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DOCUMENT 1

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 10 June 2022 07:26
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org; KarenMyers@randa.org
Subject: Re: Potential First Minister visit to The 150th Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) good morning. With Royal and other duties over do you have a date and timings for the FM's visit to The Open and when a recce could take place Laster this month?

Best wishes

John

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Date: Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 16:55
To: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org <JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org>, KarenMyers@randa.org <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Subject: RE: Potential First Minister visit to The 150th Open

Hi John

I'm free 10am-11am tomorrow, and after 2pm. Let me know what suits and I can hold the time. Happy to call you, but equally you can get me on REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)).

Mr Robertson won't be able to attend either, unfortunately, as he's on leave for the first 3 weeks of July. Quite a few of the Ministerial team we look to engage on golf events are on leave at the time of the event. Our current thinking is therefore to have attendance from FM and from Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport. Happy to discuss further tomorrow.

Thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 25 May 2022 16:33
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org; Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Subject: Re: Potential First Minister visit to The 150th Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) good afternoon. Do you have anytime over the next couple of days to talk on the phone? VIP attendance at The Open this year is only just beginning to crystalise. The new United States Ambassador to the Court of St James may be confirmed in post in time for The Open and could attend. Open Patron [Doosan Babcock](#) will be represented at a high level. REDACTED

In addition to Michael Matheson we have invited our sponsoring minister, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Angus Robertson MSP. No response to date.

Best wishes

John

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Date: Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 09:55

To: JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org <JohnnieCole-Hamilton@RandA.org>, John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>

Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: Potential First Minister visit to The 150th Open

Morning Johnnie and John

We're working with Special Advisers and the First Minister's office on a potential visit for the First Minister to The 150th Open. I'm emailing to ask if you have any steer as to whether a visit on Thursday 14th or Friday 15th would be preferable (the weekend is ruled out as it is FM's birthday and our understanding is that she already has plans). There are merits for both days: FM being there on the opening day of play would be good symbolically, but equally I know opening days can be the most challenging, suggesting Friday may be preferable. I spoke to REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) about this briefly at the Silver meeting yesterday and on balance her view was Friday 15th would be better, though being clear to FM that the R&A would be pleased to welcome her on either day.

I'm happy to put that to FM's office, but before I do I wanted to check with you whether there would be anyone in attendance on either Thursday 14th or Friday 15th that you think FM may particularly want to meet – ie, any VVIPs, dignitaries, etc. Grateful if you could let me know.

While I'm emailing on Ministerial attendance, a letter went from Martin Slumbers inviting Mr Matheson to attend The 150th Open. I'm not sure of the letter's origin, but Mr Matheson won't be able to attend as he's on leave at that time. REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) and I are working on Ministerial attendance across all of the summer golf events and will keep you posted on our planning for the R&A championships. If there are any further requests about specific Ministers we'd be grateful if you could route them via us.

Thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))| Major Events and Themed Years | Scottish Government | mob: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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DOCUMENT 2

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>

Sent: 23 June 2022 07:58

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:** First Minister of Scotland

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) good morning. Thank you for introducing us to Alison Irvine. We are trying to arrange a meeting with her next week. We did a recce yesterday for the visit of The Princess Royal to The Open. Do you think we should pick a day next week to do the same for the FM?

Best wishes

John

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DOCUMENT 3

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 05 July 2022 16:47
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Re: FM at The Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) noon is good. If you can gather the names and email addresses, we can sort out accreditation. Best wishes John

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:44:24 PM
To: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: FM at The Open

Is 11am on Tuesday possible John? If not, how about midday? Both slots work for Visits & Events and Police Scotland. If neither of those times work, please feel free to suggest others and I'll see what I can do.

Thanks again,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 05 July 2022 16:34
To: 'John Gerrie' <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: FM at The Open

Sorry John – I missed that – trying to spin too many plates. Leave it with me and I'll see what I can do.

Best wishes,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 05 July 2022 16:26
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Subject: Re: FM at The Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) we can't do Wednesday as indicated in the note below. We can only do Tuesday with Rhodri Price. Monday we have the Celebrations of Champions event and Wednesday afternoon the On Course Foundation event. All hands on deck for these events I'm afraid.

Best wishes

John

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Date: Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at 16:14
To: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: FM at The Open

Thanks John – for the message below and the programme etc. Really appreciate you turning this round at short notice.

1pm next Wednesday 13th works for Visits & Events colleagues and for Police Scotland. If you could let us know where to park and who will meet us for the recce we can get the plans firmed up. I'll then collate a list of attendees from our side, and try to ensure that everyone coming downloads the app and gets their ticket.

Best wishes.

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 05 July 2022 14:37
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Re: FM at The Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) as the championship gets underway on the first practice day this Sunday (10/07) we will need names for the recce and the FM's party soonest. Accreditation is electronic so we need email addresses and guests need to download The Open Tickets app to receive them on their smartphones. <https://www.theopen.com/digital-tickets-app>

Best wishes

John

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 05 July 2022 14:29
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: FM at The Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) attached is a draft programme, associated general layout map and biographical notes. Below is a recent news release on the championship this year that should give you all the background you need but call if you need more.

On the proposed recce this can only be done on **Tuesday 12 July 2022**. The Police Scotland officers who did the recce for HRH The Princess Royal visit will recognise much of the FM's programme. REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)).

EMBARGO: NOT FOR PUBLICATION BEFORE 10:00HRS (BST) ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022

THE 150TH OPEN AT ST ANDREWS TO SET RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE

26 April 2022, St Andrews, Scotland: The 150th Open at St Andrews will be the largest in the Championship's long history with a record-breaking 290,000 fans set to attend at the world-renowned Old Course from 10-17 July.

Unprecedented demand to attend this historic milestone for The Open led to more than 1.3 million applications in the ticket ballot and has resulted in the highest-ever number of general admission tickets being issued to fans. The attendance surpasses the previous high mark set at St Andrews in 2000 when 239,000 spectators watched Tiger Woods lift the Claret Jug for the first time.

The R&A is continuing to work closely with the Scottish Government and its health advisors on the planned attendance and to ensure that everyone attending the Championship can do so safely while enjoying the best possible spectator experience.

