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1. Email Exchange relating to Parliamentary statement On Management of Transgender Offenders dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:02
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]**Subject:** CS statement

Both,

Slight suggested tweak from me on the statement attached [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Have included in tracked changes.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:47
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

Hi all,

Suggest changing the structure for the response:

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:14
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

Coping [redacted] for policy views.

Thanks,
[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:50

To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

No policy view on this from our end. Would advise you speak to [redacted] in LGBT Equalities team.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:44
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot> [redacted]
Subject: RE: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

Adding [redacted] too. [redacted]– do you have a policy view on the line below?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:55
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

[redacted] – can you advise who best to check with on this, or are you happy to clear?

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Can you get this urgently checked by Equality team please?

[redacted]
This is the proposed answer to the key question that will be asked

Can you get it checked by the equality lead (or [redacted]may have sufficient knowledge to do it)

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Can you confirm to [redacted] please before 10.30 when he will be holding the pen on this.

Cheers
Cat

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:26
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] @prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Re: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners) URGENT REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Thanks

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 2:18:48 PM
To: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners) URGENT REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Inverness can hold temporarily for Court onward court appearances only. WE ARE CLARIFYING JUST NOW

We also have 2 x Community Custody units Bella/Lillias.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:13
To: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners) URGENT REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:12
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners) URGENT REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Cat,

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

I hope this helps?

[redacted]

From: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:06
To: [redacted] >; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners) URGENT REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY
Importance: High

Jim/[redacted]

Can someone advise please – apologies we are doing supps so missed this

URGENT

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 13:43
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

All

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 13:39
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
<CabSecJV@gov.scot>[redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

[redacted]

Figure added below.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted]

Neil

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 13:30

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot> [redacted]

Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Importance: High

Cat, Neil -

Following the updated statistics on number of trans people in prison in Cab Sec's Q&A, can we please update the line from:

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

If the latest number of prisoners could be added that would be great thanks.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 31 January 2023 12:59

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Hi [redacted],

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Many thanks,

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:09
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

PS/FM

With huge apologies, please find attached a revised final version of the statement due to be delivered this afternoon, for the First Ministers clearance.

I have attached a clean version and a version with track changes.

Thanks,
[redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 08:33
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: For clearance Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Dear FM PO,

As you are aware, today, Mr Brown will be undertaking a Ministerial Statement in the Chamber at 14.20 on the topic of Transgender Prisoners.

Please find attached for your approval a draft of that statement which has been cleared by Cab Sec, SpAds and officials.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm if you are content with the draft before I share with parliamentary colleagues.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 07:23
To: [redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

[redacted]/ Cat

A few additional Q&A on the back of Reporting Scotland and the Nine last night. These would need to be checked by [redacted]

Neil

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[Email Chain redacted under sec Section 36(1)]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 31 January 2023 09:29

To: [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Importance: High

All,

Mr Brown has cleared the attached statement, following [redacted] amendments.

This has also now been shared with FM for clearance.

If there are to be any further changes to the statement, please let me know **asap** and return in track changes.

I'd also be grateful for a revised, **final Q&A**, following Cab Sec's feedback on the pre cabinet call this morning, no later than **11am this morning**.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 22:44

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 21:46
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

[redacted]

I'm just looking at it now and have a couple of textual changes. Could you hold off until I've come back please?

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 21:43
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

All

Cab Sec has reviewed the statement and is content to clear.

I will now share the draft with FM and SpAds for approval.

Many thanks for all your hard work.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[Email Chain redacted under sec Section 36(1)]

From: [redacted]>
Sent: 30 January 2023 21:18
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

[redacted]

Please find attached a draft statement for the Cabinet Secretary's consideration. This includes Q&A which we will look to update and finalise tomorrow morning.

Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:07
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Hi Cat,

Please see attached formal commission. Mr Brown will have 10 minutes to deliver the statement (this is without interventions so please factor that in).

Can you please confirm if there are any documents to be published alongside the statement?

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:50
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Thanks [redacted] . Mr Brown is content with this title. I'll pass on to Parliamentary Business.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:44
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Suggest "Update on the management of transgender individuals within prison custody"

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:29

To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Thanks Cat. Copying in [redacted]for views in [redacted] absence.

