

ANNEX A

Any correspondence (emails, letters, text messages, WhatsApp messages, phone calls or otherwise) between Ministers (including the First Minister), Special Advisors and civil servants in the Scottish Government Press Office concerning the UK Government's Spending Review as announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak on 25 November 2020.

Wed 25/11/2020 20:48

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

For your briefing, for ease, here are the lines we issued on the cut to international aid: the story seems to be running strongly tonight and Ms Forbes may be asked. First Minister tweeted on this tonight, focussing on the language in the opening line.

Commenting on the UK Government's Spending Review, Minister for International Development Jenny Gilruth said:

"This is a deplorable decision by the Prime Minister and UK Government.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has caused untold distress and damage to people and economies across the world, and as the UK Government's primary source of development assistance, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office must do all it can to help the world's poorest countries to both respond and to build back fairer.

"This move also raises questions about trust in the Government. In June the Prime Minister said he would abide by the legally-binding commitment to spend 0.7% of gross national income on overseas development aid. That commitment was again confirmed in correspondence to the Scottish Government by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs in July, when concerns were raised with the UK Government about the merger of the Department for International Development (DFID) with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

"With gross national income already hit hard by the Covid pandemic, that commitment already means fewer funds are available for this vital aid. And now that commitment seems to have been abandoned entirely.

"It is a dangerous and deeply irresponsible move at a time when the world is responding to a pandemic that does not respect borders.

“The UK Government has been warned against taking this path by a host of charities, non-governmental organisations and prominent global figures.

“Turning its back on the commitment, and in turn abandoning some of the world’s poorest communities, demonstrates the UK Government is only concerned with pursuing self-interest.

“Scotland remains fully committed to playing our part in tackling shared global challenges including poverty, injustice and inequality. We stand alongside all those who have voiced concerns and we call on the UK Government to reverse its decision immediately.”

Background

The UN target is for countries to commit to an Overseas Development Aid budget equivalent to 0.7% of gross national income.

In 2013, for the first time, the UK Government met its promise to the poorest in the world to spend 0.7% of national income on development. Since 2015 that commitment has become legally binding.

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 20:18

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]

RE: URGENT: GMS proposed time change

Thanks [redacted] – this will be fine. I’ll let Cab Sec know

[redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 18:32

From: McCaig C (Callum) Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot

RE: FOR SPAD REVIEW - Draft tweet - Spending Review

From: [redacted]

No bother and likewise.

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 18:28

To: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR SPAD REVIEW - Draft tweet - Spending Review

Thanks Callum, and for your help today.

[redacted]

From: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 November 2020 18:27
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOR SPAD REVIEW - Draft tweet - Spending Review

Happy thanks

Callum McCaig
Special Adviser to the First Minister
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 November 2020 18:11
To: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: FOR SPAD REVIEW - Draft tweet - Spending Review

Callum

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 November 2020 16:55
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: SG comment on Spending Review

Here's our statement on the Spending Review and line on public sector pay.
Hope it's a quiet night.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 November 2020 16:40
To: 'Michael Blackley' <Michael.Blackley@dailymail.co.uk>
Subject: SG comment on Spending Review

Michael,

Below is a statement from Kate Forbes on the Spending Review.

On public sector pay, our approach will be detailed in the Scottish Budget on 28 January. No decisions yet.

[redacted]

25/11/20 15:35

Finance Secretary responds to UK Government spending review

Responding to the UK Government's Spending Review, Finance Secretary Kate Forbes said:

"In advance of this statement I urged the UK Government to follow the lead of countries like France, Germany and New Zealand by bringing forward an economic stimulus package worth £98 billion. The Chancellor's announcement appeared to recognise the devastating economic harm of coronavirus (COVID-19), yet did not deliver the levels of investment required for economic recovery.

"Freezing public sector pay for so many at the frontline, scrapping the proposed increase in the National Minimum Wage to £9.21 and failing to extend the £20 uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit beyond April 2021 mean millions of people will have less money to spend to help drive our economic recovery. Those who are already hardest hit by the financial impacts of COVID-19 will be affected. For some, it will mean a continuing struggle to feed their family.

