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**From:** Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 06 February 2020 11:56  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation of last day in office - Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2020 11:55:54 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]@parliament.scot  
**Cc:** Hynd JS (James); [Redacted]; Cabinet Secretariat inbox  
**Subject:** Confirmation of last day in office - Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work  
**Auto forwarded by a Rule**

Derek,

As promised, I have now spoken to James Hynd, Head of Cabinet Secretariat.

We can confirm that Derek Mackay MSP's last day in office as Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work was yesterday – Wednesday, 5 February 2020.

With best wishes,

[Redacted]

Cabinet Secretariat | Scottish Government | [Redacted]  
St Andrew's House, 1 Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

EMAIL 2

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 February 2020 15:06

To: Internal Communications <InternalCommunications@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities <ZZZDirectorCMSF@gov.scot>;

[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval - latest version

Sending to Corporate Comms and Liz Lloyd for awareness as requested by Barbara Allison. This is the standard letter that all Ministers receive from Perm Sec when they leave. I have removed the financial element for now.

NB: This version is still to be approved by James Hynd later this afternoon.

[Redacted]

HR Manager

Senior Talent and Staffing Team

People Directorate, Scottish Government S1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 February 2020 14:46

To: Hynd JS (James) <[James.Hynd@gov.scot](mailto:James.Hynd@gov.scot)>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities <[DirectorCMSF@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorCMSF@gov.scot)>

Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval - latest version

Thanks James

Latest version (without financial info) attached, incorporating [Redacted] suggestion re Radcliffe.

Barbara suggested including SpAds and Comms but have not done so yet.

[Redacted]

HR Manager  
Senior Talent and Staffing Team  
People Directorate, Scottish Government S1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive,  
Edinburgh, EH11 3XD  
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Hynd JS (James) <[James.Hynd@gov.scot](mailto:James.Hynd@gov.scot)>  
Sent: 06 February 2020 14:42  
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support &  
Facilities <[DirectorCMSF@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorCMSF@gov.scot)>  
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>;  
[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
Subject: Re: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec  
signature - for approval

I'm in Parliament at meetings. Will consider when I get back to SAH.

James

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message  
From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2020 14:30  
To: Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities; Hynd JS (James)  
Cc: [Redacted]; Permanent Secretary; [Redacted]  
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec  
signature - for approval

Thanks Barbara. I haven't sent to Comms or SpAds but can if you think best.

[Redacted]

HR Manager  
Senior Talent and Staffing Team  
People Directorate, Scottish Government  
S1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD  
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Allison B (Barbara) <[Barbara.Allison@gov.scot](mailto:Barbara.Allison@gov.scot)> On Behalf Of Director  
Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities  
Sent: 06 February 2020 13:28

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <[James.Hynd@gov.scot](mailto:James.Hynd@gov.scot)>  
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities <[DirectorCMSF@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorCMSF@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

[Redacted]

Content that my name is used as point of contact. Can I check if SpAds and Comms have seen for awareness?

Regards

Barbara

BARBARA ALLISON,  
Director, Communications, Ministerial Support and Facilities Scottish Government.  
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
Sent: 06 February 2020 13:00  
To: Hynd JS (James) <[James.Hynd@gov.scot](mailto:James.Hynd@gov.scot)>  
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities <[DirectorCMSF@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorCMSF@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
Subject: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

James

I attach the leaver letter for Derek Mackay, minus the personal financial information that the Scottish Parliament has given me and which I will re-insert for the final version. In previous years you have asked to check this over before we put it to Perm Sec formally. I have added in a link to the Scottish Ministerial Code as well as still saying that we're attaching a copy of the Radcliffe Rules. The Rules can be accessed from a link within the Code but in the past we have made a conscious decision to include them with the letter. You might think that is no longer necessary and if so we could change it.

I'm copying in Barbara as she is named as a contact and for speed I have assumed that she remains content with that.

