

## FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 1

### Email 1

21/08/2020 @11:12

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Freedom of Information  
FW: TRIAGE - FOI - ODO - correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017 - MiCase 202000077960

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted], [redacted]

[redacted]

Please see the FOI request and triage advice below for allocation and processing.

I think this request would fall to your area for response, but if it cannot be handled in your area we would hugely appreciate any advice and assistance you can offer in finding the appropriate area for it as soon as possible.

Please note this is the second of three requests received by the same applicant on 20/08/20 related to the same subject.

The information request below has been assessed by the FOI Unit in line with Criteria for Decision-making agreed with the Scottish Information Commissioner. We consider this is a valid request for information and should be treated as a request under FOISA.

The request has been registered on MiCase with reference 202000077960, which can be accessed: [here](#). Please "Self Assign" the above case through Case Actions on MiCase remembering to send the requester a FOI specific acknowledgement. The response should be issued as promptly as possible, and no later than 18/09/20.

The request is for (please see email below for full request):

-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017. Please provide all emails, documents, written letters/notes, texts and Whatsapp messages exchanged between Mr Salmond and Scottish Government ministers and officials.

This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.

We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

### Sensitivity

As the subject of this request is of significant public interest, we would assess this case as sensitive. You should ensure that officials of appropriate seniority in your business area are aware of the request, but a Ministerial decision will be required as

a result of our assessment. You should therefore seek input from SPADS before making your final submission to your Minister.

Our assessment of sensitivity can change once full searches have been completed. At that point, if you do not consider this case to be sensitive, then please engage with me at the FOI Unit to help me reassess the case.

You should also make your Comms team aware at this stage so that they can consider media handling in parallel with your handling of the request.

#### Personal data

The GDPR and the DPA 2018 govern how the personal data of people should be handled by organisations. Section 38 of FOISA is where the GDPR, the DPA 2018 and FOISA meet. It tells us when personal information can and can't be disclosed in response to an FOI request. When someone makes a request for information that includes someone else's personal data, you will need to carefully balance the case for transparency and openness under FOISA against the data subject's right to privacy under the data protection legislation.

If you require it then please seek advice from the FOI unit or the DP team when making judgments on personal data. Should it be necessary, guidance on any redactions can be found [here](#).

#### Guidance and Compliance Documents

For detailed information regarding possible exceptions I would recommend the Scottish Information Commissioner's website.

We have a duty to advise and assist requesters throughout this process and remember there is always a presumption in favour of disclosure.

I have copied this advice to the mandatory Statement of Compliances. Please complete the forms as your case progresses and save to the casefiles when complete.

New guidance to replace our SharePoint is being developed on Saltire and will be available soon (will be available here: <http://saltire/my-workplace/it-and-information-management/freedom-of-information/Pages/Guidance-for-FOI-case-handlers.aspx>) In the meantime new overview guidance is available on Saltire here: <http://saltire/my-workplace/it-and-information-management/freedom-of-information/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-requests.aspx>

We have also archived all our SharePoint guidance, which is available here: <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/qA962816>

For this case [redacted] will be your contact within the FOI unit so please get in touch via e-mail or call on skype if you have any questions.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 20 August 2020 11:03  
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>  
Subject: FOI - contact

To whom it may concern,  
Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request:

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This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.  
We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact me [redacted]

Thank you for your time.  
[redacted].

## Email 2

24/08/2020 @ 15:52  
From: [redacted]  
Fol 77960 - initial request for search – MPO  
To: [redacted], [redacted]

[redacted]. [redacted]

We have received the following Fol request, in relation to which MPO may hold some information:

-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017.  
Please provide all emails, documents, written letters/notes, texts and Whatsapp messages exchanged between Mr Salmond and Scottish Government ministers and officials.

This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.

We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

I would be grateful if you could conduct searches for correspondence between Mr Salmond and Ministers in 2017. I am aware – from a very quick search – that Mr Salmond corresponded with Mr Wheelhouse in relation to a powerline between Beauly and Kintore – presumably your searches will cover this sort of ministerial correspondence?

The deadline for response is 17 September but I would be grateful if you could respond to me by the middle of next week to enable me to consider the search results.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 3

24/08/2020 @16:21

From: [redacted]  
Fol 77960 - initial request for search – Perm Sec Office  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Andrew Bruce, [redacted]

[redacted],

We have received the following Fol request, in relation to which I think Perm Sec's office may hold some information:

-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017.

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This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.

We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

I would be grateful if you could conduct searches for any information you may hold. For the time being, could you include any correspondence that came from solicitors on his behalf (the Investigation had not begun in 2017 so I do not anticipate significant volumes of response, but please do get in touch if there is any of this you would like to discuss).

The deadline for response is 17 September but I would be grateful if you could respond to me by the middle of next week to enable me to consider the search results.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

Email 4

27/08/2020 @12:26  
From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – request for search – PD  
To: [redacted]

[redacted].

I think I may have mentioned the following FOI request:

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We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

Could I ask you to arrange for appropriate searches to be carried out in PD please? The response deadline is 17 September but in order to allow time for consideration of any search results I would be grateful if you could respond to me on this by cop Wednesday 3 September.

It is of course a wide request and so would pick up any correspondence that does not relate to any of the areas for which OCT has responsibility – we would in that case need to identify the appropriate person within PD who could advise on releasability. But the first step of course is to see what is there.

Happy to discuss.  
[redacted]

Email 5

27/08/2020 @ 12:32

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – search of historic MACCS system  
To: Public Engagement Unit  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Apologies for a bit of a scattergun approach to this email, but we have received an FOI request in which asks for all correspondence between the Former First Minister, Alex Salmond, and the Scottish Government in 2017.

One of the obvious searches I would wish to run is of the MACCS system, as it is likely that any correspondence from the FFM (who was at that point an MP) would have been entered on to the MACCS system. Obviously this has been replaced by MiCase, but is there any way of running a search against historical MACCS data?

Many thanks  
[redacted]

#### Email 6

27/08/2020 @ 12:38

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – search request – OCT  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

We discussed yesterday the email request that has come in:

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We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

OCT won't have any returns as we did not exist in 2017, however we have discussed that we may hold documents relating to the 2 SG employees referred to, who [redacted] and I'm afraid I have forgotten the name of the second individual.

Could you let me have any documents that fall within that part of the request that you are aware of? [redacted]

The response date is 17 September but in order to allow me to consider any documents thrown up by the search, it would be great to have those by Cop on Wednesday – that said, in light of all else that we have on, just let me know if dealing with this in the week beg. 7 September is more realistic. Certainly stay in touch on this, as it may be ambitious on my part to think that I could consider any documents before then anyway.

Thanks  
[redacted]

Email 7

27/08/2020 @13:37  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request – OCT  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

In the work I'm doing for [redacted] I came across the attached reference: [redacted]

This relates to the contact between [redacted] and FFM I'll keep you posted on anything else I come across.

27/08/2020 @ 12:38  
From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – search request – OCT  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

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Thanks  
[redacted]

#### Email 8

27/08/2020 @ 13:42  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search of historic MACCS system  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: public engagement unit; [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

There is a Case Search function in MACCS where you can add the respective MSP or MP name. This is a screen shot of what is returned for Mr Salmond for 2017. I can give you or someone else access to MACCS to access the cases. Alternatively, if you search eRDM with the Case References below you will be able to see the documents.

