

Annex A

Document 1

From: [FirstMinisterWebsite@gov.scot]
Sent: 02 September 2020 13:02:57
To: First Ministers Website Mailbox
Subject: Wet pubs and referendum
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Wet pubs and referendum
Message Body:
Good afternoon

Although not being a member of your party, I have been impressed by the clear, precise way you have dealt with the pandemic so far. However, I feel now, that too many decisions are being taken on the basis of political expediency and on the economy. I know of course that preserving our economy is vitally important but certain aspects of your government's decision making is causing disquiet.

Therefore I wish to ask two questions:

1. Why are so called 'wet' pubs allowed to stay open as cases rise again when we know that alcohol, crowded areas and the lack of social distancing increase the risk of COVID 19 spreading?
2. Why is your government spending money on preparing for another referendum when Scotland is in a recession and in the middle a health emergency? All money should be spent on these crises. This is not the time and I think will lead to a fall in your Government's popularity.

Thank you. Stay safe.

Document 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:15:49 PM
To: Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP <Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: re independence and NHS waiting lists

Dear Nichola,
It ver much disappoints me to hear you on the band wagon for Independence again.

How about putting more energy into getting the extremely failing NHS services in Scotland restarted after Covid 19 shutdown.

I for one am awaiting a hip replacement op in NHS Grampian area. They have not recommenced Orthopaedic operations at all in any of NHS Grampian Hospitals post lockdown easing. That was 14 weeks ago. Why not?. What are you and your Government doing about helping hundreds of thousands of NHS patients waiting for treatment. That already had appalling waiting times before Covid 19 pandemic. Hence, they are even worse now.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Document 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 September 2020 16:53
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Scottish Independece/Scottish Armed Forces

Dear Mrs Sturgeon,

I'm a concerned individual who originally voted against you in the first scottish referendum however since Boris came into power and mishandled the pandemic I have become a supporter of your party. However, this might be short lived. I would like to understand why the SNP is aiming and pushing out future Scottish Independence during a global pandemic when we also may face a recession. Would it be better in the nation's interest to maintain the union until we are stable if the first few years may not go exactly as planned? I know this may be some time but it is really concerning. I'd also like to ask as a military family my aims are to join the Royal Navy/AirForce. Originally I wished to join as pilot however with the standard grade system being withdrawn in my final years I personally feel the National System failed me. 1 member of my class passed National 5 Maths the rest failed. What benefit would an independent Scottish air force/navy have to me as someone who can not join as a pilot within the RAF due to the shift in education system at the time. (This was 2015 roughly).

I also would like to thank you for your work of which the UK Gov has failed. You've handled the pandemic better and although delayed us coming out of lockdown till later I personally feel safer for doing so. My apologies also if you have multiple emails of the same. It failed to let me send correctly through the ScottishGov website.

Many Thanks and Stay Safe!

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Document 4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 September 2020 22:05
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Indy ref

First minister.

How about getting on with the day job and throw the indy ref in the bin. You know we don't need this now or in the future.

The people of Scotland want you to concentrate on the covid virus pandemic and not on your own agenda of destroying the country with another referendum!

Personally I don't know anyone who wants another referendum or independence.

Yours sincerely

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Annex B

Section 38(i)(b) - personal information

An exemption under section s.38(1)(b) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested because it is the personal data of a third party, i.e. names and contact details of individuals, and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.