Happy to discuss

[Redacted]

HR Manager

Senior Talent and Staffing Team  
People Directorate, Scottish Government S1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive,  
Edinburgh, EH11 3XD  
[Redacted]

EMAIL 2 ATTACHMENT

Permanent Secretary  
Leslie Evans



Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba  
gov.scot

T: 0131-244 4026  
E: perm.sec@gov.scot

**PERSONAL**

Derek Mackay MSP  
The Scottish Parliament  
EDINBURGH  
EH99 1SP

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February 2020

In light of your resignation as **Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work**, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for your salary and pension when you leave office. You may also find it helpful to have an explanation of the procedures for accessing official papers and taking up business appointments in the future.

**SALARY**

Your salary as **Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work** ceased on Wednesday 5 February 2020, your last day in that office. The Scottish Parliament's Human Resources Office will make the appropriate adjustment to your final office-holder salary for the February payroll run.

**PAYMENT OF OFFICE-HOLDER RESETTLEMENT GRANT**

After you leave office you are entitled to an office-holder resettlement grant of 25% of your final office-holder salary. This is payable under Schedule 2, Rule 4 of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 providing you do not again become a holder of a pensionable office within 90 days of leaving office. The first available pay day following the 90 days qualifying period is Friday 29 May 2020. The Scottish Parliament's Human Resources Office will therefore arrange payment of your office-holder resettlement grant of [AMOUNT] on that date. Your office-holder resettlement grant is classed as a termination payment, therefore under Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 the first £30,000 is exempt from income tax.

**PENSION**

You will be entitled to an office-holder pension based on your service and salary. The Scottish Public Pensions Agency, which administers the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme, will write to advise you of your entitlement under The Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009.

## **ACCESS TO OFFICIAL PAPERS**

By convention, former Ministers are allowed reasonable access to papers which they saw when they were in office. We would therefore be able to arrange for you to inspect those papers that you would have seen, should the need arise. Please contact me about the practical arrangements for doing so if required in the future.

You should however note that such access is limited to you personally. The papers made available for inspection cannot therefore be copied or taken away and the use which you make of them is of course limited, as mentioned in paragraph 2.29 of the Scottish Ministerial Code in particular by the "Radcliffe Rules" governing the publication by former Ministers of memoirs and other works relating to their experience as Ministers (See Directory of Civil Service Guidance, Volume 2: Collected Guidance, page 41: Ministerial Memoirs: The Radcliffe Rules and their application: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-civil-service-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-civil-service-guidance)). More generally their use is limited by the need to ensure that the conventions about confidentiality of exchanges between Ministers and civil servants' advice to Ministers are not breached.

## **BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS**

Under the Business Appointment Rules for former Ministers, you will be prohibited from lobbying Government for two years after leaving office.

You should seek advice from the independent Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACOBA) about any appointments or employment, including any proposal to undertake consultancy work, which you wish to take up within two years of leaving office. Former Ministers must abide by the advice of the Committee and must ensure that no new appointments are announced, or taken up, before the Committee has been able to provide them with its advice. You may find it useful to visit the ACOBA website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/advisory-committee-on-business-appointments>.

Although it is in the public interest that former Ministers should be able to move into business or other areas of public life, it is equally important that there should be no cause for any suspicion of impropriety about a particular appointment. If therefore the Advisory Committee considers that an appointment could lead to public concern that the statements and decisions of the Minister, when in the office, have been influenced by the hope or expectation of future employment with the firm or organisation concerned, or that an employer could make improper use of official information to which a former Minister has had access, it may recommend a delay of up to 2 years before the appointment is taken up. Alternatively it may recommend that for a similar period the former Minister should stand aside from certain activities of the employer.

The independent Advisory Committee on Business Appointments will separately send you a letter and guidance outlining their remit and procedures. They will also include the necessary form and a copy of the *Business Appointment Rules for Former Ministers*. The form asks for details of the prospective employer and an outline of any dealings you may have had with the prospective employer and its competitors. All approaches to the Advisory Committee are considered in strict confidence, and will remain confidential if the appointment is not taken up. Should you take up a post which the Advisory Committee have scrutinised, the Committee's advice will be available for publication in their annual report and on their website.