I hope this helps  
[redacted]

**Search Results**

Case Reference	Campaign	Fast Track	Type	Minister	Letter Date	Subject	Correspondent	Location	State
2018/0018079	No	No	MR	Robison	24/05/2018	Cancer Policy	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0045526	No	No	MR	Brown	12/12/2017	Trunk Roads Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973- Depreciation in value of land or property	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0014569	No	No	MR	Hyslop		Scotland's Winter Festivals	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0013125	No	No	MR	Wheelhouse		Oil and Gas Policy	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0012813	No	No	MR	Robison		Waiting Times for Treatment in Scotland	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0010648	No	No	Diary	Ewing		Rural Payments & Services website	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES	Withdrawn

**Search Results**

2017/0010648	No	No	Diary	Ewing		Rural Payments & Services website	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES	Withdrawn
2017/0009997	No	No	MR	Hyslop		Local Authorities Cultural Activities	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Withdrawn
2017/0008603	No	No	MR	Brown		Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0007686	No	No	Diary	Ewing		Rural Payments & Services website	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Withdrawn
2017/0007031	No	No	MR	Wheelhouse		Electricity Grid - Connection	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Withdrawn
2017/0006239	No	No	MR	Campbell	08/02/2017	Alcohol Industry	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0006270	No	No	MR	Wheelhouse	07/02/2017	Electricity Grid - Transmission	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0006101	No	No	MR	Robison		The Introduction of New Medicines	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent
2017/0002766	No	No	Diary	Yousaf		Smart Measures	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Withdrawn
2017/0001921	No	No	MR	Yousaf		Smart Measures	Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP		Final Reply Sent

[redacted]

PEU

27/08/2020 @ 12:32

From: [redacted]

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To: Public Engagement Unit

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

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Many thanks  
[redacted]

Email 9

27/08/2020 @ 14:30

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 search request  
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; DPEA CMS;  
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];  
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

Dear all,

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Obviously 2017 is 3 years ago now, but a quick eRDM search for “Alex Salmond” for that year indicates that you saved a number of documents that year which (according to the search result) contain ‘Alex Salmond’ in it.

On the basis that you may have dealt with correspondence with the former First Minister in 2017, could I ask you please to conduct searches and let me know what information you hold. Please let me have any documents, together with your assessment of whether there are any sensitivities or whether they can or should be released under FoISA.

I should add that the request is for correspondence between AS and the Scottish Government – so this will not include any documents in which he is merely mentioned.

If you are no longer in the relevant business area, could I ask you to forward this on to the relevant area (copying me in)?

I would be grateful for a response by the end of next week (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September).

I'm happy to discuss any of this.

Many thanks  
Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 10

27/08/2020 @ 14:34

From: [redacted]  
FW: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted] [redacted]

Dear [redacted] [redacted]

Forwarding to you as per [redacted] out of office.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 search request  
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; DPEA CMS;  
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];  
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

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Kind regards  
[redacted]

FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 2

## Email 11

27/08/2020 @ 14:57

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]

[redacted]

This is the only piece of correspondence I have ever dealt with that was addressed to Alex Salmond. It didn't actually go from me, but was a notification to him that we planned to release certain documents as part of a FoI request. The correspondence itself isn't sensitive. There are a number of attachments to the email though, one of which does contain personal information that would have to be redacted if you needed to release it.

[redacted]

Email 12

27/08/2020 @ 14:59

**Re FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]**

Hi [redacted]

Not sure if this has come accidentally to me (I see [redacted] is also copied in) but can confirm I've not got any documents along those lines.

[redacted]

Culture and Historic Environment Division  
Directorate for Culture, Tourism and Major Events  
Scottish Government

## Email 13

27/08/2020 @ 15:19

From: [redacted]

FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS

Dear all,

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I work in the Organisational Continuity Team and am the case handler for the following FoI request:

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Obviously 2017 is 3 years ago now, but a quick search against historic MACCS cases for "Alex Salmond" for that year indicates that there was correspondence between Mr Salmond and your policy area in that year (see screenshot below).

On the basis that your policy area may have dealt with correspondence with the former First Minister in 2017, could I ask you please to conduct searches and let me know what information you hold. Please let me have any documents, together with your assessment of whether there are any sensitivities or whether they can or should be released under FoISA.

If you are not best placed to carry out these searches, I would be grateful if you could forward this request to the appropriate person, copying me in. Please do get in touch if you think that this has come to you in error – I am working off the Staff Directory and appreciate that it may not be completely up to date! I have set out at the very bottom of this email which policy area I think may be for you.

I should add that the request is for correspondence between AS and the Scottish Government – so this will not include any documents in which he is merely mentioned.

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[redacted] – trunk roads

[redacted] – Scotland's Winter Festivals

[redacted] – oil and gas policy

[redacted] – waiting time treatment

[redacted] – Rural payments and services website

[redacted] local authorities cultural activities

[redacted] – AWPR

[redacted] – electricity grid

[redacted] – introduction of new medicines

[redacted] – Smart Measures

[redacted] – alcohol industry

Email 14

27/08/2020 @ 15:20

From: [redacted]

FW: Fol 77960 – initial search request – MACCS

To: Deputy Director of RPID

Forwarding in line with [redacted] out of office.

Thank you

[redacted]

Email 15

27/08/2020 @ 15:28

From: [redacted]  
FW: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: Project Delivery Correspondence  
Cc: [redacted]

Hi,

See below in relation to FOI request relating to AWPR for MACCS correspondence in 2017, this was before my time at TS so I am unable to assist [redacted].

Would someone be able to find the case 2017/0008603 to consider if it would be appropriate to release?

Regards,  
[redacted]  
Major projects  
Transport Scotland

Email 16

27/08/2020 @ 15:31

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I can confirm that I have a nil return in response to this FOI. Any documents saved by me and held in eRDM containing this name are in relation to MACCS cases, as I regularly provided comment on behalf of my line manager at the time.

I hope this is helpful.

Many thanks,  
[redacted]

Email 17

27/08/2020 @ 15:33

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I identified 10 documents in eRDM of which I am the creator and contain 'Alex Salmond'. I don't believe any of these are in scope of the request as they are mostly briefing packs containing public quotes made by Alex Salmond or draft speeches.

1. 'FW The Herald - Mr Salmond on the referendum and EU membership' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17982065/details>
2. 'Scotland in the EU Quotes' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17982063/details>
3. 'FW: EU Referendum Update - Stakeholder Management' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A18980989/details>
4. 'FW: EU Referendum Update - Stakeholder Management' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A18980977/details>
5. 'EU Referendum - Briefing - Mr Russell - Gove Debate - SPiE Supportive Quotes - 03 February 2017' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16634764/details>
6. 'Submission - Trade and EU Related activity' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A18627254/details>
7. 'RE: FOR ACTION: Draft speech - 2017 IACES Annual Lecture' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17980330/details>
8. 'URGENT - Defra and Devolved Administration Ministers Meeting 20 April 2017 - briefing and letters to Committees' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17982183/details>
9. 'Briefing - MUKNSPE - CTEERC Evidence session on SPiE - 2 February' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17981833/details>
10. 'Ms Hyslop's appearance before European Parliament Committee on Brexit - Briefing pack and speech' -  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17981934/details>

Best,  
[redacted]  
Population and Migration Division

Email 18

27/08/2020 @ 16:19  
From: [redacted]  
FW: FoI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I don't work on Smart Measures, but cc'ing some colleagues who may be able to help.

[redacted]

Email 19

27/08/2020 @ 16:21

From: [redacted]  
FW: FoI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Could you have one of the team look out the MACCS 2017/0013125 and set up an initial call between us to discuss whether it can or should be released under FOI.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

Email 20

27/08/2020 @ 16:47

From: [redacted]  
Re: FoI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted], [redacted]. [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

[redacted],

Links to the maccs attached.

F20170013125 – word doc to Energy Minister to clear  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17965559/details>

S20170013125 – original letter from Mr Salmond / introducing Evolve company and the proposal for the Shetland Northern Lights Project  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17965560/details>

SR20170013125 – signed response from Energy Minister  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17965562/details>

Will try and find time for us to discuss next week.

