

[Email 19/09/19]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Fol SpAds PO

Sent: 19 September 2019 14:07

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information - 201900003501

Hi [Redacted],

Special Advisors are content with the draft response. Ministerial clearance is required and lines should be prepared with COMMS prior to issue.

Thanks,
[Redacted]

Extension: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 17 September 2019 10:37

To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>

Subject: Freedom of Information - 201900003501

Good Morning,

I am working on an FOI Request that I have attached above, the request is looking for legal advice from the Scottish Government on Scottish Independence and Scottish accession to the EU as an independent member state.

The draft response has been approved by [Redacted], the FOI Unit and my DD Russel Bain.

Sorry but due to the response time, I am requiring comments by **COP on Thursday 19.**

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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[Email 23/09/19]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans

Sent: 23 September 2019 17:16

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans <MinisterPBV@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations <CabSecGBCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information - 201900003501

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As discussed with [Redacted] Mr Dey is content to clear.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans|T4.21, Scottish Parliament|[Redacted]@gov.scot

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 19 September 2019 16:01

To: Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations <CabSecGBCR@gov.scot>

Subject: Freedom of Information - 201900003501

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Please find attached a draft response to an FOI request.

The request is looking for legal advice the Scottish Government has on;

- Scottish Independence
- Scotland joining the EU as an independent country.

The attached response has been cleared by SpAd's who have suggested that I get Ministerial clearance and lines from Comms on why we do not hold legal advice on the second part of the query. I have contacted the comms teams to get lines on the issue, and will send them on when they are ready.

The response deadline is Monday 23 September, so a response would be appreciated by COP tomorrow.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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