

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 30 Sept under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for:

I would like to obtain the following information under freedom of information legislation.

1. Whether any briefings were provided for ministers or civil servants (prior to publication) about the production of the Scottish Government's proposal to extend the furlough scheme as published here:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-analysis-extending-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/> - Please provide copies of these briefing materials where they exist.
2. Copies of any emails between officials or between officials and ministers about the research conducted above.
3. Copies of any emails from the Scottish Government's press office to other officials or ministers about the research conducted above.

Response to your request

I enclose a copy of some of the information you requested in **Annex II**.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because exemptions under sections

- s. 38(1)(b) (personal information)

of FOISA applies to that information. The reasons why these exemptions apply are explained in **Annex I** to this letter.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Gary Gillespie, St. Andrew's House, Regent Road 4WR, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG, or emailing Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

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<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

An exemption applies

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party, i.e. the names/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.

All redactions, unless stated otherwise, are in reference to Section 38(1)(b) – personal data of a third party.

Doc 1: An email chain including Cabinet Secretary Approval for the Research Paper to Published.

<REDACTED>

Cab Sec is content with the paper. Ive forwarded to Ms Forbes.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

Private Secretary to Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | T: <REDACTED>
| M: <REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> (<REDACTED>)
<<REDACTED>.<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2020 11:49
To: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture
<CabSecEFWC@gov.scot>
Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (Comms)
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>;
Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills <MinisterBFWS@gov.scot>;
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<REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne)
<Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: JRS

<REDACTED>

As requested, I attach a paper setting out further detail of our analysis of the extension of the Job Retention scheme. Callum has indicated that he is content with the paper. The intention is to publish it on the SG website tomorrow morning (at 11am) in advance of Ms Hyslop's media briefing.

We have shared the analysis with colleagues and so it has been picked up in Ms Hyslop's statement as well as the material for Thursday's debate.

Happy to amend the paper for any comments Ms Hyslop may have.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED> <REDACTED>
Interim Deputy Director, Economic Analysis |
Office of the Chief Economic Adviser (OCEA) |
Blackberry number<REDACTED>| I am currently working from home

Document 2: An email chain in response to a media enquiry from the Daily Mail

Ah excellent –thanks very much for your help.

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Senior Media Manager | Economy Communications
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
T: <REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 16 September 2020 16:11
To: <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications
Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie
G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul)
<Paul.Cackette@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: follow up - media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home
working - Daily Mail

Hi <REDACTED>,

It's in the tables:

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2020/09/bics-weighted-scotland-estimates-data-to-wave-12/documents/bics-weighted-scotland-estimates-data-to-wave-12---tables/bics-weighted-scotland-estimates-data-to-wave-12---tables/govscot%3Adocument/BICS%2BWeighted%2BScotland%2BEstimates%2B-%2BData%2Bto%2BWave%2B12%2B-%2BTables.xlsx>

See the table 'Workforce Status – W12' – 26.7%.

Cheers

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Sent: 16 September 2020 16:07

To: <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;<REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul) <Paul.Cackette@gov.scot>
Subject: follow up - media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily Mail

Hey <REDACTED>,

Apologies, the journo can't find the ref to the 27% working from home in the reports linked.

Can you advise which report that stat is in?

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Senior Media Manager | Economy Communications

Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

T: <REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>

Sent: 16 September 2020 14:49

To: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul) <Paul.Cackette@gov.scot>
Subject: Spad view: media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily Mail

Thanks for this. Spads, the Daily Mail have asked the below follow on from today's furlough report.

Are you content with the proposed responses in red below? If so, can we issue on spad clearance given this is largely published data/signposting

Query/response

The SG report on furlough states: While there is no publically available estimate of the number of people on furlough since June, ONS survey responses suggest that in the second half of August around 15 per cent of employees in surveyed businesses in Scotland were on furlough leave as furloughed employees have returned to work.

- Is this ONS survey publicly available? If so could you point me to it please?

The ONS survey responses for Scotland were published this morning at:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/bics-weighted-scotland-estimates-data-to-wave-12/>

- Do you have any estimate of what proportion of the workforce in Scotland is working from home?

This same report set out that 27% of the workforce is working remotely instead of at their usual place of work.

