

ANNEX B: LOG OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY MINISTERS TO AVOID AN ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN THEIR PUBLIC DUTIES AND THEIR PRIVATE INTERESTS

– SIXTH ADMINISTRATION

MINISTER	DATE OF ACTION	STEPS TAKEN TO AVOID A CONFLICT OR PERCEPTION OF A CONFLICT
Keith Brown Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans	Since taking office	HMP Stirling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister for Community Safety responds on behalf of the Scottish Government to correspondence from Mr Brown's constituents about HMP Stirling to avoid any conflict between Mr Brown's public duties and constituency interests. HMP Stirling is not located in Mr Brown's constituency and he retains policy responsibility for it.
Angela Constance Minister for Drugs Policy	Since taking office	Resignation from Board of a think tank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Constance resigned as a board member of the think tank Commonweal when she returned to Government.
Kate Forbes Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy	June 2021	GFG Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Forbes recused herself from Ministerial decision making in relation to GFG Alliance given her constituency interests. Mr McKee assumed Ministerial responsibility with oversight from Mr Swinney and arrangements were put in place so Ms Forbes is not copied papers concerning GFG Alliance.

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Jenny Gilruth Minister for Transport	January 2023	Glenrothes with Thornton Train Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gilruth recused herself from Ministerial decision making in relation to any potential request to change the name of Glenrothes with Thornton train station given her constituency interests. • Arrangements are being put in place for another Minister to assume responsibility and Ms Gilruth is not being copied any papers on this matter.
Jenny Gilruth Minister for Transport	March 2022	Dualling of A9 near Dunkeld <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gilruth recused herself from any Ministerial involvement in a section of dualling of the A9 near Dunkeld because a family member chairs a local community group which had been involved in some campaigning on the A9 in the past. • Ms Gilruth stepped aside from answering a parliamentary question on 2 March 2022 in case this aspect of the A9 was raised. • Mr Matheson assumed responsibility of all necessary decisions in relation to this section of the A9 and Ms Gilruth is not copied papers on this part of the project. • Ms Gilruth is still responsible for decisions relating to other sections of the A9 project (where those decisions have no relationship to the section referred to above).
Jenny Gilruth Minister for Transport	February 2022	Levenmouth Rail Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gilruth recused herself from Ministerial decision making in relation to Levenmouth Rail Link given her constituency interests. • Mr Harvie assumed responsibility for any Ministerial decision making and arrangements were put in place so Ms Gilruth is not copied papers on this matter.

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<p>Jenny Gilruth Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Ministerial title at the time)</p>	<p>July 2021</p>	<p>Sistema music charity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gilruth recused herself from Ministerial decision making in relation to the music charity, Sistema, given her partner's role as a board member of the charity (and chair of its Public Affairs Committee). • Mr Robertson assumed responsibility for any Ministerial decision making in relation to the charity and arrangements were put in place so Ms Gilruth was not copied papers on the matter.
<p>Mairi McAllan Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform (Ministerial title at the time)</p>	<p>June 2021</p>	<p>Review of Incineration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms McAllan recused herself from Ministerial decision-making in relation to policy on incinerators given the Minister's local involvement in the Dovesdale Campaign group. • Ms McAllan stepped aside from answering a PQ on this topic on 9 June 2021. • Ministerial responsibility was transferred to Mr Matheson initially and now sits with Ms Slater, and arrangements were put in place so Ms McAllan is not copied papers on the matter.
<p>Angus Robertson Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture</p>	<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Culture portfolio interests in the alcohol industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robertson recused himself from Ministerial decision making in relation to his portfolio's policy interests in the alcohol industry (in light of the Scottish Government's consultation on alcohol advertising and promotion) given his wife's public relations company represents alcohol brands. • Mr Gray assumed portfolio responsibility for Ministerial decision making and arrangements were put in place so Mr Robertson is not copied papers on this matter.

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<p>Angus Robertson Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture</p>	<p>October 2022</p>	<p>Centre for Moving Image and the future of the Edinburgh Filmhouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robertson recused himself from decisions about the Centre for Moving Image (CMI) and the future of the Edinburgh Filmhouse once it became clear that the CMI was entering into administration given his constituency interests. • Mr Gray assumed Ministerial responsibility and arrangements were put in place so Mr Robertson is not copied papers on this matter.
<p>Angus Robertson Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture</p>	<p>Since taking office</p>	<p>King's Theatre, Edinburgh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robertson recused himself from decision making on further funding support for the redevelopment of the King's Theatre. • Mr Gray assumed Ministerial responsibility and arrangements were put in place so Mr Robertson is not copied papers on this matter.
<p>Angus Robertson Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture</p>	<p>Since taking office</p>	<p>Edinburgh Festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robertson engages with the Edinburgh Festivals, for example attending performances, and as regards the work they do for international cultural links, but all decisions on support for the Edinburgh Festivals are taken by Mr Gray. • In May 2022, Mr Robertson declined an invitation to speak at the Edinburgh Book Festival in a personal capacity to avoid any conflict or perceived conflict between his public duties and private interests.

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Angus Robertson Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	Since taking office	National Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While Mr Robertson meets with the national collections (National Galleries, National Library, National Museums) which have their main operations in Edinburgh Central, this is in the context of their broader contribution to cultural policy. • Day-to-day decisions about the collections, on for example funding and Board appointments, are taken by Mr Gray.
Lorna Slater Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	Since taking office	Resignation from Board of an environmental social enterprise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Slater resigned her board position as a trustee for The Edinburgh Remakery due to its potential conflict with her portfolio responsibility for the circular economy.
Maree Todd Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport	November 2021	Maternity Services in NHS Highland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Todd recused herself from Ministerial decision making on maternity services in NHS Highland (and related to this Moray) because of her constituency interest in Caithness Maternity Service. • Mr Yousaf assumed portfolio responsibility and arrangements were put in place so Ms Todd is not copied papers on these matters.