[redacted]  
Head of Oil and Gas  
Oil and Gas

## **FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 3**

### Email 21

27/08/2020 @ 17:11

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request- MACCS  
To: [redacted]

[redacted]

I can't access Micasa for some reason, so I can't see the correspondence. However, I was not in touch with Mr Salmond directly by any method.

[redacted]

### Email 22

27/08/2020 @ 17:32

From: Deputy Director of RPID  
FW: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I did not work in this area at that point. Any suggestions?

Regards

[redacted]

### Email 23

27/08/2020 @ 17:47

From: [redacted] on behalf of Project Delivery Correspondence  
FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Project Delivery Correspondence; [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I just wanted to know if you intend to ask for clarification on the subject matter as this is such a wide request for correspondence?

Thanks

[redacted]

Email 24

27/08/2020 @18:08  
From [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] , [redacted]

I have had a look, it appears all of these documents include a reference to Alex Salmond in a list of correspondence regarding CAP Convergence (agricultural funding), there is no correspondence between SG and Alex Salmond, just a reference to a letter that he sent to David Cameron in 2013 and a received a reply from Owen Paterson in 2014. Therefore, we have nil response to the FoI.

Kind regards

[redacted]  
Head of Agricultural Transformation for Environment and Climate Change | Scottish Government

Email 25

27/08/2020 @ 18:31  
From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – searches file note  
To: [redacted]

To identify which business areas I should ask to run searches, I conducted an initial eRDM search and asked PEU to run a search on the historic MACCS system.

eRDM search:

I searched eRDM for “Alex Salmond” and then filtered by creation date of 2017. This returned 1335 results. I then looked at the creators : there were 18 individuals, DPEACMS and MACCS Service.

I emailed all the individuals and DPEACMS to ask them to conduct searches.

[redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] are no longer with SG.

I considered the results that had been created by [redacted]. There were 21, all to do with Fols. While some of these returns mentioned AS, they were not inscope of request as they did not constitute correspondence.

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I considered the results that had been created by [redacted]. There were 10 results, all of which constituted weekly briefing for [redacted] and one legal advice note.  
Nothing in scope.

Email 26

28/08/2020 @ 08:52  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted], [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Today is my last day in the team but I have copied in my colleague [redacted] to lead on and other interested colleagues.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:56  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

[redacted],

Are you able to take this forward?

Many thanks  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:48  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted]

Try [redacted] – [redacted] seems to do deal with waiting times correspondence.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:42  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Thanks [redacted], I can't see [redacted] on the system. Could you identify the policy colleague who would deal with waiting times, or perhaps someone in the wider area who would run this search? It does not necessarily have to be the person who was involved at the time, but someone in the policy area.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:35  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: FOI 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted]

Apologies but I think you might have the wrong person as I have never dealt with waiting times treatment. The action officer for the case was [redacted]?

Thanks

[redacted]  
Health Improvement Division / Population Health Directorate / Scottish Government/

Email 27

28/08/2020 @ 09:11  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Thanks [redacted].

[redacted], could you run a check and let [redacted] know pls? Thanks. Do not recall anything though.

[redacted], food and drink colleagues could be worth checking in with on correspondence related to the alcohol industry. Copying in [redacted] who could possibly point you in the right direction!

[redacted]

Sent with BlackBerry Work ([www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com))

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From: [redacted]  
Sent: 28 Aug 2020 08:34  
To: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: FOI 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted]

Please see below the correspondence re the alcohol industry looks like it would might come through your team.

Thanks

[redacted]

Alcohol and Drug National Support Manager

### Email 28

28/08/2020 @ 09:17

From: [redacted]

Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted], will look into and see what we have.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Commercial and Marketing Manager / Interim Programme Manager  
Smart and Integrated Ticketing

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2020 09:06

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted] – I don't work on Smart Measures so I can't help you there.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2020 09:04

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Thanks – [redacted] has helpfully confirmed a nil return for her interests, but I'd still be grateful for a response covering smart measures as a whole.

Kind regards

[redacted]

### Email 29

28/08/2020 @ 09:35

From: [redacted]

FW: Fol 77960 – initial search request – MACCS

To: [redacted]

[redacted]

Short email to advise your request has been forwarded to our FOI Officer to co-ordinate the response.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 28 August 2020 08:42  
To: [11 names redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: FW: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS  
Importance: High

All – please see request below.

Can you, and your teams, please check to see if you hold any of the highlighted information below. If so, grateful if you could send me copies or the relevant erdm links. Also, when doing so can you please confirm if there is any sensitivities contained in the correspondence that we should be aware of before releasing.

Responses, including nil, by COP Tuesday 1 September would be appreciated.

Many thanks

[redacted]

### Email 30

28/08/2020 @ 10:37

From: [redacted]  
FW: Fol 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]

Good morning [redacted],

Further to [redacted] response, I can confirm I have nil return to this FOI either.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]  
Major Projects | Business Manager

## FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 4

### Email 31

28/08/2020 @ 13:36

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

[redacted],

Please see below links to the correspondence on access to new medicines. I don't think that there's anything sensitive from a policy perspective there.

However, the response to Mr Salmond's letter went directly to his constituent, so I'm not sure if that's within scope of the FOI, and the email from Mr Salmond to Scottish Government has correspondence between him and his constituent contained within, which may also be outwith the scope.

F20170006101

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185118/details>

S20170006101

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185119/details>

SR20170006101

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185120/details>

Thanks,

[redacted]  
| Medicines Policy | Scottish Government |

### Email 32

28/08/2020 @ 15:13

From: [redacted]  
Re: Fol 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I can confirm a nil return from Waiting Times Policy, I've spent this afternoon going through our archives and cannot find anything that falls within the FOI request.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]  
From: [redacted]  
Sent: 28 August 2020 09:15  
To:[redacted] [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Thanks all.,  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 28 August 2020 08:52  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted],

Today is my last day in the team but I have copied in my colleague [redacted] to lead on and other interested colleagues.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:56  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

[redacted],

Are you able to take this forward?

Many thanks  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 15:48  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Hi [redacted]

Try [redacted] – [redacted] seems to do deal with waiting times correspondence.

[redacted]

Email 33

28/08/2020 @ 15:59

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I can confirm that I have a nil return in response to this Fol. Any documents saved by me and held in eRDM containing this name are in relation to MACCS cases/briefings, as I regularly provided comment on behalf of my line manager at the time.

I hope this is helpful.

Many thanks,  
[redacted]

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Governance Manager  
Procurement and Construction Branch  
Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

Email 34

28/08/2020 @ 16:06

From: [redacted]  
Re FOI 77960 – searches file note – follow up  
To: [redacted]

eRDM for ‘Alex Salmond’, then 2017, then creator is MACCS service. That returned 156 items over 7 pages. I went through manually and sent myself links to cores with AS. Did one email per page of results, there were no results on page 7.

Total of 17 letters that were written to AS. This should correspond to the MACCS screenshot search that PEU sent through but will need to consider.

[redacted]

Email 35

28/08/2020 @ 16:12

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Thanks [redacted],

Can I just check (it has been a long week!) are you responding on a personal basis or on behalf of the business area? For the purposes of the FoI, we do need to identify any documents or information that is within scope of the request..

Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 36

28/08/2020 @ 16:27

From: [redacted]  
FoI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I was just responding on a personal basis, not on behalf of the Business Area.

Just to clarify, there was one MACCs case that I was involved in back in 2017 from Alex Salmond MSP regarding the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie to Tipperty road construction project.

The response was addressed directly to Mr Salmond, but as this was a Ministerial MACCs case, 2017/0008603, the response was issued by Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work.

