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**Colin Troup**

Legal Secretary to the Lord Advocate  
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Tel: [REDACTED]

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Grateful if you could confirm whether you would prefer to provide comments by email or if you would like me to set up a call this afternoon.

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Sir John has been asked by our First Minister and deputy First Minister to carry out a review of the role of our Attorney General and he felt it would be useful to speak to the Lord Advocate. The meeting would take about an hour.

I understand that you are about to have a changeover in terms of Lord Advocates, but would your current Lord Advocate have any availability in the near future for a zoom call?

Would any of the following work on your side:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

After 3pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Between 9am and 11am

Between 12.30 and 2.30pm

Thank you,

Richard

Richard Hill | [REDACTED]

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DOCUMENT 5

Dear [REDACTED]

Re Attorney general for Northern Ireland

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Kind regards  
John

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**Sent:** 15 June 2021 19:17

**To:** Gillen, The Rt Hon Lord Justice [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Losty, Tim [REDACTED] ; Hill, Richard [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Sir John Gillen - Review of Attorney General for NI

Sir John

Please see e-mail with a link and an attachment from the Lord Advocate.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot) [<mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot>]

**Sent:** 15 June 2021 18:21

**To:** [REDACTED] ; [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)

**Cc:** Hill, Richard [REDACTED]; Losty, Tim [REDACTED]

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LINK TO ATTACHED DOCUMENT 5.1

[McCorkindale Hiebert ELR Vetting bills in the Scottish parliament for legislative.pdf](#)  
([strath.ac.uk](http://strath.ac.uk))

DOCUMENT 6

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DOCUMENT 7

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DOCUMENT 8

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Please tell me if I'm barking up the wrong tree here.

The former Lord Advocate had met with the former Lord Chief Justice, Sir John Gillen, who is conducting a review of the role of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland (AGNI).

Sir John's secretariat have been back in touch with me, asking whether there is a document, setting out the terms of the Lord Advocate's appointment, setting out matters such as responsibilities, working hours, annual leave, pension, sick pay, etc. Sir John is looking for that information to identify the T's & C's of a suitable comparator to AGNI.

I suspect that there is not a single document setting out those issues, but rather the information is spread over a number of different sources. However, I wondered whether some kind of guidance for new Ministers might exist; and if so, whether it would be possible for me to have a copy to share with Sir John for this purpose?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Acting Private Secretary – Lord Advocate

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DOCUMENT 9

Dear Sir John,

Just a quick note to acknowledge receipt of your email.

In truth, I don't think that there is an equivalent of a contract of employment for a Ministerial appointment, such as the Lord Advocate's. Rather, I think that the information on the various matters you ask about is spread across various documents; and some (such as working hours, time off) are not, to the best of my knowledge, codified.

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DOCUMENT 10

Dear Sir John,

Please forgive the delay in responding. I have asked my colleagues, but unfortunately, there is no consolidated guidance setting out the terms and conditions of Scottish Ministers' appointment.

I think that in part, that is because generally, Ministers' appointment is at the discretion of the First Minister. The code of conduct for Ministers is set out in the [Scottish Ministerial Code](#), which I believe you have already. I expect this may be a little more 'high level' than the type of terms & conditions type document you were asking for, but my understanding is that as Ministerial appointments, there is no employment relationship governing matters such as holidays or working hours – any issue which may arise from Ministers' working hours would, I expect, be resolved informally.

I have pasted below a couple of links which you may find useful; the first sets out the salaries of MSPs, Ministers and Law Officers in the Scottish Parliament. The second is to some information on the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme.

[MSP salaries | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

[Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme | SPPA](#)

I'm sorry that I couldn't be of more help.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gillen, The Rt Hon Lord Justice [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 August 2021 07:28  
**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Sir John Gillen - Review of Attorney General for NI [UNSCANNED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your email and for its helpful contents .

I look forward to any further information you may have on Ministerial inductions .

Regards

John

**From:** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot) [<mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot>]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2021 20:33  
**To:** Gillen, The Rt Hon Lord Justice [REDACTED] ; [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Sir John Gillen - Review of Attorney General for NI [UNSCANNED]

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**From:** Gillen, The Rt Hon Lord Justice [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 29 July 2021 15:42

**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Sir John Gillen - Review of Attorney General for NI

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Document 1:

LA,

Certainly – would you like briefing for it, or is it really just to pass on your thanks personally?

[REDACTED].

**From:** Wolfe J (James) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 May 2021 14:45

**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>

**Subject:**

[REDACTED],

Could you set up a call with Sandy Brindley; I would just like to thank her for her role as a “critical friend” over the past five years. The Sol Gen may also like to be on that call.

J

Document 2

Thanks [REDACTED],

No need for briefing, it's really just intended to be a personal call to say thanks.

[REDACTED].

**From:** Price, Moira (Procurator Fiscal Domestic Abuse) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 May 2021 15:21

**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Sandy Brindley - contact details

[REDACTED]

Sandy's contact details are

Sandy Brindley [REDACTED]

Will you require briefing for the meeting? If so I would be grateful if you could confirm any points that the Lord Advocate would like to be covered in the briefing.

Best wishes,

Moira

**From:** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot) <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 27 May 2021 14:53

**To:** Price, Moira (Procurator Fiscal Domestic Abuse) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** PS/Lord Advocate <[PSLordAdvocate@copfs.gov.uk](mailto:PSLordAdvocate@copfs.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Sandy Brindley - contact details

Hi Moira,

Do you have contact details for Sandy Brindley? The LA has asked us to set up a call with her to thank her for her input over the past five years.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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DOCUMENT 3

It's no problem. Thank you confirming, I'll send you a link shortly.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Private Secretary  
Law Officers Private Office  
25 Chambers Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1LA  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandy Brindley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 May 2021 15:55  
**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with Lord Advocate

Sorry [REDACTED] not [REDACTED], I obviously read that too quickly  
Sandy

**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 27 May 2021 15:53  
**To:** Sandy Brindley; [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot](mailto:SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Call with Lord Advocate

Dear Sandy,

Wednesday at 10 am suits the Law Officers perfectly, would you be able to join a call on MS Teams?

If so, I can email you a calendar invite with a link.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Private Secretary  
Law Officers Private Office  
25 Chambers Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1LA

**From:** Sandy Brindley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 May 2021 15:47  
**To:** Lord Advocate <[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Solicitor General <[SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot](mailto:SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call with Lord Advocate

Dear [REDACTED],

I would like that very much.  
Is next Wednesday at 10am any good? Or Thursday at 11am? My telephone number is [REDACTED]  
Sandy

**From:** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot) [mailto:[LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot)]

**Sent:** 27 May 2021 15:40

**To:** Sandy Brindley

**Cc:** [LordAdvocate@gov.scot](mailto:LordAdvocate@gov.scot); [SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot](mailto:SolicitorGeneral@gov.scot)

**Subject:** Call with Lord Advocate

Dear Sandy,

You may have seen that the Lord Advocate intends to step down in the near future. The Lord Advocate asked me to get in touch to try and arrange a short call with you before he goes.

Would you be available for a quick chat next week – any day but Monday?

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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