- Also, the Treasury said yesterday that 11 per cent of the workforce was on furlough across the UK. Why does the SG believe more jobs are still furloughed in Scotland?

The latest comparable figures published by the ONS on Monday show that 15.5% of the UK workforce was furloughed. HMRC and HM Treasury have not published any furlough statistics since 19 August, having previously published weekly updates. In their last published update 32% of UK employees had been furloughed. We would welcome the UK Government publishing more timely statistics for Scotland and the UK, as having timely information on the use of these schemes is important to understand the economic impact of the Chancellor's decision to end the furlough scheme at the end of October, creating a cliff-edge for businesses and workers.

The ONS furlough statistics for the UK are available at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/businessservices/articles/businessimpactofcoronaviruscovid19survey/preliminaryweightedresults>

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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Sent: 16 September 2020 14:18

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie
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<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul)
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Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications
Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily
Mail

Thanks <REDACTED>,

Those look good.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 16 September 2020 14:14
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie
G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul)
<Paul.Cackette@gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications
Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily
Mail

Thanks <REDACTED> – just a couple of small tweaks suggested below.

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/businessservices/articles/businessimpactofcoronaviruscovid19survey/preliminaryweightedresults>

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Sent: 16 September 2020 13:52
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
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Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily
Mail

Hi <REDACTED>,

I've put some suggested responses below. Labour market colleagues, are you happy with the figures I've quoted?

Thanks,

<REDACTED>

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Sent: 16 September 2020 13:24
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Cackette PH (Paul) <Paul.Cackette@gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: media enquiry: media inquiry - Furlough Report/home working - Daily Mail

Hi,

Some press follow up on the furlough report and working from home from the Daily Mail.

Grateful for info on the three points below.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

Query

As discussed, the SG furlough report published today says:

While there is no publically available estimate of the number of people on furlough since June, ONS survey responses suggest that in the second half of August around 15 per cent of employees in surveyed businesses in Scotland were on furlough leave as furloughed employees have returned to work.

- Is this ONS survey publicly available? If so could you point me to it please?
- Also, the Treasury said yesterday that 11 per cent of the workforce was on furlough across the UK. Why does the SG believe more jobs are still furloughed in Scotland?
- Finally, do you have any estimate of what proportion of the workforce in Scotland is working from home?

<REDACTED>

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Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
T: <REDACTED>

Document 3: An email chain referencing the report and potential media lines.

Happy with Callum's changes if <REDACTED> can confirm it is accurate.

I've added in a missing apostrophe in the third paragraph, but would be grateful if someone could have a look at the first quote paragraph again – it doesn't read very well (maybe too many "support"s?

Leanne

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Sent: 15 September 2020 16:48
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Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(Communications) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: Spad view: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Thanks Callum, <REDACTED> can you advise on the added line in blue please?

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

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From: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2020 16:40
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Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(Communications) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: Spad view: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Couple of additions below.

The red is a direct lift from the doc, the blue is not so could do with a double check for accuracy.

Thanks,
Callum

Callum McCaig
Special Adviser to the First Minister
<REDACTED>
<REDACTED>

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Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(Communications) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: Spad view: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Thanks <REDACTED>. Spads, we plan to issue the below news release tomorrow on the SG furlough report/Scottish furlough stats Ms Hyslop will cover at the briefing.

Are you content with the below?

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>
Senior Media Manager | Economy Communications
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
T: <REDACTED>

Impact of furlough
Call to extend scheme and save jobs.

Extending the furlough scheme by eight months could save 61,000 jobs in Scotland, according to new research by the Scottish Government.

The research estimates that the direct cost of extending the furlough scheme into June next year for Scotland is around £850 million. Wider economic benefits from the extension mean that it could pay for itself, increasing GDP and potentially lowering debt as a share of GDP.

New statistics on Scottish firms' use of the furlough scheme, also published today, show that of all firms surveyed over two thirds were still furloughing their workforce to some extent. The new data also estimated 15.0% of the workforce were still on furlough.

Economy Secretary Fiona Hyslop has once again called on the Chancellor to implement an extension and provide reassurance.

Ms Hyslop said:

“The UK Government must think again about withdrawing blanket support and they must urgently re-consider the premature ending of this support and to implement some form of extension which would continue to provide support for the sectors that have been most heavily affected.