It was also announced today that The 150th Open is expected to generate around £200 million in total economic benefit to Scotland, according to an independent forecast by the Sport Industry Research Centre (SIRC) at Sheffield Hallam University.

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive at The R&A, said, "The 150th Open at St Andrews is going to be a momentous occasion for golf and this is clearly reflected in the extraordinary demand among fans to be part of this historic playing of the Championship. We very much appreciate their passion and enthusiasm for The Open and are delighted that we will set a new attendance record that far exceeds the previous best set in 2000.

"The Open is a major global sporting event and its significance to St Andrews and Scotland is evident in the independent forecast which estimates that the Championship will generate around £200 million in total economic benefit. We look forward to welcoming tens of thousands of fans from many countries around the world to St Andrews in July when they will enjoy a true celebration of golf at its historic home."

FM Nicola Sturgeon said, "The Open Championship is a brilliant opportunity to showcase Scotland as the home of golf on a global stage, in a historic year for the sport – with five major tournaments being hosted across five weeks this summer.

"The news that this will be the largest Championship ever staged is a phenomenal feat and reminds us of the enduring appeal of golf. The event, which will welcome visitors from across the world to Scotland, will also have an extremely positive impact on our economy, businesses and tourism industry.

"I am delighted The 150th Open is coming to St Andrews and I have no doubt that the Championship will be a truly historic event."

The independent forecast by SIRC, which was commissioned by The R&A, VisitScotland and Fife Council, reveals that the total economic impact resulting from staging The 150th Open at St Andrews with 290,000 fans in attendance will reach £100 million for the first time.

An additional destination marketing benefit of £100 million to St Andrews and Scotland, which is produced by global media exposure of the Championship and independently measured by YouGov Sport, makes up the forecast total economic benefit of £200 million.

The R&A is continuing its drive to ensure the Championship is accessible to young people and a record 20% of general admission tickets have been allocated to fans under the age of 25, including over 20,000 children aged under 16 who will be attending free of charge thanks to the long-running Kids Go Free initiative.

A record 80,000 spectators will attend the four Practice Days of The 150th Open, exceeding the total of 61,000 fans who attended the equivalent days at Royal Portrush in 2019.

The Open Camping Village continues to prove a popular accommodation option, particularly for families and young people, with around 3,650 visitors booking a place to stay on-site this year. Almost 40% of those staying at the campsite are under 25-years-old meaning that around 8,000 free bed spaces have been provided to them since the initiative was launched at Royal Troon in 2016.

Ends.

Notes to Editors:

The Open Attendance Records:

2000, St Andrews, Scotland: 239,000

2019, Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland: 237,750

2015, St Andrews, Scotland: 237,000

2017, Royal Birkdale, England: 235,000

The Open

The 150th Open will be played at St Andrews from 10-17 July 2022.

The Open is golf's oldest championship. Played since 1860 on iconic links golf courses, it is the sport's most international Major Championship with qualifying events on every continent. For one week each year, the pursuit of the famous Claret Jug trophy is the focus of the sporting world, followed globally by millions of fans.

Staged by The R&A, The Open delivers a significant annual economic benefit to its host region, while the Championship's commercial success supports the development of the game, worldwide.

Best wishes

John

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ATTACHMENT 1

PROGRAMME FOR
THE FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND
VISIT TO THE 150TH OPEN
THE OLD COURSE,
ST ANDREWS,
(3 HRS)

FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022

Party: The First Minister
Private Secretary TBA
Police Scotland TBA

Dress: Day Dress / Golf Clothes (comfortable footwear recommended for walking around course)

1000 hours	<p>Arrive by car at The Old Course (Map ref. 5) and welcomed to the championship by:</p> <p>Chief Executive, The R&A, Martin Slumbers and Executive Director - Championships, Johnnie-Cole Hamilton.</p> <p>Private meeting in the Old Pavilion.</p> <p>Johnnie-Cole Hamilton introduces Director of Championship Operations, The R&A, Rhodri Price who will lead a tour of the course.</p>
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1020 hours	Proceed to the 1 st tee grandstand escorted by Rhodri Price. (seats in the front row, right, are reserved).
1040 hours	Proceed inside the ropes on the 1 st hole, cross the Swilcan Burn on the public footpath to a 2 nd hole viewing platform and on to the practice ground (Map ref. YY) escorted by Rhodri Price.
1100 hours	Proceed to The Open Clubhouse (Map ref. G) to meet: Head of Player Relations, The R&A, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) who leads a tour of the facility.
1115 hours	Proceed inside the ropes on the 3 rd , 4 th , 15 th and 16 th holes to The R&A Swingzone (Map ref. V) escorted by Rhodri Price. Introduced to Chief Executive, The Golf Foundation, Brendon Pyle. Opportunity to witness junior golf tuition and try out practice equipment for schools.
1200 hours	Proceed through the Spectator Village (Map ref. DD adjacent to Public Catering 1) escorted by Rhodri Price with an opportunity to view from an on-course access bridge The Open Camping Village (Map ref. I).
1215 hours	Proceed inside the ropes on the 17 th and 18 th holes escorted by Rhodri Price to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews clubhouse (Map ref. R).
1230 hours	Johnnie-Cole Hamilton escorts the First Minister to the Secretary's Office. An opportunity to meet assembled Past Captains of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and to view the Old Course from the Clubhouse balcony.

1245 hours	Opportunity for a private sandwich lunch with work space available in the Membership Meeting Room.
1300 hours	Depart by car from The Old Course (Map ref. 5).

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ATTACHMENT 2:

Separate PDF attachment

ATTACHMENT 3:

FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022
THE OPEN
BIOGRAPHIES

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive, The R&A

Martin was appointed Chief Executive of The R&A and Secretary of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in 2015. He has driven several initiatives to bring more women and girls to play and work in golf including the launch of the Women in Golf Charter in 2018. Born in Brighton and educated at Lancing College, he gained a BSc in Production Engineering and Economics from the University of Birmingham. A qualified Chartered Accountant he pursued a career in investment banking, first with Salomon Brothers International in London and Hong Kong and later at Deutsche Bank as Global Head of Global Business Services. He plays golf to a handicap of 0.5.

Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director - Championships, The R&A

Educated at Loretto School near Edinburgh, Johnnie Cole-Hamilton graduated from the University of the West of England with a degree in Social Science. He then attended Strathclyde University where he completed a Masters in Human Resource Management. He began his career in golf administration in 1995 as Tournament Director at the PGA, before joining The R&A in the Rules Department in 1999. Eighteen months later he returned to Championship staging responsibilities and has since been involved in the running of over 20 Open Championships. Johnnie was appointed as Executive Director - Championships in 2012 and manages the team responsible for staging The Open, the AIG Women's Open and the Senior Open. During the COVIID-19 pandemic he chaired the Event Industry Working Group.

Mr. Rhodri Price, Director, Championship Operations, The R&A

Rhodri has occupied senior managerial roles at The R&A for 23 years working across a portfolio of Amateur and Professional Events. Originally from South Wales, he was educated in Monmouth in the Wye Valley and Leeds University. A former Welsh golf international, Rhodri's current role as Director carries responsibility for a wide range of operational elements of The Open both inside and outside the ropes. He represents The R&A on the Multi-Agency Security Group working closely with local Police and other emergency services and supervises broadcast operations at the championships that delivers television coverage to more than 100 million golf fans worldwide.

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Head of Player Relations, The R&A

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Mr. Brendon Pyle, Chief Executive, The Golf Foundation

Brendon has been CEO of the Golf Foundation for the past 6 years and with the organisation since 1999. The charity, created by Sir Henry Cotton in 1952, introduces young people to golf, from all backgrounds, creating golfers. It believes that golf can change lives by taking golf to young people in their own schools and community groups and supporting golf clubs to help retain juniors for the future of the sport. It teaches transferable life skills through its initiatives and over the past 10 years has helped introduce golf to over 5 million young people. The Golf Foundation makes golf fun, inclusive, innovative, and enriching.

Ends

5 July 2022

DOCUMENT 4

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 06 July 2022 15:05
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Cc: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: First Minister visit programme

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) here is the latest iteration.

Best wishes

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1245 hours	<p>Media bids entertained by the First Minister.</p> <p>(Location TBA)</p>
1300 hours	<p>Depart by car from The Old Course (Map ref. 5).</p>

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DOCUMENT 5

From: The R&A Accreditation <accreditation@randa.org>
Sent: 08 July 2022 09:13
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Accreditation Invitation Email - The 150th Open

Dear REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

Welcome to the Accreditation process for The 150th Open at St Andrews.

You have been requested to submit your details for accreditation.

Please use the link below to access and complete the required application form. You will need a recent photo (jpg format) as part of your submission.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION LINK

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. If you have any questions about your application please contact accreditation@theopen.com.

Kind Regards

Accreditation Team

DOCUMENT 6

From: The R&A Accreditation <accreditation@randa.org>

Sent: 08 July 2022 09:14

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:** Accreditation Invitation Email - The 150th Open

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Kind Regards

Accreditation Team

DOCUMENT 7

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 08 July 2022 09:39
To: 'John Gerrie' <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: Accreditation requirements

Morning John

Understood on the car parking situation. There will be 4 cars (details below). Even if we were to have to go to public parking, but perhaps with VIP passes to get us close to the entrance, that would be fine.

Here are the details of the cars and who'll be in them. As you'll see below, one is an electric car so grateful if you could let us know if there are charging points.

Here are the cars and who'll be in them (you'll also see a couple of name changes from the list yesterday, which I'll pick up in the details of individuals below):

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

And here are the updated details of individuals, including roles/areas:

Recce on Tuesday

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Mr Gray's visit

Neil Gray - MinisterCEID@gov.scot

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

FM's visit

As for the recce plus:

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland - firstminister@gov.scot

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Ms Todd's visit:

Maree Todd - MinisterPHWHS@gov.scot

John Todd – not sure of email address; grateful if could be sent via Ms Todd's address

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Best wishes,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>

Sent: 07 July 2022 19:01

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: Re: Accreditation requirements

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) thanks for the clothing point. I don't want to sound flippant but are you all coming in the same minibus on Tuesday. Parking is tightly controlled as the championship gets underway on Sunday. Also can you give me designations to go with the names.

Best wishes

John

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Date: Thursday, 7 July 2022 at 18:30
To: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: Accreditation requirements

Hi John

As promised, here are the names and email addresses for the various upcoming visits. As I said when we spoke, there might be one or two people to add, but I think we're at least 90% there.

Recce on Tuesday

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Mr Gray's visit

Neil Gray - MinisterCEID@gov.scot

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

FM's visit

As for the recce plus:

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland - firstminister@gov.scot

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Ms Todd's visit:

Maree Todd - MinisterPHWHS@gov.scot

John Todd – not sure of email address; grateful if could be sent via Ms Todd's address

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

One other point to mention is that FM's Visits & Events team said that if the R&A were intending to give FM any branded clothing it might be best to do so at the recce on Tuesday, so FM can have it for the visit. No pressure of course – and definitely not a demand! Just wanted to mention it as a proposed option.

Thanks for all your help,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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DOCUMENT 8

From: The R&A Accreditation <accreditation@randa.org>

Sent: 08 July 2022 09:45

To:

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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Subject: The 150th Open: Accreditation Registration Received

Dear REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Thank you for your application for The 150th Open at St. Andrews.

Your application will now be verified, and you will receive information in due course notifying you of the status of your application. You will also be notified if you are required to provide further information or documentation.

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. If you have any questions about your application please contact your R&A account manager directly.

Kind regards,
Accreditation Team

DOCUMENT 9

From: The R&A Accreditation <accreditation@randa.org>
Sent: 08 July 2022 10:01
To:
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
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Subject: The 150th Open: Accreditation Registration Received

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Kind regards,
Accreditation Team

DOCUMENT 10

From:
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sent: 08 July 2022 14:50
To: 'John Gerrie' <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Rhodri Price <RhodriPrice@RandA.org>;
>
Subject: RE: FM recce The Open

Thanks John. All very helpful, and I can confirm that I've passed on the information to colleagues.

Very grateful to you and Rhodri for giving up time for the recce given everything else that's going on. It's much appreciated.

