

Email RZSS to Scottish Government 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 06 December 2021 15:31

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] David Field [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Edinburgh Zoo - Pandas - second meeting

Many thanks [Redacted]

In confidence, we will announce the extension tomorrow morning. I will forward on the media release.

Best wishes

[Redacted]

*Please note that I sometimes work outside of normal office working hours and I may send emails at these times. Please only reply at a time that suits you during your own working hours. Thank you.*

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 06 December 2021 02:49

**To:** [Redacted] David Field [Redacted]

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Best wishes,

[Redacted]

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Email SG to FCDO, Scotland Office and SG 16 December 2021

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 16 December 2021 06:43

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] David Field [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Edinburgh Zoo - Pandas - new lease agreement

Hi All,

Just wanted to share the agreement as signed by RZSS. No further action, but I'll catch up with David in the new year to see what follow up he may wish.

Best wishes,  
[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 06 December 2021 17:11

**To:** [Redacted]

; David Field [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Edinburgh Zoo - Pandas - second meeting

Thanks [Redacted]

I'm copying [Redacted], whose taken over from me in China Bilateral team.

Best wishes,  
[Redacted]

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**From** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 2:48:31 AM

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## Email Edinburgh Zoo to Scottish Government 16 May 2022

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**From:** David Field [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 5:43:11 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Scottish Government Representative in China

Dear [Redacted]  
Thanks for your message and Hello [Redacted] !

[Redacted] – you have been extremely supportive and helpful to us over many years for which we are very grateful . Please do come and visit us at the zoo when you can.

[Redacted] – the week of 13th might be best – it might be easier to just give me a call to arrange the time.. [Redacted]

Kind regards

David

**David Field**  
Chief Executive Officer

[Redacted]

**THE ROYAL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND**

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 May 2022 08:57  
**To:** David Field [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Scottish Government Representative in China

Dear David,

I am writing to you as I prepare to conclude my posting to Beijing. I want to thank you for your support and insight throughout my time here. I am grateful to you for including me in your work to make connections between Scotland and China and for allowing me to work with you on the extension to the contract for the pandas to stay at Edinburgh zoo. It wasn't an easy task and I hope I was able to offer some support.

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I'm glad now, though, to introduce [Redacted], who will be posting out to Beijing over the summer to take up the role. I've included a short note on [Redacted] background below, and know she is keen to bring her experience to build on Scotland's connections in China.

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[Redacted] and [Redacted] are developing her programme and I would appreciate if you could let them know of availability you would have.

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With very best wishes, and many thanks again for all your support.

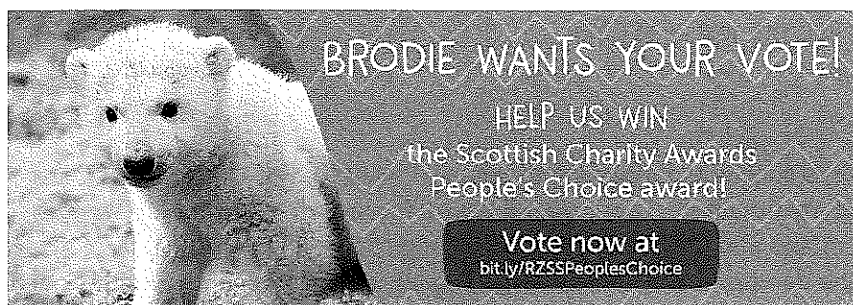
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Email Scottish Government to Edinburgh Zoo 17 June 2022

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 17 June 2022 11:27

**To:** 'David Field' [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Meeting [Redacted]/David Field – [Redacted]

Hi David

I'm so sorry, I've just realised I haven't replied to this.

**8.30 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>** sounds perfect. Thanks again.

Best wishes

[Redacted] (she/her)

Senior Policy Officer – China and Asia Pacific

**International Division**

**The Scottish Government**

[Redacted]



**From:** David Field [Redacted]

**Sent:** 14 June 2022 14:56

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Meeting [Redacted]/David Field – [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted]

The 22<sup>nd</sup> might be a bit of a rush for you guys but we could meet early say from 8.30 – 9.15ish, then [Redacted] who has a lot of experience with pandas could take [Redacted] up to the pandas for a quick meet and greet.

How does that sound ?

David



**David Field**  
Chief Executive Officer

[Redacted]

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**From:** David Field  
**Sent:** 14 June 2022 08:16  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting [Redacted]/David Field – [Redacted]

Morning [Redacted]

Sorry to hear that – [Redacted].

