

ANNEX A

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Cc: zzzCabinet Secretary for Justice [REDACTED]
Subject: Call with the Cabinet Secretary - Immigration Raids- Glasgow
Importance: High

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The Cabinet Secretary is looking to speak to the Chief Constable or one of his deputies about 1300 about the situation that is unfolding in Glasgow around immigration raids and protests.

Grateful if you can give me a call back on [REDACTED]

Many thanks
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CSJ WEEKLY MEETING WITH CHIEF CONSTABLE AND DCC KERR, 14 MAY 2021

Attendees: [REDACTED], Cabinet Secretary for Justice
[REDACTED], Chief Constable
[REDACTED], Deputy Chief Constable

[REDACTED], Police Division (note)

Kenmure Street protest, 13 May

- The recent events in Kenmure Street were discussed. CSJ thanked the Chief Constable for the sensitive manner in which this was policed, and noted that Police Scotland had been in an invidious position. His view was that the correct policing approach had been taken based on public safety and that he was grateful for this.
- The Chief Constable agreed that police are often placed difficult situations such as this, required to support the rule of law, but mindful of the dangers of potential escalation. Local decisions had also had to be taken over the policing of Rangers fans' celebrations in March. Police must balance a whole series of pressures in the interest of protecting public health and public safety, and community impact. His colleagues would work through, including discussions with the UK Border Agency and with Glasgow City Council.
- The reserved nature of Immigration policy was noted, as was the separate jurisdiction in Scotland and the devolved nature of policing.

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- CSJ noted that these were all operational matters for the Chief Constable but that Scottish Government would be publicly supportive of the approach taken during the event on 13 May.

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