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:27
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: ; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Spad's may wish to comment but how about:

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Cheers
Cat
Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:58
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Thanks Cat, much appreciated.

Can you suggest a title for the statement please?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:50
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Thanks [redacted]

Just to confirm that work has commenced on it we will aim to provide draft statement and Q and A later tonight.

Kind Regards (and thanks for the heads up)

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:27
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners
Importance: High

All,

Its is very likely Mr Brown will be undertaking a Ministerial Statement in the Chamber tomorrow at 14.20 on the topic of Transgender Prisoners.

The Conservatives have requested a statement, and Labour have supported this request. FM and SpAds are aware and are content. I am still awaiting full confirmation on the statement going ahead, however wanted to give you as much notice as possible. I will let you know when it has been confirmed.

I'd be grateful if you can please send over a **proposed title** for the statement **ASAP** please for Mr Browns consideration.

I'd also be grateful for sight of a draft statement as soon as possible **this evening** and background and Q&A by 10am tomorrow (Tuesday 31 January) please.

Huge apologies for such short notice.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

2. Email Chain relating to Letter to Criminal Justice Committee dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:12
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - draft - Jan 2023 (002)
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Attachment- Published at - [Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans \(parliament.scot\)](#)
[redacted]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:07
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - draft - Jan 2023 (002)

Content from my perspective. Have used the same lines in Q and A for statement – If these change please remember to update statement

Cheers
Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - draft - Jan 2023 (002)

I've tracked in a suggestion on the timescale.

SPS and SG colleagues comments or amendments to this welcome.

I'm aiming to put back to spads and PO asap.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:31
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: update on discussion with GG&C comms

Hi folks,

As just discussed [redacted]. [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views] We'll get some high level lines worked up in the next day or two with clinical partners though for future background.

I know you're all very busy this morning but if you'd find it helpful to have a chat with me (and [redacted] team of course) about what sort of care is available through the NHS in Scotland, waiting times and challenges etc just let me know. Might be helpful for you to have an overview given current media, political and public interest?

Best wishes,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:03
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: update on discussion with GG&C comms

Hi [redacted]

I haven't seen the line from GG&C as yet but I would imagine that we would be looking at a high level line around healthcare which states that decisions on an individual's healthcare is a matter for the local Health Board and, where appropriate, their partners. And maybe something about the pathways available to them. [redacted]— do we have a standard line that could be adapted for the prison setting here?

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

What's your deadline for this, [redacted]?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:43
To: [redacted]>
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: update on discussion with GG&C comms

Thanks [redacted]

Conscious Cab Sec is making a statement in Parliament tomorrow and we're preparing Q&A etc. If there are lines grateful if you can share just in case.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:31

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: update on discussion with GG&C comms

Hi all

Just an update for you following a quick call with GG&C comms.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

GG&C comms will make contact with SPS comms to share their lines and if SPS comms wish to reach out for a discussion, they are happy to pick up a conversation with them. They are assuming that SPS comms have been made aware of the situation from those from SPS involved in the MDT meeting today.

[redacted]

3. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and SPS relating to Parliamentary Statement on Management of Transgender Prisoners Dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:01
To: [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: TG Wing Proposal Q/A [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted] for Q&A

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:56
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: TG Wing Proposal Q/A [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Colleagues,

Please see below our lines re: trans units. I have included a top line and the back ground for context.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:48
To: [redacted] @prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>
Subject: TG Wing Proposal [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation/Development of Policy]

[redacted]

4. Email Exchange dated 31 Jan related to First Ministers Questions

Sent: 31 January 2023 12:05

To: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

[redacted]

Thanks for this. Just to note, I've to provide official support at the Statement so [redacted] is taking a lead on the FMQ update in liaison with SPS and colleagues.

She'll provide the update by 3.30pm as agreed.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister FMQs

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:51

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

In case useful for your briefs today – good interview by POA
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:36

To: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: FW: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Morning FMQ team,

Please find attached GMS interview transcript with [redacted], Chair of the Prison Officers Association. I would be grateful if this could be considered in advance of FMQ prep.

I have sent this onto FM for awareness, if there are any additional requests from FM I will let you know.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 10:58

To: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Hi all – the Cab Sec should have this for his statement this afternoon, and will be of interest to the FM – and definitely have for FMQs.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Communications MMU
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:55
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Please find the transcript attached.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:54
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Yes - thanks

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Communications MMU
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Good morning [redacted],

Yes, we'll get this for you. Can I just double check it's the interview with [redacted] of the Prison Officers Association you're requesting?