"Despite the Chancellor announcing a 27% increase in UK capital expenditure, the Scottish Government's capital budget is being cut by about 5%. Scotland needs an infrastructure-led economic recovery to deliver new jobs and speed up the transition to net zero. That won't be possible with a budget cut.

"I am also alarmed at the failure to replace EU funding in full. A promise that the new Shared Prosperity Fund will be fully funded at an unspecified future date will be of scant comfort to Scottish communities that have benefited so much from EU support.

"Although the spending review provides some important information that will help us in setting our own budget, it raises almost as many questions as it answers. It is not a budget, and without clarity on income tax and non-domestic rates we will be taking a step in the dark, with huge financial implications for Scotland. The UK Government has created this uncertainty so they must bear the risk, not the Scottish Government."

Contact Information

Scottish Government

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 16:38

From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance

CabSecFinance@gov.scot

RE: LATEST MEDIA INTERVIEWS

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications
Economy CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot

Thanks [redacted] I'll ask Economy for some Islands Deals lines just now

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 16:27

From: [redacted]

FW: Spending Review

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; News Desk Newsdesk@gov.scot

Howdi [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 16:21

To: [redacted]

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Spending Review

For allocation please!

From: Michael Blackley <Michael.Blackley@dailymail.co.uk>

Sent: 25 November 2020 16:20

To: [redacted]

Subject: Spending Review

As discussed, I'd appreciate any general response to the Spending Review.
In addition, can you confirm if the Scottish Government intends to consider a similar approach on public sector pay, where pay rises will be targeted at NHS workers and lower earners?

Regards,

Michael

Michael Blackley
Political Editor
Scottish Daily Mail
Room PM03
Scottish Parliament
EH99 1SP

07775 816847

Wed 25/11/2020 16:02

From: [redacted]

RE: MEDIA BID - GMS - Spending review

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>

Cab Sec happy to do 1800 for this, if they are ok just fire over the Zoom invite.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Sent: 25 November 2020 15:55

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: MEDIA BID - GMS - Spending review

Hi [redacted]

I'm sure she would be happy to, we are back to back now until decision time. If they are ok with doing 1800 then Ms Forbes could do it then?

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 15:53

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

Cc: [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: MEDIA BID - GMS - Spending review

[redacted]

That's all fine. I'll provide the briefing tomorrow.

We have just received a bid for a short clip from BBC Gaelic news programme An Là. It would be via Zoom at some point this afternoon. Does the Cab Sec have a slot available?

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Sent: 25 November 2020 15:32
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>
Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: MEDIA BID - GMS - Spending review

Hi [redacted]

Cab Sec is content to do this. Facetime would be great without a video clip.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 November 2020 15:27
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>
Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: MEDIA BID - GMS - Spending review

Cabinet Secretary/PO,

GMS have bid to speak to the Cabinet Secretary on tomorrow's programme about what the Spending Review means for Scotland. The interview would take place at 07:52.

[redact]

Grateful for an indication of whether the Cabinet Secretary is content to undertake this bid.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 15:25

[redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
RE: FOR CLEARANCE - draft statement - Spending Review

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted] Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 15:05

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

Cc: [redacted]; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE - draft statement - Spending Review

Cabinet Secretary, PO,

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 15:22

From: McCaig C (Callum) Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot

RE: MEDIA BID FOR SPAD REVIEW - GMS - Ms Forbes

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; Communications Economy CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot

Yes thanks

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 15:10

From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
CabSecFinance@gov.scot

RE: FINAL UPDATED MEDIA BIDS - Spending review

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications
Economy CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot

Thanks just to say Ms Forbes is aware and fine with all of this.

Statement with her now

[redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:36

From: McCaig C (Callum) Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot

RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

To: [redacted]; [redacted]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>;

Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public
Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry)

<Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]>;

Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary)

<Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox

<DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]>; Communications Economy

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

<economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

I'm happy thanks [redacted]

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

From: [redacted]>

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:14

To: [redacted]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C

(Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel)

<Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending

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[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; Black E (Elise) <Elise.Black@gov.scot>; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; >; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]; **Subject:** FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

All,

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 15:10

From: O'Carroll L (Lucy) <Lucy.O'carroll@gov.scot>; on behalf of; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>

RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

Thanks, [redacted]

Kind regards

Lucy

Wed 25/11/2020 15:02

From: [redacted]

RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

To: [redacted]

Brilliant [redacted]. Much appreciated.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 15:01

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

[redacted],

The statement will go out as an op note (v. shortly) hope) and I will post it on our blog. I'll send you a link.