Presumably Mr Brown's office will provide you with a copy of this final response and advise on any sensitivities or whether this should be released under FoISA.

If this is not the case and you require any input from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 37

31/08/2020 @ 11:58

From: [redacted]  
Re: FoI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted] – the documents I saved to ERDM in 2017 which make mention to Alex Salmond relate to two requests from the internal SG team who look after the EASEbuy system. That team were intending uploading cost centres\ account codes into the EASEbuy system (some codes related to the First Minister) but these requests were cancelled. Presumably this does not come under the definition of correspondence between SG and Alex Salmond.

Thanks  
[redacted]  
P2P Service Delivery Manager

Email 38

31/08/2020 @ 13:58  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

The MACCS case relating to alcohol concerned a constituent writing to Alex Salmond about alcohol advertising in cinemas. Here's copies of the original letter and the reply and emails relating to revising the final reply.

I hope this is what you're looking for. Let me know if you think you need anything else.

Thanks

[redacted] | Alcohol Harm Prevention Team | Health Improvement Division | Population Health Directorate | Scottish Government

Email 39

31/08/2020 @ 14:25  
From: [redacted] on behalf of Permanent Secretary  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – Perm Sec Office  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Andrew Bruce; Permanent Secretary mailbox

Hi [redacted]

I've now searched our outlook folders and archives for 2017, eRDM folders and the Perm Sec calendar and there is no record of any email exchange, meeting with, or written correspondence between the Permanent Secretary and Alex Salmond or his lawyers over 2017.

I have also spoken with the Perm Sec who has confirmed that she doesn't hold anything directly either.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks

[redacted]

Team Leader | Permanent Secretary's Office

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 12:03  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - Perm Sec Office

[redacted],

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

This is one that will require documents returned to be considered for scope, exemptions etc. Once you have done your searches, it would be helpful to have a chat about scope and potential exemptions, just to ensure that we are on the same page. But the start is to pull up any such documents.

I've looked through our Fol spreadsheet and cannot see that this question or a similar one has been asked in the past. There are various permutations of questions around correspondence in 2018 but nothing that I can find directly on point for 2017.

Thanks

[redacted]

#### Email 40

31/08/2020 @ 14:29

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I'm fine with these documents being released in response to the FOI – no redactions required and no sensitivities.

Thanks

[redacted] Alcohol Harm Prevention Team | Health Improvement Division | Population Health Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 31 August 2020 14:09  
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

[redacted],

Thank you very much. Can I check whether you would be content for this to issue in response to the Fol, or are there any redactions that you think would be required (or any sensitivities that should be taken account of)?

[redacted]

## FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 5

### Email 41

31/08/2020 @ 19:23

From: [redacted]  
FW: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted]- thanks for your email below.

I've attached a copy of the correspondence between the SG and Alex Salmond as highlighted below and related to Scotland's Winter Festivals (SWF). The other correspondence attached and addressed to [redacted] won't come under the scope of this FOI.

The background to this is that Mr Salmond was a supporter of the Fair Saturday Movement <https://fairsaturday.org/en/> which celebrates the power of art and culture to drive forward positive social change as a response to the commercial aspects of Black Friday. Mr Salmond invited [redacted] to present at the SNP Conference that year (on 17 March) and feedback was positive. Ms Hyslop attended that meeting. Mr Salmond then forwarded Ms Hyslop correspondence from [redacted] inviting the Cabinet Secretary to visit Bilbao to hear more about Fair Saturday (Fair Saturday emerged in Spain). That invitation was declined and instead officials met [redacted] in Edinburgh and Scotland subsequently joined the celebration of Fair Saturday from 2018 through a closely related initiative St Andrew's Fair Saturday <https://standrews.fairsaturday.org/> which aligns the celebrations of Fair Saturday and St Andrew's Day.

From the SG perspective- as far as I am aware- Mr Salmond was not involved in the development of St Andrew's Fair Saturday in any way after the initial contact with Ministers as per case 2017/0014569. Ministers have met [redacted] as St Andrew's Fair Saturday was developed but Mr Salmond has not been present at any meetings attended by SG officials.

In my view there are no sensitivities around the release of the letter of 6 May to Mr Salmond.

I hope this helps.

Cheers

[redacted]

### Email 42

01/09/2020 @ 11:19

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – search request  
To: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] – thanks for looking at this in my absence. [out of scope]

[redacted] – nil return from us on this FOI query. None of the documents related to correspondence between SG and Mr Salmond. The only documents in the information released on 17 October 2017 (<http://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-17-01962/>) relate to a small amount of Ministerial correspondence between the then First Minister and the Scottish Gamekeepers Association on the specific topic of docking/shortening the tails of dos used for hunting.

Best wishes

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 27 August 2020 14:50  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: FW: FoI 77960 - search request

[redacted]

[out of scope]

I have done a search on eRDM re the request below. All the documents that are filed which come up through the search for “Alex Salmond” in 2017 refer to FoI’s on tail docking.

Not sure if you want to do a search of the documents to see if there are specifically addressed to AS?

[redacted] Disease Control Branch | Animal Health and Welfare Division | Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Delivery

#### Email 43

03/09/2020 @ 11:29

From: [redacted]  
Off-sen – personal – contact between FFM and civil servants – November 2017  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

[redacted],

We have no record of any email communication between FFM (his representatives, etc.) and either [redacted] or [redacted] in the period 1 Sept to 31 Dec 2017.

[redacted] informed HR on or around 6 November 2017 that [redacted] had had a telephone call from [redacted] at Levy and McRae requesting that [redacted] give a statement about the FFM. Email attached showing this [redacted]

[redacted] similarly had a telephone call from Levy & McRae on 6 November 2017, where a voicemail was left. This is referred to in the email below (and the third attachment within that email).

[redacted]

These two members of staff are the only ones that have come to light during our work as having been contacted by the FFM or his representatives during that period.

Thanks,

[redacted]  
Organisational Continuity Team | The Scottish Government

Email 44

03/09/2020 @ 14:09

From: [redacted] on behalf of Project Delivery Correspondence  
Mtrips contribution – FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Project Delivery Correspondence; [8 names redacted]

Good Afternoon.

Please find attached copies of correspondence for contribution along with below wording for exception applied here, this has been cleared by [redacted] (Acting Director).

An exception under regulation 11(2) of the EIRs (personal information) applies to some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party 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 exception 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 exception.

[redacted]

Email 45

03/09/2020 @ 14:23

From: [redacted]  
Re Mtrips contribution – FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted] – it's a nil response for the Roads Directorate.

Thanks

[redacted]

### Email 46

04/09/2020 @ 08:11

From: [redacted]

Re FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – responses required by 4<sup>th</sup> September

To: [redacted]

Cc: Deputy Director of RPID

Dear [redacted],

I have looked at the two cases you have referred to:

- 2017/0010648 [Diary] [redacted] Alex Salmond 21/04/2017
- 2017/0007686 [Diary] [redacted] Alex Salmond 30/03/2017

And looked at the old MACCS system and see that both of these cases were withdrawn from the system (see extracts below). The pdfs of the cases do not seem to be accessible. One of them has an acknowledgement letter (attached) but that does not give any detail.

2017/0010648 [Diary] [redacted] Alex Salmond 21/04/2017

#### **Case History**

Event	Date / Time	Person	Division	Directorate	Comment
Case Created	22/03/2017 09:44	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES		Case created.
Linked	22/03/2017 09:53	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES		Case linked to case reference 2016/0011075
Linked	22/03/2017 09:53	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES		Case linked to case reference 2016/0031120
Linked	22/03/2017 10:14	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES		Case linked to case reference 2017/0007686
Withdrawn	22/03/2017 11:05	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES		Case withdrawn: No Answer Required: Agreed with [redacted] in Fergus Ewing's Private Office that case will be handled outwith MACCS.