Best wishes,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 09:47
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Apologies – my mistake – just after 0740, not 0840

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 09:45

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Good morning MMU,

Please can I have a transcript of the following:

Date:	31 st January 2023
Channel:	BBC Radio Scotland
Programme:	GMS
Approx. Time:	Just after 08:40am
Details:	POA Scottish Secretary

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:09

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; Rennick NS (Neil)

<Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Transcript request - POA Scottish Secretary

Hi,

For Cab sec awareness ahead of statement today transcript of [redacted] on GMS this morning.

[redacted]

5. Email Exchange relating to Parliamentary Statement dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:22
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Updated Q and A

Attachment – Supplementary Q&A Redacted under sec 30(b) Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views

Thanks Neil – [redacted] has the pen on the Q&A. [redacted] – can you please read across the amendments to the latest version. I think we should also add the VAWG line.[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:18
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Updated Q and A

[redacted]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Neil

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:34
To: [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Updated Q and A

Further amended to take account of one final [redacted] comment that came in light.

I am off line now but on phone until 11 – please dial [redacted] if required

Cheers

Cat

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona)
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:18
To: [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Updated Q and A

[redacted]

For final version control and – here is the final Q and A – have captured all comments made in e-mails. Highlights in yellow still outstanding but [redacted] on those and will confirm and the only thing is the information from SPS which we still haven't got.

Neil – could you do a fresh pair of eyes sense check please.

Cheers
Cat

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:49
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] **Subject:** RE: Q and A TG prisoners

[redacted]

Yes, happy with that.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:46
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Q and A TG prisoners

Thanks Neil

I assume that you are happy that we run with the SPS updated lines on numbers?

Also I note that you haven't carried across all changes from your earlier suggestions (def of VAWG?). Is that ok?

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:23
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Q and A TG prisoners

[redacted]

Apologies, I've now marked my small suggestions on this version. Recognise you need to get this up.

Neil

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:16

To: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Q and A TG prisoners

Neil, Cat

This is the latest version. Only SPS stats missing and I am conscious that PO had asked for this by 11.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:11

To: [redacted]

Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Subject: Q and A TG prisoners

Updated subject to the figures aspect.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:58

To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Q&A Lines- Data on number of transgender prisoners/trans women/female [SEC=OFFICIAL]

This got updated to address some changes in emails not spotted.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:45

To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Q&A Lines- Data on number of transgender prisoners/trans women/female [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Updated in pack.

Hopefully good to go?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:42

To: [redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Q&A Lines- Data on number of transgender prisoners/trans women/female [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Much appreciated [redacted] and colleagues for this and all the other support you have been providing.

We will include this in the Q&A now.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 11:38

To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: Q&A Lines- Data on number of transgender prisoners/trans women/female [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Colleagues

[redacted under Sec 38(1)(b) as Personal Information]

As discussed this morning, here is the data and suggested lines for Q&A.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

From: [redacted] .scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 31 January 2023 13:26

To: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy <CabSecFE@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport <CabSecNetZET@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; DL Ministers <DLMPOPMIN@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>;; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Ministerial Statement: Update on the management of transgender individuals within prison custody
Attachment- Published at [Official Report \(parliament.scot\)](#)

PS/Cabinet Secretaries
PS/Ministers

Please find attached statement Mr Brown will be delivering in the chamber at 14:20 today, please check against delivery.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 13:55
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] >; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] >; Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>;[redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Thanks Cat. I can confirm Cab Sec has this printed.

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 January 2023 13:49
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Attachment No.8 - Q&A for Parliamentary Statement dated 31 Jan 2023

updated Q and A requested [REDACTED]

Supps document will follow separately.

Many thanks

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

[Email chain redacted under sec 36(1) legal advice]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 13:35
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners
Importance: High

Thanks [redacted]. Can we get draft answers to the below possible supps, in a word doc, ASAP please?

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

I have attached the Q&A pack Cab Sec currently has, I had to reformat slightly in line with his preferences.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:57
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot> **Subject:** RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners

Apologies [redacted]

Here it is.
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:56
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: Urgent Briefing Request: Ministerial Statement - Prisoners
Importance: High

Sorry to chase but can I check when we'll be receiving the Q&A please?

