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ENCLOSURE 1

From: Anson S (Sam) <Sam.Ansan@gov.scot>

Sent: 17 June 2021 14:12

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; Gorman G (Gayle) <Gayle.Gorman@educationscotland.gov.scot>; McDaid, Tony <Tony.Mcdaid@southlanarkshire.gov.uk>; Peter McNaughton <petermcnaughton.ades@gmail.com>

Cc: Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Drought A (Andrew) <Andrew.Drought@gov.scot>; McLean L (Liza) <Liza.McLean@gov.scot>;

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Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Hamilton G (Gillian)

<Gillian.Hamilton@educationscotland.gov.scot>

Subject: Confidential: OECD Final Report

Highly Confidential

Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority .

Gayle Gorman, Chief Executive, Education Scotland

Tony McDaid, Executive Director of Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council,

Peter McNaughton, Executive Officer, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland,

Copy to:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Education Scotland

[Redacted s38(1)(b)], Scottish Qualifications Authority .

Janie McManus, Education Scotland

Ollie Bray, Education Scotland

Gillian Hamilton, Education Scotland

(Plus select SG colleagues as per above)

Dear all,

I attach an embargoed copy of the OECD's final report *Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence: Into the Future*.

The embargoed copy attached is only provided ahead of time for the purpose of allowing your organisation to prepare necessary briefing and media lines, in time for the OECD's official publication on Monday 21st June at 10am. As such, it is strictly confidential and its circulation should be kept to a limited number of people for preparation (but not for dissemination) before the launch.

The Cabinet Secretary would also like to secure a system wide statement of intention to work with government to devise the implementation plan. I have attached a first draft statement below which would be included in a Scottish Government press release on Monday 21 June and referenced in a Parliamentary Statement on Tuesday 22 June.

Would your respective organisations support this statement? Please confirm to [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot by 11 am on Friday 18th June.

"We welcome the OECD'S report and its endorsement of the continued relevance and ambition of Curriculum for Excellence.

This review is a positive opportunity to secure improvement in a range of areas, and will help all of us in Scotland to look at what we want from our curriculum in the longer term, and what we need to do to achieve this.

We share a common commitment to working together to implement the recommendations of the report and to ensure that the curriculum contributes as effectively as possible to the education and development of all young people in Scotland."

Regards,

Sam

Sam Anson

Joint Head of the Covid Education Strategy and Recovery Division

Learning Directorate

Scottish Government

Tel: **[Redacted s38(1)(b)]**

ENCLOSURE 2

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 17 June 2021 16:57

To:

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@gov.scot>;

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@gov.scot>

Cc: Anson S (Sam) <Sam.Anon@gov.scot>;

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: SQA input to joint OECD response

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

I've been asked to review the joint response below to Monday's OECD report. Looks fine – just one small typo in red.

I saw a reference to organisations preparing their own media lines. However, I was under the impression we were trying to avoid individual responses/comments (hence the joint statement) so would be good to know if that is the case or not. I think we all need to agree to a single joint stance or not.

My colleague **[Redacted s38(1)(b)]** has been liaising with the SG comms team and we understand there is a press release planned for Tuesday's statement too, potentially with comments from each organisation included in that. Again, would be good to confirm that is the position (i.e. not individual statements). Also any further insight you can provide on handling plans and choreography for Monday/Tuesday would be much appreciated.

Thanks

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[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Director of Communications
Scottish Qualifications Authority

ENCLOSURE 3

From: Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>

Sent: 17 June 2021 17:59

To:

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@gov.scot>;

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@gov.scot>

Cc: Anson S (Sam) <Sam.Anon@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Confidential: OECD Final Report - media line.

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Just to confirm that ES is happy to support the proposed media line outlined in Sam’s earlier email:

“We welcome the OECD’S report and its endorsement of the continued relevance and ambition of Curriculum for Excellence.

This review is a positive opportunity to secure improvement in a range of areas, and will help all of us in Scotland to look at what we want from our curriculum in the longer term, and what we need to do to achieve this.

We share a common commitment to working together to implement the recommendations of the report and to ensure that the curriculum contributes as effectively as possible to the education and development of all young people in Scotland.”

Have a good evening everyone and let us know what else we can do to support.