## Case History

Event	Date / Time	Person	Division	Directorate	Comment
Case Created	02/03/2017 10:50	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Case created.
Linked	02/03/2017 10:51	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Case linked to case reference 2016/0031120
Case Type Amended	02/03/2017 10:54	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Case type changed from MR to Diary.
Acknowledgement Created	02/03/2017 10:54	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Acknowledgement letter created.
Allocated to AO	02/03/2017 10:55	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Case allocated to McLeod M (Marnie)
Sent	02/03/2017 10:55	[redacted]	DMH : Adult Mental Health	DIRECTORATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	Case sent to DIRECTORATE FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL COMMUNITIES, AFRC : Rural Payments and Inspections Division, McLeod M (Marnie)
Rejected by AO	31/03/2017 11:46	[redacted]	DFWES : Fair Work Labour Market Strategy Division	DIRECTORATE FOR FAIR WORK, EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS	Rejected at allocation: This is being dealt with offline by Private Office. Please remove. Dale
Sent	31/03/2017 11:46	[redacted]	DFWES : Fair Work Labour Market Strategy Division	DIRECTORATE FOR FAIR WORK, EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS	Sent to Ministerial Correspondence Unit for reallocation.
Withdrawn	31/03/2017 13:49	[redacted]	Public Engagement Unit	DIRECTORATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES	Case withdrawn: Transferred Out Of System: Answered by Private Office outwith MACCS

I have also looked at eRDM but cannot see anything for these cases.

The colleague who was going to be the Action Officer for both cases is no longer in SG. I have been in touch with colleagues here who were also around then and the structure within RPID has changed since then and that team no longer exists. My colleague also had a look on eRDM but could not see anything.

I therefore do not think we have anything else to offer.

Many thanks,  
[redacted]

RPID Deputy Business Support Manager | Rural Payments and Inspections Division  
| Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate | Scottish Government

Email 47

04/09/2020: 11:31  
From: [redacted]  
FW: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]

Just a courteous email to say that my directorate Bus, Accessibility & Active Travel will be providing a NIL return after searching correspondence/records.

FYI - The Smart Measures correspondence in your screen shot below of MACS cases does not relate to Smart ticketing (one of our areas) but to Smart technologies that was lead by Planning & Architecture.

Regards,  
[redacted] | Business Manager | Bus Accessibility & Active Travel Directorate  
Transport Scotland

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 31 August 2020 10:16  
To: [10 names redacted]  
Subject: FW: FoI 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

Business Managers

Please see below FoI request we have been asked to contribute on. Grateful if you could have your teams perform searches covering the highlighted areas below and have anything passed to [redacted] in SG by COP 4th September.

Thanks  
[redacted]

Email 48

04/09/2020 @ 11:20  
From: [redacted] on behalf of First Minister  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: First Minister mailbox

Hi [redacted]

It is a NIL return for FMPO.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 49

04/09/2020 @ 11:53  
From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – correspondence in 2018  
To: Barbara Allison

Dear Barbara,

First of all apologies for not sending this to you earlier; I have been trying to take a sensible approach to who needs to be asked to conduct searches, but with hindsight I should have included you.

We have received the undernoted FoI request, which refers specifically to contact between FFM and 2 SG employees. As far as the rest of the request goes, I have conducted eRDM and MACCS cases which do not indicate that there was any correspondence between DCMSF and Mr Salmond in 2017.

I'd be grateful if you could let me know whether you have any information in relation to these. On the specific contact (to clarify the point I believe you discussed with [redacted] yesterday), what our searches so far have indicated is that there is no actual correspondence on file, but there are notes of contact.

It may be that I have picked up the wrong end of the stick, so do please let me know if it would be easiest to discuss.

Many thanks  
Kind regards

FoI 77960

"All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017. Please provide all emails, documents, written letters/notes, texts and Whatsapp messages exchanged between Mr Salmond and Scottish Government ministers and officials.

This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.

We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has."

Email 50

04/09/2020 @ 18:15

From: [redacted]

Re Action: FOI 77960 – request for search – PD – cop Tuesday 2 September

To: [redacted]

[redacted]

77960

My apologies for the delay.

I have had only 'nil' responses from the request to PD, although one colleague noted "Nil from me personally but there would be some correspondence that falls in scope through the investigation which OCT should have access to."

I am assuming that the colleague is simply flagging this since the colleague's own trawl was a nil.

[redacted]

## **FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 6**

### Email 51

07/09/2020 @ 14:10

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – evolve  
To: [4 names redacted]

Dear [redacted] / [redacted]

I'd be grateful if you could confirm whether this is releasable or should be subject to any redactions (e.g.name of the company and the individuals). If you consider that redactions should be made, could you send me a redacted version for release please?

The deadline for response is Friday but I will need a version for clearance by Wednesday.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

### Email 52

07/09/2020 @ 14:32

From: [redacted]  
RE: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I can confirm I am content with this.

Thanks,

[redacted] Medicines Policy | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 07 September 2020 14:30  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

[redacted],

Thank you. I agree only the email from AS to SG is in scope. I am planning to release the following redacted version, please confirm whether you are content:

Kind regards  
[redacted]

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Sent: 11 February 2017 11:00  
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport Subject: [redacted]

Dear Shona,  
Please see below a letter from and my reply to [Redacted] gravely ill with [redacted].

I met [redacted]. Is there anything which can be done to license the use of cannabinoid oil to potentially ease the suffering of [redacted] and other people with this condition?

I have explained to [redacted] my understanding of the position and agreed to campaign on the matter at Westminster. However, could you write to the family directly and give the correct position from the point of view of the Scottish Government.

In the circumstances I would appreciate if this can be treated as a matter of great urgency.  
Yours for Scotland,

Alex Salmond MP

"[redacted]"

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 28 August 2020 13:36  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: FOI 77960 - initial search request - MACCS

[redacted],

Please see below links to the correspondence on access to new medicines. I don't think that there's anything sensitive from a policy perspective there.

However, the response to Mr Salmond's letter went directly to his constituent, so I'm not sure if that's within scope of the FOI, and the email from Mr Salmond to Scottish Government has correspondence between him and his constituent contained within, which may also be outwith the scope.

F20170006101  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185118/details>

S20170006101  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185119/details>

SR20170006101  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185120/details>

Thanks,

[redacted] Medicines Policy | Scottish Government

Email 53:

07/09/2020 @ 14:35  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]

[redacted], thank you very much. I agree the pdfs are in scope and not the emails. Looking at this, I think the constituent's personal details would need to be redacted out of this.

Would you be able to supply redacted versions of both pdfs that I could release please?

The FOI deadline is Friday but I will need final versions for clearance by Wednesday.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

Email 54

07/09/2020 @ 14:35  
From: [redacted] on behalf of Project Delivery Correspondence Confirmation – FOI 779670 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] Project Delivery Correspondence

Hi [redacted]

To confirm we provided our contribution last Thursday, attached copy of email for reference. We have already redacted any sections with personal information.

Are you referring to the last paragraph in the first pdf, [redacted]? As [redacted] is not a constituent there is no need to redact from document.

Grateful if you can confirm.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 07 September 2020 14:22  
To: Project Delivery Correspondence  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS  
Importance: High

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for this. I've had a chance to look at his and wonder whether the name and details of the constituent should not be redacted as this is personal data? If you agree, would you be able to send me a redacted version of this please?

The deadline is Friday but I will need a finally redacted version for clearance by Wednesday.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

### Email 55

07/09/2020 @ 14:39  
From: [redacted]  
Re: Fol – 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [3 names redacted]

[redacted],

Thank you, I agree that only the correspondence to AS is in scope. However that contains some personal details – [redacted] – which I think would need to be redacted for release.

