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The below comprises a Ministerial briefing provided ahead of a private dinner engagement under Chatham House rules with representatives from French think tanks. Names of individuals and personal-professional biographies which identify them are redacted. Please also note that the section "Media/Social Media" was an erroneous inclusion in this briefing pack and there is no related media to be shared.

DINNER ROUNDTABLE WITH FRENCH THINK TANKS

What	Roundtable dinner with think tanks
Who	<p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)], Institut Montaigne</p> <p>Institut Montaigne is a nonprofit, independent think tank based in Paris. In providing public policy recommendations and bringing together experts from government, academia, civil society and business, Institut Montaigne aims to shape political debates and decision making</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)], Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri)</p> <p>Ifri is an independent research and debate institution in France dedicated to the analysis of international issues and global governance. The institute brings together a team of collaborators who are divided into 11 research units who each focus upon either a specific region or cross-cutting issue. Ifri's main aim is for its policy-orientated research to shed light on international events and aid decision makers.</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)], Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS)</p> <p>IRIS is a French think tank on geopolitical and strategic issues. It is the only international think tank to combine a research and teaching centre to deliver diplomas, via its school. IRIS Sup'. IRIS is organised around four areas of activity: research, organisation of events and meetings, publishing and training.</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)], Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS)</p> <p>[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]</p>
Why	This will be an informal, small private dinner which will be lightly moderated by Scottish Government Officials. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from experts on latest developments in France as well as EU politics and exchange views.
Key messages/ Questions	<p>The main topics of discussion are likely to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's constitutional future • Scotland's policies on Europe and its international ambitions • EU/UK relationships (including NIP) • France's position on international issues (particularly the EU and UK) • The new UK Government • Russian invasion of Ukraine • Energy security and supply and the cost crisis

When	19:45 – 21:00 Tuesday 4 October
Media / Social Media	Tweets to be issued from ScotGovFrance account.
Supporting officials	[Redacted section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]