## **OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

I should be grateful if all Scottish Government papers and equipment e.g. mobile phones, tablets and Blackberries as well as any official passes and keys could be returned to your Private Secretary as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the issues covered here Barbara Allison, Director of Communications, Ministerial Support and Facilities will be able to assist. Barbara can be contacted by telephone on 0131 244 4593, by e-mail at [Barbara.Allison@gov.scot](mailto:Barbara.Allison@gov.scot) or in writing to: Barbara Allison, Director of Communications, Ministerial Support and Facilities, Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG. Alternatively, if I can be of assistance myself then please do not hesitate to call me.

A copy of this letter goes to [Redacted] in the Scottish Parliament's Human Resources Office for information.

**LESLIE EVANS**



EMAIL 3

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Permanent Secretary

Sent: 06 February 2020 14:49

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

Great, thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 February 2020 14:46

To: Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

No, we don't usually get it out until a few days afterwards.

[Redacted]

HR Manager

Senior Talent and Staffing Team

People Directorate, Scottish Government S1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Permanent Secretary

Sent: 06 February 2020 14:45

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

Hi there

Does this need to go today?

[Redacted]

EMAIL 4

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary  
**Sent:** 06 February 2020 13:55  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities <ZZZDirectorCMSF@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

Just for awareness – [Redacted], we have a check in call with her around 4 and I can run this by her then and we can send out once cleared.

Thank you all,

[Redacted]  
Office Manager | Permanent Secretary's Office  
1N.07 | St. Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 06 February 2020 13:41  
**To:** Director Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities ; [Redacted] ; Hynd JS (James)  
**Cc:** Permanent Secretary ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Derek Mackay Leaver letter for Perm Sec signature - for approval

Adding [Redacted]to the copy list.

[Redacted]  
Cabinet Secretariat | Scottish Government | [Redacted], St Andrew's House, 1 Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

EMAIL 5

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 21 February 2020 15:36  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Sensitive - Perm Sec letter to DM

Hi [Redacted],

Here is the letter that was posted to DM's personal home address to ensure he received it (we were advised he was not picking up any emails). I posted this on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb (not Monday, my mistake).

Many thanks,

[Redacted]  
Private Secretary & Office Manager to the Permanent Secretary  
1N.07 | St. Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[Redacted]

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EMAIL 5

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary  
**Sent:** 14 February 2020 10:41  
**To:** ZZZCabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work 2018 to 2020  
<zzzCabSecFEFW@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Derek Mackay

Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
Private Secretary to Permanent Secretary  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work  
**Sent:** 14 February 2020 10:39  
**To:** Permanent Secretary ; Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work  
**Subject:** FW: Derek Mackay

[Redacted]

To see

Thanks

[Redacted]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work**

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Office of Protective Security Mailbox  
**Sent:** 14 February 2020 10:35  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work  
<[CabSecFEFW@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecFEFW@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Derek Mackay

Actioned [Redacted]

Cheers

[Redacted] | **Physical Security Administrator | Scottish Government | Security and Business Continuity**

Y1 Spur | Saughton House | Broomhouse Drive | Edinburgh | EH11 3XD | ☎[Redacted]



A new security incident reporting tool is now in use and can be accessed via the following link - <http://s1431a:8085/> Please use this to record any security incidents, including the loss of a security pass.

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work  
**Sent:** 14 February 2020 10:23  
**To:** Office of Protective Security Mailbox <[Opsec@gov.scot](mailto:Opsec@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work <[CabSecFEFW@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecFEFW@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Derek Mackay

Hello

Grateful if you can remove Derek Mackay's pass access to all Scottish Government buildings please.

Thanks

[Redacted]  
**Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work**

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [Redacted]

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## EMAIL 6

**From:** Evans L (Leslie) <Leslie.Evans@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 19:48  
**To:** Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

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**From:** Bruce A (Andrew) On Behalf Of Permanent Secretary  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 19:47:30 (UTC) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** Evans L (Leslie)  
**Subject:** FW: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Leslie

Worth you being aware of this media query. I confirmed earlier today that we (Perm Sec's office) had not received any complaint against Mr Mackay from SYP and the policy team - in Michael Chalmers' directorate - have confirmed the same.