Best wishes,

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From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 08 July 2022 13:32
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) Rhodri Price <RhodriPrice@RandA.org>; **Subject:** FM recce The Open

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) the accreditation below will be ready for collection at the Ticket and Accreditation Office on Tuesday morning. Follow signs for Yellow H Car Park on entering St Andrews (map attached). You can stop outside the office to pick up the necessary passes.

Enter the course at the entrance marked 10 on the map and make your way to The R&A Complex adjacent to the 1st tee for 12 noon. I will meet you there. Meanwhile can you please forward this email to your colleagues.

Name / Designation	Accreditation requirement
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))	Grounds ticket and car pass
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Best wishes

John

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ATTACHMENT 1

Map on following page.

THE OPEN

150th ST ANDREWS

St Andrews					
Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	375	4	10	386	4
2	452	4	11	174	3
3	398	4	12	351	4
4	480	4	13	465	4
5	570	5	14	614	5
6	414	4	15	455	4
7	371	4	16	418	4
8	187	3	17	495	4
9	352	4	18	356	4
Out	3599	36	In	3714	36
Out	3599	36	Total	7313	72

The Red Route

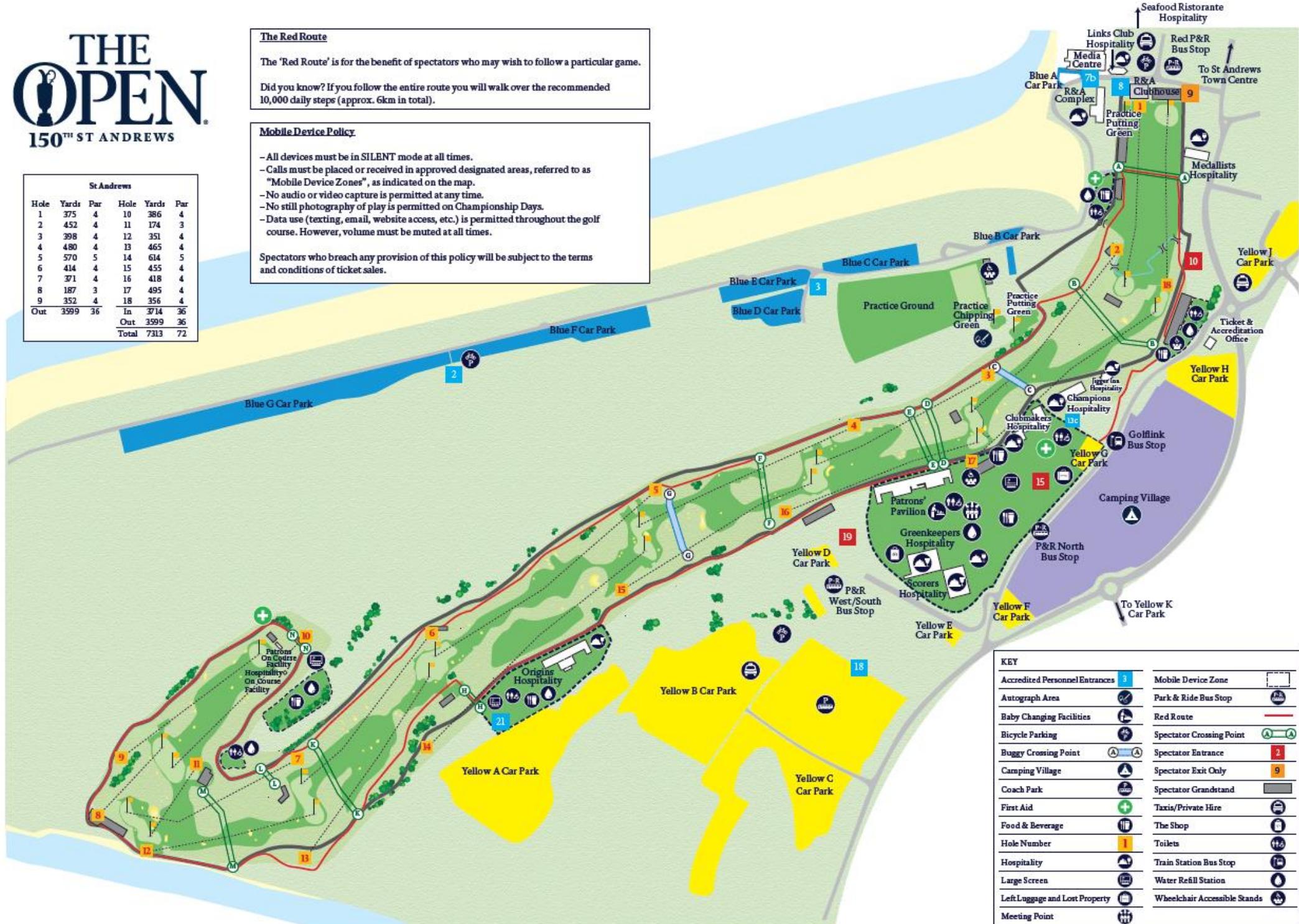
The 'Red Route' is for the benefit of spectators who may wish to follow a particular game.

Did you know? If you follow the entire route you will walk over the recommended 10,000 daily steps (approx. 6km in total).

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- Data use (texting, email, website access, etc.) is permitted throughout the golf course. However, volume must be muted at all times.

Spectators who breach any provision of this policy will be subject to the terms and conditions of ticket sales.



DOCUMENT 11

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>

Sent: 11 July 2022 17:28

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)); Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED

(section 38(1)(b))John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com> REDACTED (section

38(1)(b))**Cc:** REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:** RE: First Minister's visit to The Open
on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Hi REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

Many thanks once again.

Will I be permitted to take photographs throughout the tour, for use on SG social media (@ScotGovFM on Twitter)? We will likely highlight the FM's attendance with a Tweet.

I'm planning to make my way to St Andrews early tomorrow – the recce is from 12pm but I'm aiming to arrive around 10am and work remotely until then.

Best regards,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>

Sent: 11 July 2022 15:31

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section

38(1)(b))

Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Hi REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

Apologies for the delayed response.

I'm looking forward to seeing you when you come for your recce. That is correct the Video News Access crews can film in the Media Centre Interview Room, Practice Ground and Mixed Zone only. Only the rights holders can film on course.

STV, BBC Scotland etc are free to film outside the Media Centre which is outside the venue.

