

**1. Please tell me how many civil servants or other staff are currently working on the creation of the proposed Scottish Education Exchange programme, broken down by full-time and part-time staff.**

Staff may be employed by Scottish Government on a full-time basis but not work full time on a specific project, such as the Scottish Education Exchange Programme, as they will have other objectives to meet within their team. Currently, in August 2022, there are three full-time staff working on the Exchange programme.

**2. Please provide details of the number of staff working on this same project since May 2021, broken down by (a) month and (b) full-time/part-time.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>
May 2021-June 2021	none
August 2021	Two full-time staff
September 2021	Three full-time staff
October 2021	Three full-time staff
November 2021	Three full-time staff
December 2021	Three full-time staff
January 2022	Two full-time staff
February 2022	Two full-time staff
March 2022	Two full-time staff
April 2022	Two full-time staff
May 2022	Three full-time staff
June 2022	Three full-time staff
July 2022	Three full-time staff
August 2022	Three full-time staff

**3. Please provide a copy of any and all correspondence relating to the handling of written parliamentary question S6W-07730.**

#### **Email exchange 1**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox  
**Sent:** 01 April 2022 10:27  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox <ETFMQPQ@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** S6W-07730 - 15/04/22

Hi [redacted],

We have received the below PQ that we think might sit with your area.

If it does can you confirm who it should be allocated to. If not, can you please copy in colleagues you feel this should sit with?

It is due with Private Office for 15/04/22.

**S6W-07730 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-06408 by Jamie Hepburn on 4 March 2022, on what date it anticipates the consultation on the proposed Scottish Exchange Programme will be launched.

Many thanks

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 01 April 2022 10:30  
**To:** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox <ETFMQPQ@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: S6W-07730 - 15/04/22

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for letting me know. This does sit with us so grateful if you could please allocate to myself.

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 07 April 2022 10:26  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** FW: PQ Reference: S6W-07730

Hi [redacted],

We have received the below PQ from Liam McArthur:

To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-06408 by Jamie Hepburn on 4 March 2022, on what date it anticipates the consultation on the proposed Scottish Exchange Programme will be launched.

The PQ he refers to (S6W-06408) was:

To ask the Scottish Government whether there will be a consultation on the proposed Scottish Education Exchange Programme.

Answer provided from officials (24 Feb): The Scottish Government has been engaging with the sectors across the education spectrum to listen to their views and requirements for a Scottish Education Exchange Programme. We have had discussions with stakeholders in higher and further education, schools, community learning and development, youth and sports who have been invited to share their views, needs and priorities on what would work best for learners and staff across the board.

Answer then updated and submitted by PO (4 March): Yes.

For S6W-07730, I suggest we use a similar response as below:

The Scottish Government has been engaging with the sectors across the education spectrum to listen to their views and requirements for a Scottish Education Exchange Programme. We have had **and continue to have** discussions with stakeholders in higher and further education, schools, community learning and development, youth and sports who have been invited to share their views, needs and priorities on what would work best for learners and staff across the board.

Grateful for comments and clearance.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 07 April 2022 15:43  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ Reference: S6W-07730

Hi [redacted],

Yes happy for the response as drafted below to go back please.

Thank-you

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 07 April 2022 15:44  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ Reference: S6W-07730

Thanks [redacted]. Would [redacted] or [redacted] need to see? They have cleared this same response back in Feb.

[redacted]



**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 07 April 2022 15:52  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ Reference: S6W-07730

Hi [redacted],

No happy for it just to go as so similar.

Thank-you

[redacted]

## Email exchange 2

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training

**Sent:** 14 April 2022 17:25

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training

<[MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** PQ s6w-07730,

Hi [redacted],

Mr Hepburn has asked for some further details as to what is being suggested that the discussions have been.

Thanks

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 April 2022 08:41  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** FW: PQ s6w-07730,

Hi [redacted],

PO has come back re [S6W- 07730](#) (please see email below):

To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-06408 by Jamie Hepburn on 4 March 2022, on what date it anticipates the consultation on the proposed Scottish Exchange Programme will be launched.

Answer:

[redacted] Scottish Government have had and continue to have discussions with stakeholders in higher and further education, schools, community learning and development, youth and sports to listen to their views needs, priorities and requirements for a Scottish Education Exchange Programme and on what would work best for learners an staff across the board.

I can't quite grasp what PO are looking for. [redacted] Are we expected to lay out exactly what is being discussed?

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 April 2022 08:50  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ s6w-07730,

Good Morning [redacted],

[redacted] Text modified and moved around as below

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 April 2022 12:14  
**To:** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training  
<[MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ s6w-07730,

Hi [redacted],

[redacted] The following text explains what kind of discussions have taken place e.g. for stakeholders to share their views, needs, priorities, etc for an exchange programme.

Grateful for feedback and if this revised draft would suffice I can redraft answer accordingly in the system once PQ bounces back to me.

[redacted] Scottish Government have had and continue to have discussions with stakeholders in higher and further education, schools, community learning and development, youth and sports to listen to their views, needs, priorities and requirements for a Scottish Education Exchange Programme and on what would work best for learners and staff across the board.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training

**Sent:** 20 April 2022 17:24

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training  
<[MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: PQ s6w-07730,

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for sending this over.

[redacted]

Grateful if you can advise.

Thanks and all the best,

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 21 April 2022 09:08  
**To:** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training  
<[MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: PQ s6w-07730,

Good Moring [redacted],

[redacted]

We could change the wording in the response to.

Currently, Scottish Government have no confirmed timetable for a consultation process for the proposed Scottish Education Exchange programme. However, the Scottish Government have had and continue to have discussions with stakeholders in higher and further education, schools, community learning and development, youth and sports to listen to their views, needs, priorities and requirements for a Scottish Education Exchange Programme and on what would work best for learners an staff across the board.

Hope that helps

[redacted]