Andy

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Date:** Saturday, 08 Feb 2020, 7:26 pm  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>, Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF) <[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>, Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>, Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>, Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>, Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>, News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>, Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>, [Redacted]@gov.scot>, Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>, [Redacted]@gov.scot>, [Redacted]@gov.scot>, Allison B (Barbara) <[Barbara.Allison@gov.scot](mailto:Barbara.Allison@gov.scot)>, [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Hi all,

I've discussed with Michael and he is content with the revised line –

SG Spokesperson said:

“If an organisation or an individual made a complaint to us relating to a member of the Scottish Government, we would consider this and take any appropriate action.”

Stuart – grateful for urgent clearance.

Thanks

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 18:00  
**To:** Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF) ; Johnston P (Paul) ; Macpherson MC (Mairi)  
**Cc:** Bruce A (Andrew) ; Permanent Secretary ; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser ; [Redacted] ; News Desk ; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross); [Redacted] ; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) ; [Redacted] ; [Redacted] ; Allison B (Barbara) ; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Policy colleagues,

IMMEDIATE

[adding in Barbara and [Redacted] tba]

Please note the following:

My colleague [Redacted] this afternoon sent the *Mail on Sunday* the following SG response in respect of their question whether the SG was made aware of a complaint having been made by a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament, alleging inappropriate conduct against Mr Mackay while a cabinet member. The *Scottish Sun* are apparently also aware of an alleged complaint by a SYP member to the SYP and they were sent the same response:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This would be a matter for the Scottish Youth Parliament.”

*Background:*

*The Scottish Government has not received notification from the Scottish Youth Parliament of a complaint having been made to them.*

The MoS journalist has been back in touch w [Redacted] to ask the following:

- 1) Having learned of the alleged complaint made against DM to the SYP, has the SG been in contact with the SYP today to ask for details of this
- 2) if not, does the SG intend to do so in the coming days?
- 3) if not, is the SG “wiping its hands” of a complaint made against DM when he was a member of the SG, and does the SG not have a duty of care to members of the SYP?

In respect of the questions above, I think we may wish to say something along the following lines.

“If an organisation or individual made a complaint to us relating to a member of the Scottish Government clearly we would take appropriate action.”

However, I would welcome other views please.

Thx,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] | Comms team leader (Justice & Safer Communities) Scottish Government | [Redacted]

----- Updates from SG Justice & Safer Communities

[@ScotGovJustice](#) -----

*I work half-day Mon (AM), Tue-Fri. Telephone with urgent queries, as above, or outwith office hours via 0131 556 8400.*

**From:** Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 08 February 2020 15:39

**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF)

<[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>; Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>;  
Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)  
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<[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>;  
[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Permanent  
Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted],

As discussed, content to clear for issue.

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**From:** Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 14:59  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF)  
<[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>; Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>;  
Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)  
<[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth)  
<[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>;  
[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Permanent  
Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Fine with me thanks.

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 14:47  
**To:** Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF) <[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>; Johnston P  
(Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Macpherson MC (Mairi)  
<[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser  
<[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)  
<[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth)  
<[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>;  
[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Permanent  
Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Hi all,

Michael has now confirmed the TL was not made aware of a complaint either.

Suggested line below –

A Scottish Government Spokesperson said:



“This would be a matter for the Scottish Youth Parliament.”

## Background

The Scottish Government has not received notification from the Scottish Youth Parliament of a complaint having been made to them.

Grateful for views ASAP.

**From:** Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF) <[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 12:27  
**To:** Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted], [Redacted]–

Just to confirm [Redacted] and I have been in touch by phone. I've no knowledge of a complaint, and have checked with the relevant DD and unit head who don't either. We're trying to make contact with the Team Leader who should be able to give a definite answer. However, I would be astonished if we had been made aware of a complaint and it had not been escalated by the Team Leader.

As soon as we hear back from the Team Leader I'll let you know.