You can send any image requests to us at media@randa.org or The Open Virtual Media Centre <https://media.theopen.com/login>

Kind regards,

Mary

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Media Services Manager
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))



From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 11 July 2022 11:08
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

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Good morning REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

Thank you for the helpful overview.

So, just for my own understanding, say if BBC Scotland, STV and some of the print outlets wished to film / interview the FM they could only gather general visual footage during FM's tour of the practice ground (1050-1110) and then for interviews at the end, either next to the media centre or in the interview room (which I assume is inside the media centre)?

During the bulk of the tour will it only be Broadcast Rights holders permitted to film (which I'd assume would be mainly GV footage of FM spectating or making her way around the course in between the action)?

If SG receives requests for any stills of FM visiting The 150th Open would it be best for us to direct these to media@randa.org and the Virtual Media Centre? Is this where stills taken by The R&A contracted Getty photographer will appear?

Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 07 July 2022 18:41
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Hi all,

The T&Cs specify locations for filming, number of minutes as well as when it can be aired (after the live coverage) based on golf. Only broadcast rights holders can film on course. Therefore, the locations Nicola will be in cannot be filmed other than by the rights holders other than potentially the swing zone and Media Centre.

All accredited media have already agreed to the Media Accreditation T&Cs.

Scottish accredited media outlets are listed below:-

THE TIMES (SCOTLAND)

SCOTTISH DAILY MAIL

PRESS & JOURNAL

EVENING EXPRESS

ST ANDREWS CITIZEN

SUN (SCOTLAND)

DAILY RECORD

THE COURIER (DUNDEE)

THE HERALD

THE SCOTSMAN

SUNDAY POST

BUNKERED

KINGDOM FM

SALTIRE RADIO

RADIO TAY

BBC SCOTLAND – Non rights holder and therefore can only film in Mixed Zone, Interview Room and Practice Ground

STV– Non rights holder and therefore can only film in Mixed Zone, Interview Room and Practice Ground

Broadcast Rights Holders

NBC AND LIVE FROM

SKY TV

WORLD FEED

TV ASAHI

BBC HIGHLIGHTS

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Media Services Manager

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))



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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Sent: 07 July 2022 15:40
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>;
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

The only accredited broadcasters permitted to film inside the ropes are our major rights holders. They would get the advisory like all others

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) please could you provide REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) with the list of accredited Scottish media plus those broadcasters who would be permitted to film.

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)), on that basis, based on how your bid process works (I am not sure how you do that) when you know that list, I assume you will also be then selling in yourselves for the interviews?

Our media advisory will go on our virtual media centre database on the afternoon or evening before (ie Thursday) saying something like the following. Let me know what else you might like to add:

The First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, will attend The 150th Open on the morning of Friday 14 July from Her programme includes the following activities:
1030 – sitting in the 1st tee grandstand
1050 – walking inside the ropes between 1st and 2nd
1130 – walking inside the ropes on 3rd, 15th green and 16th tee, followed by The R&A Swingzone in the spectator village
1200 – walking inside the ropes on 17th and 18th

Filming and photography is welcomed, subject to the usual criteria in the Ts&Cs for The Open's accredited media

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))please advise any special wording you require here.

At 1245 the First Minister will be available in the [media centre] for interviews. The Scottish Government operates a bid system. Those media interested in the opportunity should contact REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)), Senior Media Manager, Scottish Government on REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

We have some significant press conferences on Tuesday morning but I should be free from about 1145 so that will be fine for me to show you where we could locate the interviews and also discuss the key locations for the photo opps by The R&A-contracted Getty photographer.

Kind regards
Karen

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 07 July 2022 14:10
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com> REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

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Hi Karen, I meant to add –

Will broadcast / TV cameras be invited to follow part / all of the route the FM will be taking as she tours the site?

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
Scottish Government

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sent: 07 July 2022 14:05

To: 'Karen Myers' <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Hi Karen,

The recce is currently arranged for next Tuesday 12 July 1200-1300 but I can catch up with you before or after that on the day if that time doesn't work for you in order to go through the bid location options.

Scottish outlets that are accredited and have confirmed attendance would be helpful to see, thanks. I'd envisage FM would likely do a few quick broadcast TV interviews followed by a huddle with radio journalists /PA, but it will of course depend on who is accredited.

Could you please share the draft media advisory for accredited media when you have it? Any requests from press to speak to the FM should come to me at this email address or the phone number in my signature.

From the draft programme, the showcase of golf training and equipment for young people looked like it would be a good opportunity for photographers / cameras, but happy to discuss possible photo ops that you may be looking for with R+A personnel or areas of the course.

Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 06 July 2022 17:00

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Hello REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Yes we can have a wet weather option inside the media centre. We can look at the options at the recce. Can you advise when that will be as I will need to check my availability.

I will not be able to give you a full list of all accredited media but can extract the Scottish outlets.

We would not normally issue an actual press release about VIP attendance as we don't want to encourage floods of people who are not accredited) , rather it will be a simple media advisory the previous evening to those onsite who is attending and an idea of the programme. So it's really down to your bid process for you to have certainty. It might be appropriate for you to tell us who you would be targeting and we can dedupe against our list. I have copied my colleague REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))who runs our media services and accreditation so that she is aware and can be involved as necessary.

At the recce we can discuss photo opps and what we can share on our own channels. We can deploy an R&A contracted Getty photographer for specific points in the schedule (but not to follow the whole visit) and otherwise there will be Getty and other accredited photographers covering the championship who undoubtedly will capture her inside the ropes.

Just for reference when you are referring to us, the correct terminology for any media info you send out or captioning of images is **The 150th Open** rather than The Open Championship or any variation, and always with a capital T.

The R&A is always thus with a cap T – not R and A; R&A or the Royal and Ancient etc
Kind regards
Karen

Karen Myers
Executive Director - Corporate Communications
T: +44 (0) 1334 460000



From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 06 July 2022 13:41
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

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Hello Karen,

Thanks for this most useful information.

We can agree the for FM bids at next week's recce (which I will attend as well as being on hand on the day to assist with FM media bids). It's normally best if bids can take place somewhere on the route that the FM will take, preferably towards the end of her visit. Happy of course to arrange with a suitable backdrop in line with the parameters you mentioned – as you say media will likely wish to cover a range of topics in addition to FM's attendance at the Open. An outdoor location will be fine, though dependent on weather of course, so it would be useful to have a wet-weather option as well.