Could you please send me a redacted version of this that I can release?

The response is due on Friday but I will need final versions for clearance on Wednesday.

Thank you  
[redacted]

Email 56

08/09/2020 @ 08:41

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS  
To: [redacted], Project Delivery Correspondence  
Cc: [redacted]

Morning [redacted]

[out of scope]

The 2 bits needing redacted are, as you set out, the constituent's name and address and they are set out in the 2 documents as follows:

1st attachment

Alex Salmond writing to Shona Robison – heading to be redacted [redacted]

2nd attachment

End of first line and most of second line of reply i.e [redacted]

I hope this is OK. Let me know if there's a problem with this.

Thanks

[redacted] Alcohol Harm Prevention Team | Health Improvement Division |  
Population Health Directorate | Scottish Government

Email 57

08/09/2020 @ 08:59

From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – waiting times correspondence  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

I found the following on eRDM, can you please advise whether you think this is not in scope – it looks to me as though it should be?

F20170012813

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17995450/details>

If you agree, can you please let me have suitably redacted version (by the looks of it, really just the personal details / data of [redacted]) by tomorrow morning please as I

need to circulate a full draft of this wide ranging response for clearance if I am going to make the deadline.

Thank you  
[redacted]

Email 58

08/09/2020 @ 09:23

From: [redacted]  
FW FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – electricity grid – document for release

To: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

Further to the below, I have identified the following on eRDM:

F20170006270

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17029007/details>

This looks to me to be within scope and so should be released. Please confirm by close of play today, together with a suitably redacted version of this document for release. As you will appreciate this is a very wide ranging fol request and I will need to circulate a final draft by cop on Wednesday.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 59

08/09/2020 @ 09:57

From: [redacted]  
FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – financial services  
To: [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

Apologies for the urgent timescale on this. As you will see from the below, I am co-ordinating an Fol request that asks for any correspondence between the former First Minister, Alex Salmond and SG in 2017.

It is only in a follow up search that I have identified the following, which appears to me to be in scope:

F20160041233  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16523104/details>

I'd be grateful if you could confirm, by close of play, whether you agree with this assessment and also provide me with a suitably redacted version of this correspondence which I can release in the FoI. It looks to me as if it would just be personal details that require to be redacted.

Many thanks, and happy to discuss  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 60

08/09/2020 @ 10:20  
From: [redacted]  
FW: FoI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – car pooling  
To: [3 names redacted]

[3 names redacted]

Apologies for this request for urgent turnaround. You will see from the email below that I am co-ordinating a wide ranging FoI request. I am afraid it is only following further searches that I came across the following, which appear to me to be within scope:

F20170001921  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17232355/details>

S20170001921  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17232359/details>

If you agree, I think these pieces of correspondence should be released, albeit suitably redacted (for example I would suggest redacting any reference [redacted]).

I'd be grateful if you could confirm and if possible let me have a suitably redacted version of the correspondence by tomorrow morning. The deadline is Friday and I will need to pull all the returns together.

Thank you very much  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

**FOI 93492 – DOCUMENT 7**

Email 61

08/09/2020 @ 11:57

From: [redacted]

Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – electricity grid – document for release

To: [redacted]

Yeah – that's fine with me.

No problems at all.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 11:51

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - electricity grid - document for release

Great, thank you. This final version does not refer to any person by name, so I think I can release it without any redactions. Are you content with that? Then I will leave you alone!

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 11:45

To: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - electricity grid - document for release

Hi [redacted],

I have managed to find the actual signed letter of response (see attached) but I was unable to find the letters as referred to of the 7th and 13th February 2017.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 10:32  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - electricity grid - document for release

Thank you. The correspondence that I located refers to Mr Salmond's letters of 7 and 13 February 2017. Those would also be in scope. Could you let me have copies of those, or alternatively confirm that you have carried out appropriate searches and are not able to locate these?

Also this letter is not dated or signed suggesting that this may be a draft. So could you let me know if you are able to locate a final, signed version of this? If not, I will take a view on whether the scope of the Fol request includes draft correspondence. My current thinking is that it does not.

In terms of the attached letter, assuming that a final version is found, I would redact the name [redacted]. Anything else?

Kind regards  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 08 September 2020 10:23  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - electricity grid - document for release

Hi [redacted],

I cannot see any obvious reason for this not to be released, happy for you to go ahead.

Thanks,

[redacted]

Email 62

08/09/2020 @ 12:25  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – financial services  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I missed a couple of names so provide an updated document.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Policy Executive | Financial Services and Fintech Policy  
|Enterprise and Innovation Division | Directorate for Economic Development

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 12:22

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - financial services

Thank you [redacted] for your quick turnaround.

I will redact the document on that basis.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 12:14

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - financial services

Hi [redacted]

I agree that the personal details for the constituent should be redacted. The address used for Mr Salmond would possibly have been his constituency address and if that is the case then it will not require redacting.

I have attached an updated version of the document and highlighted in yellow the redactions I believe are required.

I hope this is helpful.

[redacted]

Senior Policy Executive | Financial Services and Fintech Policy |Enterprise and Innovation Division | Directorate for Economic Development

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 11:19

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - financial services

Dear [redacted],

I wonder if you are able to assist with this – I am trying to find a policy home for a piece of correspondence that I think needs to be released in relation to an FoI request (for which the deadline is Friday). I do apologise for the tight turnaround.

I am co-ordinating an FoI request that asks for any correspondence between the former First Minister, Alex Salmond and SG in 2017.

It is only in a follow up search that I have identified the following, which appears to me to be in scope:

F20160041233

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16523104/details>

I'd be grateful if you could confirm, by close of play, whether you agree with this assessment and also provide me with a suitably redacted version of this correspondence which I can release in the FoI. It looks to me as if it would just be personal details that require to be redacted.

Many thanks, and happy to discuss  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 08 September 2020 11:15  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: FoI 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - financial services

I've had a quick look, [redacted]. Given the subject matter, this could have come to Counter Fraud folk here, or, possibly more likely, Financial Services policy folk in DG Economy. I didn't recognise it so checked the MACCS system which reveals that the case office was [redacted] according to the directory [redacted] works in financial services policy.

If it helps – on a quick read, I'd agree that, although relating to correspondence from the prior period, it meets the strict criteria of the request and would need personal details redacted.

[redacted]

### Email 63

08/09/2020 @ 12:32  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI  
To: [redacted] [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]

Thanks [redacted]. Yes, the word version looks fine. Cheers. [redacted].

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 08 September 2020 12:30  
To: [2 names redacted]  
Cc: [2 names redacted]  
Subject: RE: FOI

[redacted] [redacted]

I've had a go at this – it was easiest to convert to word document and adjust that way. Are you content?

[redacted]

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs  
Fiona Hyslop MSP

Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba gov.scot

T: 0300 244 4000  
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP House Of Commons LONDON  
SW1A OAA

Our ref:  
6 May 2017

Dear Alex

Thank you for your email on the 12th of April attaching correspondence from [redacted] inviting me to meet with [redacted] to explore opportunities for Scotland to join the Fair Saturday Festival, including a planned concert at the Guggenheim Museum.

In my reply I have advised [redacted] that regrettably I will be unable to meet the Fair Saturday Team in [redacted] at this time. I am however supportive of the Fair Saturday approach and am keen to explore its potential further.

In a subsequent email on the 3rd of May, [redacted] has confirmed that [redacted] will be visiting Edinburgh on the 18th of May for a meeting at the Scottish Parliament and therefore I have suggested that this provides us with an ideal opportunity for him to meet with my officials to follow up on the presentation on the 17th of March, discuss opportunities such as the Guggenheim Museum concert and also agree the next steps with a view to Scotland participating in the Fair Saturday Festival for St Andrew's Day 2017.