M

**From:** Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 12:19  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>; Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF) <[Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot](mailto:Michael.Chalmers2@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>; Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

I certainly have no knowledge of any complaint.

I'll text Michael to see if he can double check.

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Hi Mairi, Michael,

Grateful if you could advise on the below.

Many thanks,  
[Redacted]

**First Minister, International and Brexit Communications: Media Manager**  
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG  
[Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2020 08:24  
**To:** Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>; Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; Macpherson MC (Mairi) <[Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot](mailto:Mairi.Macpherson@gov.scot)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

Thanks very much, Andrew.

Duty colleagues – grateful if you could give Mairi a call in relation to the below.

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**Sent:** 08 February 2020 08:20  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Johnston P (Paul) <[Paul.Johnston@gov.scot](mailto:Paul.Johnston@gov.scot)>;  
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<[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted]

I don't have any knowledge of a reported SYP investigation into Mr Mackay.

If there is a sponsor team, it will sit in Paul's DG area - I think in the Directorate for Children & Families. I think Mairi MacPherson may be the relevant DD.

Andy

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**To:** Bruce A (Andrew) <[Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot)>, Johnston P (Paul)  
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Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Media query - Mr Mackay SYP - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted]/ PermSecPO

Please see the below query from the Mail on Sunday. Can we confirm if we have had knowledge of the reported Scottish Youth Parliament investigation into Mr Mackay. Grateful if we could get confirmation by tomorrow morning.

I have discussed with Cabinet Secretariat colleagues and they have advised they have no role in this specific query.

Cheers,  
[Redacted]

**From:** Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <[Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot](mailto:Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 07 February 2020 18:00  
**To:** Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <[Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot](mailto:Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot)>;  
[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <[Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR AWARENESS - Mr Mackay - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted] – can this be checked formally. We think you need to check with perm sec's office and Nicky Richards, possibly also Paul Johnston if it's his directorate who cover SYP.

If there had been a complaint about a minister one of them would surely have a record of it.

As it's MoS this can be done overnight

Thanks

Ross

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**Cc:** [Redacted]@gov.scot; News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR AWARENESS - Mr Mackay - Mail on Sunday

I'm pretty sure the answer is no – why would SG be made aware of a complaint emanating from elsewhere?

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
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**Cc:** Oakes C (Conor) <[Conor.Oakes@gov.scot](mailto:Conor.Oakes@gov.scot)>; News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR AWARENESS - Mr Mackay - Mail on Sunday

Ross, Stuart, Liz

Apologies – the reporter is now asking: Was SG aware that the SYP had received a complaint about Mr Mackay?

My instinct is to refer to FM's comments in the chamber yesterday.

Grateful for your views pls.

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 February 2020 17:13  
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**Subject:** FOR AWARENESS - Mr Mackay - Mail on Sunday

Ross, Stuart, Liz

For awareness this has come in.

We'll go back to the reporter to say SG doesn't speak for the SYP.

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 07 February 2020 17:01  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Media query - Mr Mackay - Mail on Sunday

[Redacted]– as discussed.  
[Redacted]

Senior Media Manager  
Newsdesk  
[Redacted]  
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**From:** [Redacted]@mailonsunday.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 February 2020 16:59  
**To:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Derek Mackay

Hi [Redacted], thanks for taking my call just now.

I've been told a complaint had been made to the Scottish Youth Parliament, by a 16-year old male Scottish Youth Parliament member from Renfrewshire, about alleged "inappropriate behaviour" by former SNP Finance Minister Derek McKay.

Could you let me know what stage this investigation is at?

I'm on [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**Cc:** Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Derek Mackay resignation-FAO [Redacted]

Public statement is clear – last night.

Regards

**Colin McAllister**  
[Redacted]



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**Subject:** FW: Derek Mackay resignation-FAO [Redacted]

Grateful for views please

[Redacted]

**Private Secretary to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work**  
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<[CabSecFEFW@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecFEFW@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Derek Mackay resignation-FAO [Redacted]



Hi [Redacted],

As discussed, I am looking to confirm the date of Mr Mackay's resignation as a matter of urgency.