Ms Gilruth has issued an NR on the foreign aid cut – [redacted] has handled that.

[redacted]

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; ; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

[redacted];,

Expanding copy list to other colleague in Fair Work - will get back with comments asap.

Kind regards

[redacted];

[redacted];

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:44

To: [redacted]; [redacted]; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted];

Subject: RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

Thanks, [redacted]

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public Spending | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: [redacted];

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:40

To: [redacted]; ; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; ; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; ; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary)

I'm happy thanks [redacted]

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:14

To: [redacted] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted] Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

All,

[redacted]Grateful for responses as soon as possible.

Thanks,
[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:47

From: [redacted]

RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW - Draft statement - Spending Review

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted] McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted] Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>; Gillespie G (Gary) <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; Economy COVID-19 Hub Communications <economycovid-19hubcommunications@gov.scot>; [redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:15

From; [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance

CabSecFinance@gov.scot

RE: MEDIA INTERVIEWS - Spending Review

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>;
[redacted];

Hi [redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:27

From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance

<CabSecFinance@gov.scot>

Hi [redacted]

That's fine on all counts, I'll let Cab Sec know as soon as I can. An updated sheet would be great.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]>

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:24

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Economy
<CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: MEDIA INTERVIEWS - Spending Review

Thanks [redacted]

We'll retweet. [redact]

I've also received a new bid from Global. Would the Cab Sec be happy to do that after Bauer via Facetime? That should then be it before votes.

I'll send you a revised schedule.

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:01

From: [redacted]

RE: Draft statement

To: [redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 13:50
From: McCaig C (Callum) Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot
To: [redacted]; [redacted]

Updated and adding [redacted] – not sure which of you is in the lead.

[redacted]

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister
[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 11:24

From: [redacted]
RE: Fo comment - Social Media - Spending Review
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Brexit &
Constitution <CommunicationsBrexit&Constitution@gov.scot; [redacted]; [redacted];

Hi all,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 November 2020 10:14

Subject: Fo comment - Social Media - Spending Review
From: [redacted]
RE: Fo comment - Social Media - Spending Review
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Brexit &
Constitution <CommunicationsBrexit&Constitution@gov.scot; [redacted]; [redacted];

Colleagues,

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 11:12

From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
CabSecFinance@gov.scot
RE: MEDIA BID - Bauer - Spending Review
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications
Economy CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot

Hi [redacted]

I flagged yesterday to Cab Sec that we will probably be getting radio bids today and she was content.

On the basis you are sending a bid sheet up shortly I'm happy for you to get this one setup around that time.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 11:10

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

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>

Subject: MEDIA BID - Bauer - Spending Review

Cabinet Secretary, PO,

We have received a bid from Alan Smith at Bauer for an interview following the Spending Review via VoiceMemo. [redact]

Grateful for an indication of whether the Cabinet Secretary is content to undertake the bid.

PO: I will send up a full list of bids shortly, I'm just finalising technical details. I suggest Bauer could slot in at 16:00, although they are flexible.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 09:23

From: [redacted]

RE: For Ministerial approval - Statement - Overseas Development - Spending Review

To: [redacted]

Thanks [redacted]

From: [redacted]; >

Sent: 25 November 2020 09:22

To: Miller P (Philip) <Philip.Miller@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For Ministerial approval - Statement - Overseas Development - Spending Review

Thanks [redacted]. Will do

From: [redacted]; >
Sent: 25 November 2020 09:12
To: [redacted]; >
Subject: FW: For Ministerial approval - Statement - Overseas Development - Spending Review

Hi [redacted], good morning.

[redact]

Maybe can you mention this when you do the news conf. on the spending review this morning?