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ENCLOSURE 4

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot **Sent:** 18 June 2021 13:17

To: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Sam.Anon@gov.scot;

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]@sqa.org.uk;

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; **[Redacted s38(1)(b)]**

@gov.scot

Subject: RE: SQA input to joint OECD response

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Do you have time for a quick call about handling for Monday? I'm on the mobile below – or forward your number and I'll give you a ring.

Thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Senior Media Manager
Communications Education & Skills
Desk: 0131 244

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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ENCLOSURE 5

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 18 June 2021 13:44

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: OECD report

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

A quick update on handling plans for Monday/Tuesday.

Ms Somerville will undertake bids on Monday.

On Tuesday, to go along with the CabSec's Parliamentary statement, we will issue a news release on our response to the report. The intention is to include a joint statement of intent from SQA, ES and ADES to work together and with SG on implementing the OECD recommendations. We'll follow up with Twitter.

If you want to chat further, please do give me a call.

Regards

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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ENCLOSURE 6

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 18 June 2021 14:11

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OECD report

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for this. Is the timeline to share the news release with us in advance – still Monday?

We can share tweets on Tuesday.

Cheers

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

ENCLOSURE 7

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 18 June 2021 13:48

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@educationscotland.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Report handling plan

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Hope all's well with you.

Handling plans for OECD report

Ms Somerville will undertake bids on Monday.

On Tuesday, to go along with the CabSec's Parliamentary statement, we will issue a news release on our response to the report. The intention is to include a joint statement of intent from SQA, ES and ADES to work together and with SG on implementing the OECD recommendations. We'll follow up with Twitter (if you could support on your account, that'd be great).

If you want to chat further, give me a call.

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ENCLOSURE 8

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 21 June 2021 12:12

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Subject: SQA statement

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Here is our statement that we're putting on the website/social and to media.

[Redacted – duplicate text in enclosure 11]

Thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

ENCLOSURE 9

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 21 June 2021 10:38

To: fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk

Subject: IN CONFIDENCE: News release - OECD report

Good morning

Please see below the news release we will issue following this morning's GIQ and in line with Parliamentary process.

Best regards

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[Redacted s25]

[OECD review backs school curriculum - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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ENCLOSURE 10

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Sent: 21 June 2021 10:39

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: NR - OECD report

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Fiona Robertson now has the news release – she may be content to share it with the comms team.

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ENCLOSURE 11

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 21 June 2021 12:12

To

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Subject: SQA statement

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Here is our statement that we're putting on the website/social and to media.

Fiona Robertson, SQA Chief Executive said, "While our focus right now is on supporting our young people to get the qualifications they deserve this year, I welcome the OECD findings and today's announcement of a new specialist agency with responsibility for both curriculum and assessment. This is an opportunity for significant change that will meet the future needs of our learners, our society and our economy, and which has the support of all.

“We will make a full and positive contribution to the process that lies ahead, drawing on our experience and expertise as Scotland’s qualifications and accreditation body, and working in partnership with others across the education system. Whatever outcome eventually emerges, it is critical that we all commit to maintaining the high standards that have long been the hallmark of Scotland’s qualifications.

“In the meantime, we will continue our work to deliver this year’s National Qualifications in exceptional and challenging circumstances. I echo the Cabinet Secretary’s thanks to SQA staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver, with professionalism and integrity. ”

Thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

ENCLOSURE 12

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 21 June 2021 16:11

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: SQA statement

Thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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ENCLOSURE 13

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 22 June 2021 16:17

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@educationscotland.gov.scot>

Subject: News release

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

This will issue shortly.

Regards

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

[Redacted s25]

<https://scottishgov-newsroom.prgloo.com/news/education-reform>

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ENCLOSURE 14

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Sent: 22 June 2021 16:17

To:

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@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: News release

Hi

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

This will issue shortly.

Regards

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

[Redacted s25]

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ENCLOSURE 15

From:

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Sent: 22 June 2021 16:31

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: News release

Many thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Can we correct our name in 5th para – to Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

Thanks

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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ENCLOSURE 16

From:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot>

Sent: 22 June 2021 16:34

To:

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: News release

Sorry

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

my mistake

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[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Senior Media Manager

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Desk: 0131 244

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