Could you please get back to me as soon as possible?

Thanks

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** FOIs - Derek Mackay

[Redacted]

Thanks for the chat about the two FOIs received (these request comms about and with Derek Mackay on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>). I think your judgement is right that it would be for us as the most likely people communicating with him.

We have just received a third one which is linked to the herald story. Can you advise on that one? (attached – [Redacted])

Thanks

[Redacted]

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Sent: 11 February 2020 09:40

To: ZZZCabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work 2018 to 2020  
<zzzCabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI - ODO - Government communications, Derek Mackay, 5th February 2020 - [Redacted]

Good Morning

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 11 February 2020 09:34

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Government communications, Derek Mackay, 5th February 2020

Dear Scottish Government,

Please can you supply the following under FOISA:

Please can you publish all communications containing references to Derek Mackay between 17:50 hours on Wednesday 5th February 2020 and midnight on the same day. This should include all communications to and from Derek Mackay.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

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Please use this email address for all replies to this request:  
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Sent: 11 February 2020 09:46

To: ZZZCabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work 2018 to 2020  
<zzzCabSecFEFW@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI - ODO - Government communications, Derek Mackay, 6th February 2020 - [Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 11 February 2020 09:38

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Government communications, Derek Mackay, 6th February 2020

Dear Scottish Government,

Please can you supply the following under FOISA:

Please can you publish all communications containing references to Derek Mackay between midnight on Wednesday 5th February 2020 and 8:10am on Thursday 6th February 2020. This should include all communications to and from Derek Mackay.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

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**To:** ZZZCabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work 2018 to 2020  
<zzzCabSecFEFW@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FOI - ODO - records of Derek Mackay's resignation - [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]@parliament.scot>  
**Sent:** 11 February 2020 09:50  
**To:** Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FOI - records of Derek Mackay's resignation

Good morning,

Could I please request the following under freedom of information legislation:

- 1) Any record of the meeting in which Derek Mackay 'resigned verbally' from Government on 5/6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (according to Scottish Government quote here: <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/18225904.shock-fms-office-admits-no-mackay-resignation-letter/>). This might take the form of emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, texts or instant messages, minutes, briefings or other.
- 2) Any internal documents or correspondence arising from or on the subject of Derek Mackay's resignation on 5/6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, texts or instant messages, minutes of meetings, briefings or otherwise).
- 3) Copies of any letters/emails sent by members of the public or stakeholders to Nicola Sturgeon on the subject of Derek Mackay's resignation or the reasons for his resignation. Please limit to the time period 5 February 2020 to present.

Thank you for your time,

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There are many unsavoury things going on in Scottish political life in the midst of this cruel pandemic which must be our full focus.

I attach this article on the disgraced finance minister for your comment.  
Thank you.  
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Why is a MSP who has been sacked!!! Suspended!!!! Allowed to still claim wage and expenses?

WHY IS MACKAY ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF HIS DISGRACE?

It seems like ruling 'families' in other undemocratic far flung parts of the world, the SNP look after their own whilst the devil take the people! As long as you continue to support the party line, your income will be safe, not only safe but lucrative, and you dont have to worry about a thing. Falling from Grace has a whole new meaning in the Nationalist run state of Scotland. It makes you wonder if they are buying his silence? Another cover up?

MACKAY STILL ON THE GRAVY TRAIN

A few years ago I mentioned that then finance secretary Derek Mackay's improved diction, courtesy of a £1,000 public speaking course — paid for by the taxpayer — hadn't made him any smarter in terms of understanding economics. Well, he's acquired some economic smarts since he resigned in disgrace, a year ago this month. In case you missed it, "Laffer" Mackay has trousered almost £90,000 since he last appeared in Holyrood on February 5 last year.

On top of his MSP's salary of £64,470, it emerged Mackay had claimed £11,273 in expenses since February 2020. This is on top of the £11,945 resettlement grant he was offered to compensate him for, er, losing his cabinet seat. That Mackay should be allowed to ride this gravy train for another four months is a disgrace. It shames our politics beyond words. Glackin The Tines

Regards

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