“Extending the Job Retention Scheme for eight months would save 61,000 jobs in Scotland and help secure a stronger economic recovery from COVID-19. Unlike the Scottish Government, the UK Government has the borrowing powers necessary to fund the extension of Job Retention Scheme and they must act now to protect jobs and livelihoods.

“New furlough statistics for Scotland published today show wide variation between different sectors of the economy. Even though in some sectors a significant number of people have gone back to work, the outlook is much bleaker in other sectors. For example in accommodation and food services an estimated 34.4% of staff were still on furlough, and in the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, 57.5% of staff were still on furlough.

“Of course, the furlough scheme cannot continue indefinitely, but an extension would help keep people in jobs while sectors of the economy currently unable to fully open recover and will lead to sustained economic benefits at a relatively small cost.”

Background:

[Link to publication on furlough](#)

[Link to Scottish furlough stats](#)

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Sent: 15 September 2020 15:16

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(Communications) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Hi <REDACTED>

Happy with this – one minor change suggested below.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 15 September 2020 15:10
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(Communications) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Hi <REDACTED>,

Draft release below for views.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>
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Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
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Background:

[Link to publication on furlough](#)

[Link to Scottish furlough stats](#)

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 15 September 2020 14:32
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications
Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Report

Hi <REDACTED>

I attach the report. It is still with Cab Sec for comment.

The publication is now with APS and registered for tomorrow morning at 11. The link will be:

www.gov.scot/isbn/9781800040847

Thanks
<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 15 September 2020 14:26

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications
Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: Report
Importance: High

Hi <REDACTED>,

Can you send me the furlough report referenced in this speech please?

I'll draft a release to issue tomorrow once Ms Hyslop announces at briefing.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 15 September 2020 14:09
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<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; Pryce JM (Jonathan) <Jonathan.Pryce@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Gray G
(Gavin) <Gavin.Gray@gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Rennie M (Michelle)
<Michelle.Rennie@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>;
<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; Communications Economy
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: SPEAKING NOTE - MS HYSLOP 16 SEPTEMBER - FINAL DRAFT.docx
Importance: High

All,

Please find an updated draft of speaking note for tomorrow. To make it easier to review, sections still awaiting input or that have been updated are in red.

<REDACTED>/LMS team – grateful for a input/steer on the pars in red relating to LMS figures and also confirmation wording is correct around expected impact on ending of JRS furlough scheme on unemployment figures.

Gavin G – grateful for confirmation you are content with reference to Youth Guarantee early adopters.

<REDACTED>/<REDACTED> – grateful for confirmation all info on JRS furlough scheme is correct.

Jonathan/<REDACTED> – grateful for confirmation you are content with the par on the culture fund that is opening tomorrow and Scottish Household Survey stats.

<REDACTED>/<REDACTED> – to note proposed content as requested.

With apologies for the much tighter than usual deadline, grateful if I could have all returns by 330pm.

Happy to chat anything through if helpful.

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>
Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications
<REDACTED>

Document 4 – An email chain with further development of communication lines around the publication.

Thanks, <REDACTED> - few wee suggestions from me in the Word doc attached.

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 16 September 2020 10:42
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>;
Communications Economy <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: for review: Release to review: Furlough Report and stats

Thanks - <REDACTED> grateful if you can review the below for me following <REDACTED>'s feedback.

<REDACTED>

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“New furlough statistics for Scotland published today show wide variation between different sectors of the economy. Even though in some sectors a significant number of people have gone back to work, the outlook is much bleaker in other sectors. For

example in accommodation and food services an estimated 34.4% of staff were still on furlough, and in the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, 57.5% of staff were still on furlough.

“Of course, the furlough scheme cannot continue indefinitely, but an extension would help keep people in jobs while sectors of the economy currently unable to fully open recover and will lead to sustained economic benefits at a relatively small cost.”

Background:

[Link to publication on furlough](#)

[Link to Scottish furlough stats](#)

<REDACTED>

Senior Media Manager | Economy Communications

Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

T: <REDACTED>

Document 5: Email chain around social media channels to promote the release of the analysis paper.

Perfect, thanks!

I'm out of the office Thurs and Fri this week, but can still look to create content for the main channels on the 5th so would be great to be kept looped in.