Let me get back to you later as I have an event at 9.30 on 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will see what I can arrange.

David

**David Field**  
Chief Executive Officer

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 June 2022 15:45  
**To:** David Field [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Meeting [Redacted]/David Field – [Redacted]

Hi David

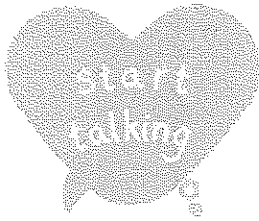
I writing to let you know that [Redacted]

You had a meeting scheduled with her on 15 June. Would it be possible to reschedule this to **the morning of the 22 June?**

With best wishes

[Redacted]  
Senior Policy Officer – China and Asia Pacific  
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[Redacted]



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Extract from schedule of SG official for 22 June 2022  
Wednesday 22 June - Edinburgh

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
08:30 – 11:00	Meeting with David Field, CEO Edinburgh Zoo	Edinburgh Zoo  Meet David at the members gate in the Car Park  [Redacted]

Informal notes by SG official of June 2022 meeting

**[Redacted] – Pre-Posting Induction in Scotland – June 2022**

**Internal Stakeholders**

[Redacted]

**External Stakeholders**

[Redacted]

Organisation	Contact	Background	Notes from Meeting/ Actions
<b>Local Authorities</b>			
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Business</b>			
<b>Tourism</b>			
<b>Culture</b>			
<b>Flora, Fauna, Environment</b>			
Royal Zoological Society Scotland (RZSS)	David Field, CEO  [Redacted]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEO David Field - David returns to RZSS having been a section moderator at Edinburgh Zoo early in his career. David's previous roles include chief executive of the Zoological Society of East Anglia, zoological director of the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), curator of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and assistant director of Dublin Zoo. An honorary professor of the Royal Veterinary College, David has served as chairman of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquaria (BIAZA) and is the current president of the Association of British and Irish Wild Animal Keepers.</li> <li>RZSS and the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) entered into an agreement in 2011 to undertake specific projects in areas of mutual benefit in the fields of giant panda conservation, education and research. As part of the agreement, two giant pandas (Tian</li> </ul>	<p><u>22 June</u></p> <p>Briefing on Zoo's new strategy to 2030, open-doors approach during Covid (Scotland fell in love with its zoo again), media campaign, open and transparent approach and finance including backing from SG. Zoo is politically, publicly and financially in a good place.</p> <p>Pandas (Yang Guang and Tian Tian) – discussed background, negotiation of panda lease extension, and plans for return.</p> <p>Background: original contract was signed for 10 year lease of pandas with payment of \$1m p/a (and some other costs specified in the contract) to China's Panda Protection Fund. The pandas are on loan to the UKG (Nick Clegg signed the documents). [Redacted] In addition to looking after the pandas, the zoo shares hormonal and veterinary research with China.</p> <p>Lease Extension: extended for 2 years at a cost of \$0.5m p/a [Redacted]</p> <p>Return: the zoo's priority is the pandas' welfare. It has responsibility for getting them back to China. However, it doesn't know</p>

		<p>Tian and Yang Guang) arrived at RZSS Edinburgh Zoo on 4 December 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a condition of the main agreement between CWCA and RZSS, a second and subsequently a third agreement were signed with the China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda (CCRCGP). Five thematic areas of research were outlined, alongside a mechanism through which CCRCGP and RZSS would deliver the research (both in China and Scotland). These are: Field ecology; Genetic management; Breeding and infant care; Veterinary management and research; Cognitive evolution and behavioural research.</li> <li>• Agreement to extend the original 10-year deal for another 2 years (to December 2023). During that time, no attempt will be made to breed the pandas.</li> <li>• The original 10-year deal involved annual donations of \$1m (about £750,000) to conservation efforts in China. In the final two years, the donation would be \$500,000 (about £375,000).</li> </ul>	<p>exactly where they will be settled in China. The zoo wants to ensure they go to the best facility suited to each panda and that the Edinburgh keepers can return with them to help them settle.</p> <p>Yang Guang is an elderly panda who likes being around people and would probably be settled in the mountains where he could be exhibited. Tian Tian will probably retire to a similar setting but less likely to be exhibited (not a people-panda).</p> <p>China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) oversees two main panda nature reserves – Chengdu and Wolong nature reserve (South Sichuan). The Wolong panda base was devastated during 2008 earthquake, but rebuilt in a new location in Gengda within the Wolong nature reserve.</p>
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**Meetings to Rearrange**

[Redacted]

**Other Potentials (not confirmed in the programme)**

[Redacted]