We would most likely look to do a round of broadcast interviews, followed by radio huddle and, time-dependent, a print huddle, dependent on who is in attendance. Have you a list of accredited journalists who have registered with R and A to attend?

Will R and A be putting out a media release / invite in advance of the First Minister's attendance? If so we are happy to arrange quotes etc. I would ask that I am sighted on anything referencing the First Minister's attendance prior to issue.

Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 06 July 2022 13:01

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: RE: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

Dear REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Good to 'meet' you REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)). Do please liaise with me in the meantime but keep REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) copied in. It's likely I will handle but while we want to give the FM our full attention, last minute issues can always throw us, so it could end up as me, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) or Mike Woodcock, our Director of Corporate Communications on the day.

John has built this in as an option at the end of the programme but just a couple of provisos from me:

- We understand and expect that media wishing to have access to the FM will want to cover political topics and therefore the location for broadcast interviews will need to be somewhere without Open-branding in the background and equally not the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse. On that basis we might recommend that print media are met in the media centre café and broadcast done outside behind the media centre which is next to The R&A World Golf Museum with a backdrop of the sea and the rocks or the buildings on The Scores
- The media centre is over a bridge from the main site, but a short walk from the Clubhouse which is the previous location – it's likely I will be the escort
- In handling the media bids, our preference for print media is those who are already accredited but we appreciate you may be looking for local news broadcasters. If necessary we could provide temporary swing badges to access the media centre. I know you will handle the bids, not The R&A.

- Please be aware that with the Scottish media onsite, their availability may be somewhat affected by the draw and who they might be following on course.
- REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) I assume you will be present?

Kind regards
Karen

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 06 July 2022 12:04
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)); John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>;
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: First Minister's visit to The Open on Friday 15th July - comms planning

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Hi Karen and REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

I hope you're both well.

I'm emailing in connection to the First Minister's visit to The Open next Friday and comms planning around the visit. In particular, I wanted to introduce you to REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) who will look after the comms side of FM's visit from our end. REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) keen to engage with you or a colleague at your end to put plans in place. Would one of you be the right person for REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) to liaise with, or could you nominate a suitable colleague please?

One point to note for now is that REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) has flagged a need to build in 15 minutes at the end of the programme for media bids for FM. John – that's why I've copied you in – for awareness for the programme. REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) view is that this could be instead of the lunch option at the end, meaning no impact on the programme content.

Thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) | Major Events and Themed Years | Scottish Government | mob: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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DOCUMENT 12

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 12 July 2022 19:32
To: 'John Gerrie' <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: FM programme version 5

Thanks John. Yes, will do.

Best wishes,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 12 July 2022 17:20
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: FM programme version 5

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) the final programme. Will you circulate to colleagues?

Best wishes

John

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ATTACHMENT:

PROGRAMME FOR
THE FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND
VISIT TO THE 150TH OPEN
THE OLD COURSE,
ST ANDREWS,
(3 HRS)

FRIDAY 15th JULY 2022

Programme Group:

Rt Hon. Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Support Group:

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Dress: Day Dress / Golf Clothes (comfortable footwear recommended for walking around course)

1000 hours	<p>Arrive by car at The Old Course player entrance (Map ref. 5B) and welcomed to the championship by:</p> <p>Chief Executive, The R&A, Martin Slumbers, and Executive Director - Championships, Johnnie-Cole Hamilton.</p> <p><i>(FM vehicle relocates to the Media Centre - back of house - second vehicle to Blue car parks)</i></p> <p>Private meeting in the Old Pavilion (Map ref. QQ) to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Economic and social value of The Open to Scotland and the role that Government can play in optimising the benefit.(2) Sustainability at The Open.(3) Lethamhill Community Golf Project in Glasgow. <p>(FM, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)))</p>
1030 hours	Johnnie-Cole Hamilton introduces:

	<p>Director of Championship Operations, The R&A, Rhodri Price who will lead a tour of the course.</p> <p>Proceed to the 1st tee grandstand</p> <p><i>(Enter by removeable panel to 9 reserved seats in the front row)</i></p>
1050 hours	<p>Proceed inside the ropes on the 1st hole, cross the Swilcan Burn on the public footpath to the top teir of the 2nd hole viewing platform.</p> <p><i>(Marshalled spaces for 5 people)</i></p>
1105 hours	<p>Proceed to The Open Clubhouse (Map ref. G).</p> <p>Rhodri Price introduces:</p> <p>Head of Player Relations, The R&A, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) who leads a tour of the facility.</p>
1120	<p>Proceed to the practice ground (Map ref. YY) escorted by Rhodri Price.</p>
1130 hours	<p>Proceed inside the ropes on the 3rd hole, 15th green and 16th tee to The R&A Swingzone (Map ref. V) escorted by Rhodri Price.</p> <p>Rhodri Price introduces:</p> <p>Chief Executive, The Golf Foundation, Brendon Pyle.</p> <p>Opportunity to witness junior golf tuition and try out practice equipment for schools.</p>
1200 hours	<p>Proceed inside the ropes on the 17th and 18th holes to the crossing point at Granny Clarks Wynd escorted by Rhodri Price to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews clubhouse (Map ref. R).</p>

	<i>(Access in front of the clubhouse through a removable panel)</i>
1220 hours	<p>Johnnie-Cole Hamilton escorts the First Minister to the Secretary's Office. An opportunity to meet assembled Past Captains of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and to view the Old Course from the Clubhouse balcony.</p> <p>Visit the Big Room and the Trophy Room.</p> <p>Johnnie-Cole Hamilton introduces:</p> <p>Executive Director - Corporate Communications, Karen Myers who escorts the First Minister across the road, with police support, to the Media Centre.</p>
1245 hours	<p>Media bids entertained by the First Minister.</p> <p>Media Centre (Map ref. B)</p>
1300 hours	<p>Depart by car from the Media Centre.</p> <p><i>(Back of house parking position)</i></p>

Version 5
12 July 2022

DOCUMENT 13

From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 13 July 2022 13:03
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Re: FM programme version 5

All good. John

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 1:01:49 PM
To: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: FM programme version 5

Hi John

Thanks. Couple of minor things (and nothing that needs changed from our end, I should stress).