I have asked my officials to keep me regularly updated on progress.

FIONA HYSLOP

St Andrew 's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG  
www.gov.scot

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 08 September 2020 12:24  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [3 names redacted]  
Subject: FOI

Hi [redacted].

I hope you're well.

[redacted] is leading on a FOI request asking for all correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017. We only have one paper (attached) that falls under the scope of this request.

I've checked with the FOI Unit and the only aspect of our contribution that needs to be redacted is the Cab Sec's signature. The FOI Unit's advice is that [redacted] name doesn't need redacted in this case.

[out of scope]

Cheers

[redacted]

#### Email 64

08/09/2020 @ 14:48  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – evolve  
To: [4 names redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

I have had a go at preparing redacted versions for release. I'd be grateful for your comments.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

Note: policy to confirm redaction.

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

RECEIVED O 6 APR 2017

R T H O N A L E X S A L M O N D M P  
G O R D O N

Paul Wheelhouse MP  
Minister for Business Innovation and Energy Scottish Ministers  
St Andrews House Regent Road Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG

Our ref:

29th March 2017

Dear Paul,

Subject: [redacted]

I attached an introductory letter from the above company, one of the partners, [redacted], is a constituent of mine. I met with both gentlemen in February and learned of their proposals for a processing unit which would utilise existing feedstock (fuel) from the Sullom Voe Terminal.

On the face of it, this looked like a very worthwhile project and I wondered if you would be interest in meeting with them to learn more and offer advice/ direction. They are willing to meet you in Edinburgh and I don't think my presence is essential unless you think it advisable.

Please let me know if you would like my office to arrange a mutually convenient time of whether your office will take this forward. Likewise if this is something you think would be better directed to another member, please let me know and I will forward.

Look forward to hearing from you.  
Yours for Scotland,

ALEX.SALMOND.MP@PARLIAMENT.UK

Note ; policy to confirm redaction .

Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy Paul Wheelhouse MSP

T: 0300 244 4000  
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP House Of Commons LONDON  
SW1A OAA

Your ref: Our ref:

8 May 2017

Dear Alex

Thank you for sharing the introductory letter from [redacted], highlighting their intentions to develop a processing unit utilising existing feedstock from the Sullom Voe Terminal.

I understand that this project is still in the very early stages of development, but I am pleased to understand that [redacted] have already held early discussions with Highlands and Islands Enterprise Agency, and understand that they have been asked to submit a formal proposal for project development in Scotland which can then be considered.

At this stage in the proposal's development, I would encourage [redacted] to continue with that dialogue in order to explore all possibilities at this stage. I have asked Highlands and Islands Enterprise to keep me updated with how these discussions are progressing, but I would of course, be happy to meet [redacted] representatives once the project is at a suitable point in its development.

I would be pleased if you would share my correspondence with [redacted], and wish [redacted] success in this initiative.

Paul Wheelhouse

Email 65

08/09/2020 @ 15:07  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI 77960 – initial search request – MACCS – car pooling  
To: [3 names redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I also can't find the official response so I think we should go with your thought on only releasing the letter from Mr Salmond. I am also happy to confirm that I am happy with the redactions as set out.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] Strategic Delivery Lead (ZEV Fleets and Infrastructure)

Low Carbon Economy  
Transport Scotland

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 08 September 2020 15:04  
To: [3 names redacted]  
Subject: RE: Fol 77960 - initial search request - MACCS - car pooling

[3 names redacted]

Further to my email below, I have had a go at preparing a redaction; I'd be grateful for your views and whether you would be content with this.

In particular, I note that I have only been able to locate a draft response; do you have a final response on the system? My current inclination is not to release a draft response – I have seen in other areas that final versions have differed or not ended up being issued at all, so if our searches do not return a final response I may only release the letter from Mr Salmond.

Thanks  
[redacted]

Policy to confirm redactions

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A OAA

R T H O N A L E X S A L M O N D M P  
G O R D O N

Mr Humza Yousaf MSP  
Minister for Transport and the Islands St. Andrew's House, Regent Road Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG

Friday 13th January 2017

Dear Humza,

[Redacted] - on demand car-pooling launch in Scotland

At the end of last year, my office was contacted by [redacted], Head of Business and Commercial at [redacted] car-pooling service, [redacted].

In short, [redacted] is a transport solution that combines ride-sharing and car-sharing into a single service. Users are able to rent an electric vehicle for free, as long as they are willing to take other passengers with them that go the same direction. These passengers then pay a fee close to the cost of public transportation. The service relies on mobile app technology and self-improving algorithms to pair users together.

[redacted] is very keen to meet with the Scottish Government to discuss the potential launch of [redacted] in a Scottish city, with Glasgow marked as the initial favourite for this service. I have attached the brochure and [redacted] correspondence with my office to this letter. You can also find [redacted] contact details below.

[redacted]

Mobile: [redacted]

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

I would appreciate it if you or your office could review [redacted] concept and consider meeting [redacted] at some point later this year. If you require further information, please let my office know. Yours for Scotland

Alex Salmond MP

Policy to confirm redactions – just draft response?

Minister for Transport and the Islands  
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Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP  
House Of Commons  
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Our ref: 2017/0001921

February 2017

Thank you for your letter dated 13 January 2017 with information on [redacted] on-demand carpooling. I have asked my officials to reply and this will include information on funding for EV charging infrastructure and suggested contacts for Glasgow City Council.

As you will be aware, the local authority would be the key decision maker for many of the requests mentioned, such as access to central parking spaces and sign up for employees.

HUMZA YOUSAF

Email 66

09/09/2020 @ 10:12

From: [redacted]

Re: action: foi 77960 – request for search – PD – cop Tuesday 2 September

[redacted]

Further to the below the colleague has confirmed a nil response.

To clear up the issue the colleague notes “had in my mind correspondence re investigation which of course wouldn’t be in 2017”.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 September 2020 14:23

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: ACTION: Fol 77960 - request for search - PD - cop Tuesday 2 September

Have queried to follow up.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 07 September 2020 08:41

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: ACTION: Fol 77960 - request for search - PD - cop Tuesday 2 September

Thanks [redacted] – can I ask you to follow up to see what your colleague was referring to? The Fol request is for correspondence in 2017; OCT did not exist then, so we do not hold anything. As we have discussed before, it is for business area teams to do their own searches, even if it is for files that OCT might have access to. And I’m not actually sure we do have access to PD files covering 2017.

Thank you.

[redacted]

Email 67

11/09/2020 @ 11:12

From: [redacted]

FOI 77960 – request for search

To: [redacted]

Dear [redacted],

I believe Barbara was in touch with you yesterday so hopefully you are expecting an email from me!

The FOI in question asks for:

-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017. Please provide all emails, documents, written letters/notes, texts and Whatsapp messages exchanged between Mr Salmond and Scottish Government ministers and officials.

This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.  
We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

I had not been aware of any contact that may have been made with you by FFM (or his lawyers) but I would be grateful if you could confirm.

I am of course happy to discuss.

Many thanks  
Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 68

11/09/2020 @ 16:51  
From: [redacted]  
Re FOI 77960 – notification / confirmation

[redacted]

That is indeed correct.

Happy to discuss if required.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 11 September 2020 13:14  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Fol 77960 - notification / confirmation

Dear [redacted],

I believe Barbara mentioned to you that I would be in touch regarding the above-mentioned Fol.

The terms of the request that I am considering are as follows:

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.  
We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

I understand that there is no record of direct contact between Mr Salmond (as opposed to the solicitors acting for him) and yourself, but I would be grateful if you could confirm that that is correct.

I'm happy of course to discuss!