Mr Brown only has a small window to look at this between meetings hence the 11am deadline.

Thanks,
[redacted]

6. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and SPS dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 15:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please [SEC=OFFICIAL]

With correct attachment this time – apologies.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 15:19
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Stand by for correct attachment...

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 15:18
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted], lovely (ish) to be back!

I've attached the updated FMQ for review – initial feeling is that there was nothing too substantial from the statement to include for today's tight turnaround (due 3:30 but statement did start a little later) but we can revisit following media coverage tomorrow and update as needed.

Grateful if you could take a look over and amend at will in Track Changes.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 12:46
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]

First and foremost a very warm welcome back via our first email exchange. Nice to see you on screen this morning.

At this stage, I don't think we would add anything in addition to the Statement and Q&A material. Happy for us to look at an updated version post Statement- we recognise the fast turnaround that will be required for that.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:26
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Hi [redacted],

I'm using this version of the Trans Prisoner FMQ to start updating - I'm just trying to get it lined up with the various bits from statement and Q&A etc just now so that I can get an updated version over for views then it'll just be anything specific that comes out of the statement that will need updating before getting it back up to the FMQ team for 3:30.

Just wanted to flag to avoid any duplication or version control issues,

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 18:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Amendments/comments in attached thanks

[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 17:22
To: [redacted]
Cc: <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] <DLMPOBFMPFMS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Hi

Happy to confirm that the date has gone out to working group members, and is firmly in diaries for Friday 10th February.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 17:02
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMS@gov.scot>; First Minister

FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>[redacted]

Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Adding [redacted] who fed in on the college aspect before.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 16:55

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Colleagues

Adding [redacted] for her review alongside just in the interests of time.

Attached is the latest FMQ brief. It includes the updated figures as discussed. [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views] I wonder if [redacted] can confirm for us the date of that meeting is still current

Best wishes

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 16:13

To: [redacted]

Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Hi [Redacted],

Apologies for missing today's deadline – the statement started a little later than anticipated – please find attached updated Transgender Prisoner FMQ.

We'll see what pick up there is in the media tomorrow and may need to update on the back of that.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:32

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>[redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Let's go with that [redacted] and we can keep in touch through the day

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:29
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>[redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

I'd suggest 3.30pm if that's ok as Statement at 2.30 and concludes at 3 so allowing a little time to take account of it.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:18
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>[redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

That makes sense [redacted], I was just about to reach out about that! What time makes sense?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:12
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; FMPU : FMQ Team <DLMPOBFMPFMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot> [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

[redacted]

Just to mention, Mr Brown is giving a Statement in Parliament tomorrow so I think updates in the morning could well be overtaken by this.

Is it ok if we take stock on the Statement and update taking account of that – which would be later tomorrow?

[redacted] – if you can update on the HE aspects in the morning if possible.

SPS colleagues – if you have aspects to update on please share in the morning and I wanted to check if helpful to have a call around 9?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 15:46

To: [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; <DLMPOBFMPMQS@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>

Subject: Transgender Prisoners FMQ - by 0930 AM Tuesday please

Importance: High

Dear [redacted], colleagues,

Thanks for this week's brief. I've tidied up the formatting and the top box on the attached. Could you now review for the following issues and send an updated brief by 930 tomorrow please? I know there's a lot below but there's a lot of repetition - my sense is much of it is covered by the lines in here but grateful for your check. I think there may be a need to work with HE colleagues on the [redacted under sec 39(b)] of the below so I've added [redacted] for guidance on where that might sit ([redacted] I think we have lines on issue of those charged with SOs being admitted into university so perhaps we can draw on those)

Best wishes

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

Best wishes

[redacted]

7. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and SPS dated 30 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:34
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Cat (and copied colleagues)

With apologies for the slight delay progressing this, but that extra consideration is extremely appreciated.

The additional background provided is also extremely helpful; will take forward the line with this noted addition, setting it within the context we have.

Thanks again.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:23
To: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>[redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Hope that is of assistance

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:23
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted under sec 30(b)]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:18
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Colleagues,

[redacted Section 38(1)(b) – Personal information of third party]

[redacted]

OFFICIAL

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:08
To: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; Neil.Rennick@gov.scot; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks all - appreciate all the work on this.