The first is on Police officers. REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) will be there (he was one of the group on site for the recce). REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) and REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) will be there from Police Scotland too. I think they must be the advanced party. All the accreditation is sorted out and collected so there's nothing to do here, but thought I should flag.

Also, I think the plan in terms of media bids and escorting FM to the media centre is that Karen and REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) go on ahead to the media centre when FM goes in to the clubhouse, to ensure media are assembled and ready. FM's Private Secretary and Visits & Events team would meet her and Johnnie from the clubhouse and take FM over to the across the bridge to the media centre. If there are any issues there please let me know, but hope that's ok.

As I say, only minor things and nothing needing changed from our point of view, but happy to pick up further.

Best wishes,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Sent: 12 July 2022 17:20
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: FM programme version 5

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) the final programme. Will you circulate to colleagues?

Best wishes

John

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DOCUMENT 14

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 13 July 2022 16:48
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>; Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>
Subject: RE: As discussed

Hi REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
It would be open to all accredited photographers.

Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Sent: 13 July 2022 14:59
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: As discussed

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Hello Karen,

Thanks – I have attempted to clear that up in this version and my apologies for the misunderstanding. So at the grandstand at the 1st, is it all photographers at the course or just the Open-contracted Getty photographers?

I'll collate media responses on Friday morning and share with you Karen so we both know who has RSVPed.

****DRAFT** R&A MEDIA NOTIFICATION TO ACCREDITED MEDIA**

Issuing Thursday 14 July at 1400

The First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, will attend The 150th Open on the morning of Friday 15 July.

The First Minister will walk the course between 1030 and 1230, with opportunities for photographs and general visual footage as follows:

1030 – **photo opportunity - First Minister sitting in the 1st tee grandstand (front row, right)**
1130 – **opportunity for photos and general visuals only – First Minister meeting young people and golf coaches in the R&A Swingzone in the spectator village**

Media requests for the First Minister should be registered in advance with REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)), Senior Media Manager, Scottish Government at REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) by 8pm on Thursday 14 July. Please also advise when registering whether you are also requesting an interview.

Photography is welcomed, subject to the usual criteria in the Ts&Cs for The Open's accredited media. Filming is permitted in the Spectator Village but on course filming is only available to rights-holders

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 13 July 2022 13:44

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:**
RE: As discussed

Dear REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sorry there may be a misunderstanding here. The non-rights holding broadcasters cannot do GVs at the 1st tee grandstand as that will catch the live golf. That location would be photo opps only. Those broadcasters can ONLY do GVs in the pen on the practice ground and at the Swingzone and then in the huddle at the end.

I am very happy to put 'for operational purposes only, not for publication'. We don't usually need to do that at The Open because it goes as a media bulletin on the virtual media centre and it would be clear to them but agree we don't want any ambiguity.

I'll wait for the next version. We have time as we won't put out until tomorrow at the time you advise.

Kind regards
Karen

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sent: 13 July 2022 12:15

To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:**
RE: As discussed

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Hi Karen,

Thanks for the update – hope the dry weather holds through the weekend!

That's great news re the Swingzone. I'm playing about with the invite just now but current thinking is to offer GVs only of FM viewing at the grandstand at the 1st tee and GVs at the Swingzone, and to collate any requests for interview after the ops note goes out tomorrow and arrange these for the end by the media centre.

I thought these would be the best options as FM will be 'inside the ropes' for the portions of the tour immediately preceding and following those points so it gives press a clear steer on where cameras should be positioned to capture footage.

Latest (but not final) draft below for awareness, though I'm still discussing with colleagues our end so will get a final version to you likely by close of play. Do you tend to put a note to the effect of *for operational purposes only – not for publication* on such notices? It's something we tend to include on SG media invites but I wasn't sure if it would already be clear to accredited media that these are ops notes for planning etc.

Thanks again,
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Sent: 13 July 2022 10:48
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: John Gerrie <john.gerrie@metropublic.com>; REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: As discussed

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. We're full on with press conferences and Royal visits but at least the visits are a good dry run!

Ref the Swingzone, absolutely no issue with permissions. I have spoken to Brendon Pyle, the CEO of the Golf Foundation who will be the host and he assures me that all the young people involved have permissions in place.

On filming by non-rights holders at the practice ground, there is a media pen that they can use at the practice ground and as long as it's only to get GVs of the FM viewing, then that's fine but definitely no interviews with her there.

If you could come back to me by lunchtime tomorrow with your suggested adds and alts to the media bulletin for the onsite media that would be great and we can get it out at a time to suit you in the afternoon.

Kind regards
Karen

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 12 July 2022 18:30
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Subject: RE: As discussed

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One further question Karen – should BBC Scotland, STV etc (who don't have Broadcast Rights to film the action on championship days of course) wish to gather general footage of FM on her tour of the course, could they position themselves at the practice ground and take footage of her viewing this from the Links clubhouse pavilion?

If so we could add a note on that to the invite.

Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sent: 12 July 2022 18:06

To: 'Karen Myers' <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Subject: RE: As discussed

Many thanks Karen – I will come back with some adjustments to this tomorrow morning.

As discussed at the recce, I'd be most grateful if you could update once you have been able to confirm whether it will be possible to arrange some young people with filming permissions during FM's visit to the Swingzone on Friday.

Again, many thanks for your time at the course today.

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery

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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 12 July 2022 14:41

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: As discussed

The First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, will attend The 150th Open on the morning of Friday 15 July.

The programme includes the following activities:

1030 – sitting in the 1st tee grandstand (front row, right)

1050 – walking inside the ropes between 1st and 2nd

1130 – walking inside the ropes on 3rd, 15th green and 16th tee, followed by The R&A Swingzone in the spectator village

1200 – walking inside the ropes on 17th and 18th

At 1245 the First Minister will be available in the [media centre] for interviews. The Scottish Government operates a bid system. Those media interested in the opportunity should contact REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Senior Media Manager, Scottish Government on REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Photography is welcomed, subject to the usual criteria in the Ts&Cs for The Open's accredited media. Filming is permitted in the Spectator Village and for the interviews [outside the media centre] but on course filming is only available to rights-holders

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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Sent: 14 July 2022 15:08
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Re: latest weather and media bulletin

Sorry the visit I was involved in ran late. Glad all has worked out and wording all good.