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2020 14:41
To: Minister for Europe and International Development <MinisterEID@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs <CabSecCEAEA@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Brexit & Constitution<CommunicationsBrexit&Constitution@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Subject: For Ministerial approval - Statement - Overseas Development - Spending Review

Ministerial Private Office,
Cabinet Secretary Private Office (cc)

[redact]

We would issue to domestic and international media after the Review statement, and support with social media in that event.

[redacted]

Tue 24/11/2020 17:09
From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
CabSecFinance@gov.scot
RE: FOR CLEARANCE - Draft proactive statement - Spending Review
[redacted]Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 24 November 2020 15:51

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE - Draft proactive statement - Spending Review

Cabinet Secretary, PO,

[redacted]

Thanks,
[redacted]

Mon 23/11/2020 18:03

From:[redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
CabSecFinance@gov.scot

RE: MEDIA BIDS - STV and ITV Border

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance CabSecFinance@gov.scot
McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications
Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
McLaren D (Douglas) Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot

Hi [redacted]

Ms Forbes is content on both counts.

For Scotland Tonight can we do this tomorrow at 12:45? Via Facetime if possible

[redacted]

If comms can send on the NR's in one email together that would be helpful.

For ITV Border suggest we look at timings tomorrow.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 November 2020 17:28

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

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: MEDIA BIDS - STV and ITV Border

Cabinet Secretary, PO,

STV Scotland Tonight have bid to record a short clip with Ms Forbes tomorrow afternoon ahead of the UK Spending Review. They will be looking at pay settlements and the extent to which what happens in the Spending Review influences what the Scottish Government will be able to offer.

[redacted]

Separately, Peter MacMahon from ITV Border has requested an interview following the Spending Review on Wednesday afternoon. [redacted]

Grateful for an indication of whether the Cabinet Secretary is content to undertake these bids.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 14:39

From: [redacted];

FW: UK Spending Review: Capital Cut

[redacted]

From: [redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Sent: 25 November 2020 14:36

To: [redacted]>

Subject: FW: UK Spending Review: Capital Cut

[redacted]

From: Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 November 2020 14:20
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [redacted];>; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; Twyman K (Kerry) <Kerry.Twyman@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: UK Spending Review: Capital Cut

[redacted]

Here is a paper which gives the headline capital data, on page one and cuts and pastes the table from p 95 of the HMT publication.

In landscape, and strange type due to problems cutting and pasting from PDFs.

[redacted]

Rachel Gwyon
Scottish Government
Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Investment
[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 10:04

From: McCaig C (Callum) Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot
RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms
To: [redacted];[redacted];[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration MinisterPFM@gov.scot
Cc: McLellan J (James) <James.McLellan@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Attachment; UK spending Review – Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Chancellor (withheld)

[redacted],

[redacted]

Could that be added in please?

Thanks,
Callum

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

From[redacted];

Sent: 19 November 2020 18:50

To: [redacted]; [redacted];; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
<CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration
<MinisterPFM@gov.scot>

Cc: Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas)
<Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];; Communications
Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];;
McLellan J (James) <James.McLellan@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted];; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel)
<Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted]; >; McCaig C (Callum)
<Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of
Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>;
Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Updated handling: UK spending review - comms

[redacted]

I'm not working tomorrow – if anything come up then, Daniel Hinze can pick it up.

Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted];

Sent: 19 November 2020 16:40

To: [redacted]; >; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>;
Minister for Public Finance and Migration <MinisterPFM@gov.scot>

Cc: Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas)
<Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];; Communications
Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial
Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted]; McCaig C
(Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted];; Director of Tax
<directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending
<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special
Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>

Subject: Updated handling: UK spending review - comms

Cc: McLaren D (Douglas)
<Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: UK spending review - comms

Hi [redacted]

I'll be leading on the UK Spending Review comms this week. [redacted]

Best,

[redacted]
Media Manager [redacted];
Scottish Government | www.gov.scot

Thu 19/11/2020 18:50
From: [redacted]
RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
<CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration
MinisterPFM@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief
Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted];
McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Director of Tax
<directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending
<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special
Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

[redacted]

I'm not working tomorrow – if anything come up then, Daniel Hinze can pick it up.