Many thanks,
<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Social Media Manager: Social Content Hub
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<REDACTED>| <REDACTED@gov.scot>

Please note that I am currently working remotely. You can reach me on email or Skype.

From: <REDACTED>
Sent: 29 September 2020 13:13
To: <REDACTED>
Cc: Social Media
Subject: RE: job retention scheme

Hey – no, looks like Mon 5 Oct now. Will be looking at tomorrow!

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Senior Communications | Economy and Finance
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
T: <REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 29 September 2020 12:47
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Cc: Social Media <REDACTED@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: job retention scheme

Hi <REDACTED>,

I hope you're well?

Just checking in RE the roll-out of the Transition Training Fund – is this still happening this Thursday?

Many thanks,
<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Social Media Manager: Social Content Hub
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<REDACTED> | <REDACTED@gov.scot>

Please note that I am currently working remotely. You can reach me on email or Skype.

From: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 16 September 2020 17:38
To: Social Media <REDACTED @gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: job retention scheme

Thanks <REDACTED>, sounds good.

And <REDACTED> is leading on the Transition Training Fund aswell.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>> On Behalf Of Social Media
Sent: 16 September 2020 17:19
To: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Social Media
<<REDACTED> @gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: RE: job retention scheme

Hi <REDACTED>,

Apologies for the delaying in replying we've been stretched today, but we've got space to cover this story tomorrow on the main channels including LinkedIn. Copying in <REDACTED> who can link up with <REDACTED> to arrange this if that works?

There was another economy story discussed at Forward Look that I thought sounded important to target at general public on the main channels – the roll-out of the Transition Training fund that will support people into jobs. 1st October I think it's in for?

<REDACTED> is able to pick up working on this as well if you can let us know who is leading on it.

Thanks!

Kind regards,

<REDACTED>
Senior Content Manager | Social Content Hub | Communications
<REDACTED> | <REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Sent: 16 September 2020 11:16
To: Social Media <<REDACTED> @gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>
Subject: job retention scheme

Hi content hub,

We've got some activity around the FM briefing today on a couple of reports we're publishing demonstrating that the extension of the furlough scheme could save around 60,000 jobs in Scotland. FM and Ms Hyslop will be talking to it at the FM briefing today and Mr Hepburn is following up with a parliamentary debate tomorrow.

Is this something you could highlight on the main channels? And I also wondered if it might be something for LinkedIn?

Thanks

<REDACTED>

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Please note Tuesday is my non working day

Document 6: An email chain around a query from the Sunday Times

Will do!

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

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T: <REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot> On Behalf Of News Desk

Sent: 17 September 2020 11:05

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Cc: News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (Comms)

<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications Economy

<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: Query - furlough figures - Sunday Times

Hi <REDACTED>

Please can you go back to <REDACTED> and point him in the right direction to the links on your news release?

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Newsdesk

<REDACTED>/ <REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Sent: 17 September 2020 11:02

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Cc: News Desk <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: For allocation - furlough figures

<REDACTED> <REDACTED> at the Sunday Times wants to know where the figures that FM said yesterday re Scottish use of furlough came from – he's seen what we've published but apparently we don't specify the data source?

Refused to send an email, but he's on <REDACTED>.<REDACTED>

<REDACTED> | Newsdesk

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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Document 7: An email chain with Cabinet Secretary approval of a news release regarding the Analysis Paper publication

<REDACTED>

Cab Sec is content to clear.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

Private Secretary to Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

The Scottish Government

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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Sent: 16 September 2020 11:27

To: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

<CabSecEFWC@gov.scot>

Cc: <REDACTED> (Comms) <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Communications

Economy <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>(Communications)

<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>;

<REDACTED> <<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; <REDACTED>

<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>;

McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)

<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications

<<REDACTED@gov.scot>>

Subject: Release to clear: Furlough Report and stats - Wed 16 Sept

Importance: High

Hi <REDACTED>,

Please find below a news release on the SG furlough report/furlough stats which will be covered at today's FM briefing.

Comms, policy and spads have reviewed. Comms will issue to media following the briefing.

Grateful if you can put this to Ms Hyslop to clear.

Thank you,

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

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T: <REDACTED>

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Background:

[Read the COVID-19: Analysis of Extending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)

[Read the Business Impact of COVID-19 Statistics](#)