Sent from my iPhone

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 2:24:17 PM
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: latest weather and media bulletin

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How much of a delay are we thinking REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))? I may extend the deadline for responses to give people time to come back if that is the case.

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 14 July 2022 14:00
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))>
Subject: RE: latest weather and media bulletin

Hi REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

Of course, I can do that.

It may be slightly delayed going out as we have press conferences going on at the moment. Is that ok with you?

Thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Sent:** 14 July 2022 13:53
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: latest weather and media bulletin

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PS REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) – could you bcc REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) and I when your advisory issues please? – Thanks, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)))
Sent: 14 July 2022 13:46
To: 'Karen Myers' <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: RE: latest weather and media bulletin

That's great, thanks Karen. With that tweak it's good to go at 1400 as per the plan.

You mentioned the quick staged photo in the R&A clubhouse with past captains for use on the newsletter only – just to indicate that happy from our end for this to go ahead, and FM and her PS are aware to expect this.

CCing my colleague REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) who will assist with collating responses to the advisory. Will let you know the final list of approaches when we have this.

In terms of information on bids for those that respond, we'll go with this – let me know if I've made any factual errors regarding the media centre terminology.

The First Minister has a brief space in her itinerary for media bids towards the end of her visit. SG and The R&A comms officers will meet you at the reception of the media centre at 1235 to facilitate these.

Many thanks,
REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Sent: 14 July 2022 11:16
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))**Subject:** RE: latest weather and media bulletin

Hi REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

The wording is fine – the only thing to change, which we can do, is to use Virtual Media Centre rather than R&A Feed. So “stills will be available from the Virtual Media Centre”.

Subject to your final confirmation, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) will send this to all accredited print, radio and photo media and to the broadcast rights holders at 1400.

Kind regards
Karen

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: 14 July 2022 09:37
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Subject: RE: latest weather and media bulletin

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Hi Karen,

Thanks for the update on the weather!

I am awaiting final sign off on the comms plan so will update REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) when I have this. This is unlikely to come until early this afternoon so I will be in touch as soon as I can.

The current draft of the advisory is below – not for issue at this stage – let me know if you spot any issues with this. I'll send on the final version to Mary for issue this afternoon once the plan has been cleared.

****DRAFT** R&A MEDIA NOTIFICATION TO ACCREDITED MEDIA**
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****For operational purposes – not for publication****
The First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, will attend The 150th Open on the morning of Friday 15 July.

The First Minister will walk the course between 1030 and 1230 – stills will be available from The R&A Feed.

There will be an opportunity for photos and general visuals as the First Minister meets young people and golf coaches in The R&A Swingzone in the spectator village at approx. 1130.

Media interview requests for the First Minister should be registered in advance with REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) and REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) Scottish Government Communications by 8pm on Thursday 14 July.

Filming is permitted in the Spectator Village but on course filming is only available to rights-holders.

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Many thanks,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) Senior Media Manager | FM, DFM and COVID Recovery
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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 14 July 2022 07:26

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: latest weather and media bulletin

Morning REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Here's the latest weather for tomorrow. Hmm...

Look forward to hearing latest on wording this morning. I have another Royal visit today and am tied up between 1145- 1215 and again from 1330-1430 so would like to get it ready for REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) to put out at 1400 or as near as possible to that time.

Thanks

Karen

Friday 15th – Cloudy to start. Some rain is expected through the day. This could be fairly steady for a time during the morning (though mainly light, accumulations 1-3 mm), before becoming drier and brighter into the afternoon, but with a chance of showers giving further accumulations (up to 2mm). High: 20°C (68°F) Low: 12°C (54°F). Winds: WSW 8-12mph, gust 12-15mph, increasing gust 15-18mph by late morning. Winds NW 8-12mph, gust 15-18 mph by mid-afternoon, then probably E 7-10mph, gust 12-15mph by early evening.

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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Sent: 14 July 2022 23:31
To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Re: Media attendance for FM visit to The 150th Open

That's all very helpful REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)), thank you.
See you tomorrow.
Very best
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

From: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:26:11 PM
To: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>
Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))
Subject: Media attendance for FM visit to The 150th Open

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Hi Karen, REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)),

To update on media responses to the advisory.

I have confirmed to the below outlets the arrangements for bids – STV and The Courier also plan to film / take photographs at the Swingzone. I've asked if they can be at the media centre reception for 1235, so that between us we can arrange to set up STV for broadcast followed by a huddle for the print journalists at the spot discussed at Tuesday's recce. DC Thomson Radio withdrew their bid but including for awareness in case they change their minds – they initially planned to cover but withdrew over staffing issues.

My colleague REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) (cced) will flag any other approaches overnight on this copy list.

OUTLET	TOPICS	Other details (if required)
STV News	The 150 th Open, will likely cover broader topics	Non-rights holder so would be limited to filming at the Swingzone photo op and interview at the end. Reporter REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) will attend and undertake the bid.
DC Thomson Radio Kingdom FM / Original FM	The 150 th Open, will likely cover broader topics	Bid withdrawn - no longer sending a reporter

The Courier	The 150 th Open, will likely cover broader topics	Reporter REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) and photographer REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) will attend to gather shots at the swingzone and the bids at the end of the First Minister's visit.
New York Times	The 150 th Open	REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) is preparing story for Sunday's newspaper about the effects of climate change on sports -- particularly golf in places like Scotland.
Bunkered magazine	The 150 th Open	REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)), assistant editor, is looking to ask one or two golf-related questions for copy in Scotland's only golf magazine.

See you tomorrow,

REDACTED (section 38(1)(b)) -----

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From: Karen Myers <KarenMyers@randa.org>

Sent: 17 July 2022 12:18

To: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Cc: REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Subject: Images from the FM's visit

Dear REDACTED (section 38(1)(b))

Sorry for the delay in getting these to you. I hope they are useful for your records.

Kind regards

Karen

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