Regards,
[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 10:13
From: [redacted] on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
CabSecFinance@gov.scot
RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance
<CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration
<MinisterPFM@gov.scot>
Cc: McLellan J (James) <James.McLellan@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted];
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted]; >; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

For planning purposes for comms and policy colleagues we found out last night that the Cab Sec will be voting remotely next week so any media bids will be done remotely. [redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 12:22

From: McLaren D (Douglas) Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot

RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms

To: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; >; [redacted]; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration MinisterPFM@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; Kane J (Jenny) <Jenny.Kane@gov.scot>; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

[redacted]

Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public Spending |

Fri 20/11/2020 16:30

From: [redacted];

RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; Minister for Public Finance and Migration MinisterPFM@gov.scot
Cc: Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Thank you [redacted].

Can policy colleagues share the link to where the paper will be available please?

[redacted]

Senior Communications | Economy and Finance

[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Sent: 20 November 2020 16:21

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance and Migration <MinisterPFM@gov.scot>

Cc: Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Director of Tax <directoroftax@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Updated handling: UK spending review - comms

All

Thanks for the collective work on this

I'll come back on each of them

[redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 16:41

From: [redacted];

RE: Updated handling: UK spending review – comms

To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>;

McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum)

<Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; Minister for Public Finance and Migration MinisterPFM@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer

<cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Gwyon R

(Rachel) <Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot[redacted]>; Director of Tax

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[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[Wwww.gov.scot/isbn/9781800043411](http://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781800043411)

[redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 11:28

From: [redacted];

UPDATED: RELEASE TO CLEAR: UK spending review - FRI UNDER SUN 00:01

To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance <CabSecFinance@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Minister for Public Finance and Migration MinisterPFM@gov.scot

Cc: Hinze D (Daniel) <Daniel.Hinze@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas)

<Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications

Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Chief Financial Officer

<cfo@gov.scot>; [redacted][redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
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Adviser) Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot

Apologies [redacted]

Thank you
[redacted]

[redacted]

Fri 20/11/2020 15:05
From: Higgins K (Kate) Kate.Higgins@gov.scot
RE: comms around SR
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Communications Economy
<CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted];[redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne)
<Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Yep fine [redacted]

Ms Forbes and Ms Hyslop lead here so copying in Callum and Leanne for those
interests

Kate Higgins
Special Advisor to the First Minister
Rural Economy and Connectivity
[redacted]

Please follow the public health guidance on coronavirus at
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>
If your business is impacted by coronavirus, and you need support, visit
<https://www.mygov.scot/non-domestic-rates-coronavirus/>

From: [redacted]>
Sent: 20 November 2020 14:58
To: [redacted]>; Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>;
[redacted]; [redacted];
Cc: Higgins K (Kate) <Kate.Higgins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: comms around SR

Hi [redacted],

[redacted]
Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]>
Sent: 20 November 2020 14:52
To: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: Higgins K (Kate) <Kate.Higgins@gov.scot>
Subject: comms around SR

Hi Colleagues,

[redacted]
Cheers

[redacted]

Wed 25/11/2020 15:56
From: [redacted]
RE: Kate Forbes interview
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Cc: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; News Desk
Newsdesk@gov.scot

Yes [redacted] will add to his list.

From: [redacted]>
Sent: 25 November 2020 15:33
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Cc: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; News Desk
<Newsdesk@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Kate Forbes interview

Bid for KF in Gaelic. Can one of you take forward?
[redacted]

From: Eilidh Mackay - Gaelic News & Current Affairs 1
<eilidh.mackay01@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: 25 November 2020 15:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: Kate Forbes interview

Hi [redacted],

I was looking to see if Kate Forbes would be free to do a zoom/skype interview at some point this afternoon (it would only take a couple of minutes) for the Gaelic news programme An Là.

We wanted to ask her a few questions (as Cabinet Secretary for Finance) about what Rishi Sunak's announcements today about government spending means for Scotland.

Any time at all this afternoon would suit for the interview.

I'm on 01463 720727 if it's easier to speak on the phone.

Kind regards,

Eilidh Mackay