry app they set up for him. Can you look into it for me next week. It would transform my life 😊

[09/02/2020, 10:44:27] Maree Todd: Rugby has been called off so we are on our way home. Weather looks okay in Inverness tomorrow. No longer a warning so I'm fine to keep tomorrows visit in diary.

I think it's worse in Edinburgh (snow & wind warning in place still tomorrow) so emphasise to [Redacted] that she shouldn't feel like she has to travel.

Also happy to call off if others have difficulty travelling. I think [Redacted] is in Inverness anyway.

[09/02/2020, 13:20:43] Maree Todd: Actually, met office have updated the weather warning & it's now yellow for wind, snow & ice all over Scotland tomorrow. Should probably cancel.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2020-02-10>

[09/02/2020, 14:09:14] [Redacted]: Ok. I'll get in touch and cancel.

[09/02/2020, 14:11:07] Maree Todd: Thanks. Just about home & it's blue skies & all calm. 😊

[09/02/2020, 14:11:50] Maree Todd: Heavy skies in the west where the weather comes from though.

[10/02/2020, 14:30:35] [Redacted]: All on the line if you're ready to dial in

[10/02/2020, 14:31:05] Maree Todd: Ok