Many thanks  
[redacted]

Email 69

14/09/2020 @ 16:32  
From: Judith Mackinnon  
Re: FOI 77960 – off sen – request for confirmation  
To: [redacted]

[redacted]

I don't have anything more than you have already in terms of records and no other member of HR was involved. As you can see, my contact was with AS's lawyer, [redacted], not with AS.

Judith

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 14 September 2020 13:08  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Fol 77960 - off-sen - request for confirmation

Dear Judith

I am currently preparing a response to the undernoted Fol. As the request covers the period 2017, I have taken a targeted (appropriate) approach to searching.

With apologies for only coming to you late in the day, I have only recently become aware of HR possibly having some records in relation to the second part of the request, namely the contact by Alex Salmond of individuals in 2017.

I understand from our records that there are 2 instances of SG employees being contacted by AS directly. I attach a copy email which sets out those two names. For the purposes of this FOI response, I am not looking to include contact that was not by AS directly (for example, contact made on his behalf by others).

For completeness, though, I would be really grateful if you could confirm whether you hold records indicating direct contact between AS and SG employees in 2017.

The response is due on Thursday, but I am very conscious of having come to you so late on this.

I'm happy of course to discuss.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

FoI 77960

-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017. Please provide all emails, documents, written letters/notes, texts and Whatsapp messages exchanged between Mr Salmond and Scottish Government ministers and officials.

This should include any private email accounts - for example, linked to the SNP.

-All call logs and minutes of any meetings held between the Scottish Government (ministers and officials) and Alex Salmond in 2017.

We are aware Mr Salmond was in contact with two Scottish Government employees in November 2017. Please provide all details and any logs/reports on these the government has.

#### Email 70

15/09/2020 @ 11:22  
From: [redacted]  
FOI draft response – 77960  
To: Kenneth Hogg  
cc: Colin McAllister; Barbara Allison; Andrew Bruce; [redacted] [redacted]

Dear all,

I attach a draft response to Fol 77960; please let me know if you have any comments. The deadline is Thursday 17th.

Colin, will this require ministerial clearance?

Many thanks  
[redacted]

Email 71

15/09/2020 @ 12:22  
From: [redacted]  
Re: FOI draft response – 77960  
To: [redacted]

Thanks [redacted], [out of scope]

The draft response is fine for my interest. Although, I did wonder whether the draft implies that the exemptions apply, in the form of redactions, to the information we are releasing, and that for the third part of the request we are simply confirming that there were 2 calls with SG officials (i.e. we don't say whether or not we hold information within scope on that part). I'm not aware that we do hold information considered to be in scope, but I wondered for FOI purposes whether we need to make that clear.

But I'm content from my perspective.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 15 September 2020 11:27  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: FW: Fol draft response - 77960

[redacted],

[out of scope]  
The attached draft, as discussed last week; please let me know if you have any concerns.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 72

15/09/2020 @ 17:43  
From: Colin McAllister  
Re: Fol draft response – 77690 – SpAds content  
To: [redacted] Kenneth Hogg

Cc: Barbara Allison; Andrew Bruce; [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]

I am content that this does not require ministerial sign off however, given the proposed disclosure includes ministerial correspondence, I would recommend that the ministers involved be made aware (solely for information) ahead of release of the material.

Regards

Colin McAllister

Email 73

16/09/2020 @ 15:32

From: [redacted]  
FOI – 77960 – release of ministerial correspondence – 2017 – for information  
To: Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

[redacted] [redacted]

I work in the Organisational Continuity Team and have been co-ordinating a response to an FoI which we have received, which asks for:

“All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017.”

I attach a copy of miscellaneous correspondence between Mr Salmond, MP and Scottish Ministers, which includes correspondence with Mr Wheelhouse (at that point in his capacity as Minister for Business Innovation and Energy) which I propose to release.

The response is due tomorrow and relevant policy colleagues have cleared this for release; however as he is named in this release, Mr Wheelhouse may wish to be aware of the intention to issue this.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 74

16/09/2020 @ 15:47

From: [redacted]  
FOI – 77960 – release of ministerial correspondence – 2017 – for information  
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice

[redacted] [redacted]

I work in the Organisational Continuity Team and have been co-ordinating a response to an FoI which we have received, which asks for:

“All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017.”

I attach a copy of miscellaneous correspondence between Mr Salmond, MP and Scottish Ministers, which includes correspondence with Mr Yousaf (at that point in his capacity as Minister for Transport and the Islands) which I propose to release.

The response is due tomorrow and relevant policy colleagues have cleared this for release; however as he is named in this release, Mr Wheelhouse may wish to be aware of the intention to issue this.

Many thanks  
Kind regards

[redacted]

Email 75

16/09/2020 @ 15:57

From: [redacted]

FOI – 77960 – release of ministerial correspondence – 2017 – for information

To: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

[redacted] [redacted]

I work in the Organisational Continuity Team and have been co-ordinating a response to an FoI which we have received, which asks for:

“All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Alex Salmond in 2017.”

I attach a copy of miscellaneous correspondence between Mr Salmond, MP and Scottish Ministers, which includes correspondence with Ms Hyslop (at that point in her capacity as Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs) which I propose to release.

The response is due tomorrow and relevant policy colleagues have cleared this for release; however as he is named in this release, Mr Wheelhouse may wish to be aware of the intention to issue this.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
[redacted]

Email 76

21/09/2020 @ 14:34

From: [redacted] on behalf of Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Re: FOI – 77960 – release of ministerial correspondence – 2017 – for information  
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Justice

[redacted]

Thank you, the Cabinet Secretary has noted.

Regards  
[redacted]

Email 77

07/09/2020 @ 16:01  
From: [redacted]  
Re: Fol 77960 – reference to multiple objects – page 2 of 7  
To: [redacted]

F20160036903

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16460030/details>  
2016

F20160040039

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16577402/details>  
2016

F20170006239

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17187351/details>  
have return – alchol policy

Email 78

07/09/2020 @ 16:08  
From: [redacted]  
Re: Fol 77960 – reference to multiple objects – page 3 of 7  
To: [redacted]

These both relate to the cases that [redacted] advised had been withdrawn, so there was no correspondence ultimately.

F20170016715

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A18009340/details>

F20170024645

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A18544157/details>

Email 79

08/09/2020 @ 08:38

From: [redacted]

RE: foi 77960 Reference to multiple objects - erdm search - page 1 of 7 - checked -  
2 topics to follow up

To: [redacted]

F20160036885

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16465906/details>  
2016

F20160041233

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16523104/details>  
check – financial services

F20170001921

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17232355/details>  
check – spiri car pooling

F20170013125

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17965559/details>  
included in returns received

S20170001921

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17232359/details>  
check – spiri car pooling

S20170006101

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17185119/details>  
included in returns received

### Email 80

08/09/2020 @ 08:44

From: [redacted]

RE: foi 77960 - Reference to multiple objects - page 4 of 7 - checked - 1 to follow up  
To: [redacted]

F20160037939

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16477875/details>  
2016

F20170006270

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17029007/details>  
check – beauly blackhillock

F20170008603

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17849481/details>  
included in returns received

F20170014569

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17980821/details>  
included in returns received.

Email 81

08/09/2020 @ 08:48

From: [redacted]

RE: Fol - 77960 - F20170012813 (A17995450) - page 6 of 7 - checked - 1 to follow up

To: [redacted]

F20170012813

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A17995450/details>  
waiting times

Email 82

08/09/2020 @ 09:31

From: [redacted]

RE: Fol 77960 - F20160040729 (A16522616) - page 5 of 7 - checked - 1 to follow up  
– checked

To: [redacted]

This letter draft only, no indication that actually sent.

F20160040729

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A16522616/details>  
check – agricultural tenancy