–[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Can we have a line that simply says that?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot
Sent: 30 January 2023 14:20
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi, have discussed with [redacted], we're both content from SPS perspective. Thanks

[redacted]

OFFICIAL

From: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot
Sent: 30 January 2023 14:17
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come

Slight amendment:

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 14:15
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Grateful for clearance as soon as possible
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:50
To: [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>;
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come

Hi

Could we please get all the transcripts that require to be checked please?

Cheers
Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:24
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: POLICY VIEW: Point arising from GMS bid - further bids to come

Cat, colleagues

Using the same chain to flag this news release which has circulated today for immediate use. Press Association has asked if we have any response.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

It may impact on the bids Cab Sec Justice was of an earlier mind to accept and handling to meet the below. I'll come back on this in due course.

Sturgeon must make statement on transgender criminal chaos

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party press office

Monday 30 January 2023

FAO: all newsdesks

Embargo: for immediate release

The Scottish Conservatives are demanding a parliamentary statement from the First Minister on the safety of female prisoners to clarify Scottish Government policy in the wake of “chaos, confusion and U-turns” by SNP ministers.

Shadow community safety minister Russell Findlay also confirmed his party would put forward an amendment to the SNP’s Bail and Release from Custody Bill to introduce a legal ban on violent transgender criminals being housed in women’s prisons.

The move would make permanent the temporary halt on trans prisoners with a history of violence against women being housed in female jails, which Keith Brown announced on Sunday.

The justice secretary’s latest U-turn came after growing public and media outcry over the cases of a double rapist – now identifying as a female, [redacted] – who was initially sent to a women’s jail and another violent trans criminal – Tiffany Scott – who had been approved for transfer to a female jail.

Russell Findlay – who has submitted a Topical Question on this issue to the Presiding Officer – also urged the SNP to take evidence from the United Nations expert on torture, Alice Edwards, who tweeted about her concerns over the safety of women prisoners in Scotland.

Scottish Conservative shadow community safety minister Russell Findlay said: “After days of SNP chaos, confusion and U-turns, Nicola Sturgeon must come to parliament as a matter of urgency. She needs to explain her government's shambolic mess and make clear how the safety of female prisoners can be guaranteed.

“We need full transparency because the only thing clear at the moment is that the justice secretary is in complete disarray. Keith Brown was only shamed into this dramatic U-turn after a sustained public outcry over two highly dangerous criminals.

“But a ‘pause’ on criminals with a history of violence against women being housed in female prisons does not go far enough. We need a permanent ban to safeguard vulnerable female inmates.

“The Scottish Conservatives will seek to amend the SNP’s Bail and Release from Custody Bill, which is due to come before parliament in March, in order to make this temporary ban permanent.

“The last few days have exposed Nicola Sturgeon as being completely out of touch with public opinion. Putting the rights of highly dangerous criminals ahead of those of vulnerable women is utterly perverse.

“I have also submitted a Topical Question seeking answers from the Scottish Government about the review of Scottish Prison Service policy on transgender criminals in the wake of the [redacted] scandal.

“I would also urge the SNP to take evidence from the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture who shares widespread public concerns over the safety of women prisoners.”

Notes

The Topical Question submitted by Russell Findlay to the PO reads: TATSG for an update of its proposed review in relation to the transfer of a convicted double rapist to a women’s prison.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Alice Edwards voiced her concerns about the safety of women prisoners in this tweet:

<https://twitter.com/DrAliceJEdwards/status/1619579182245347330?s=20&t=5jlt6dJFgqlllxD4L1S-Zw>

ENDS

8. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and Risk Management Authority dated 30 Jan 2023

From: McSherry M (Mark) <Mark.McSherry@rma.gov.scot
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:08
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: OLR

Hi Cat
Thanks for the update earlier.

As discussed, if there is a question on our role, the following would be useful to get across. Appreciate this will need some condensing, but would hope the section on significant change can be used to clarify the position in this morning's interview.

Everyone on the Order for Lifelong Restriction requires a Risk Management Plan (RMP.) The RMA evaluate every plan so that these meet their Standards and Guidelines for Risk Management. The foundation of every plan is an in depth assessment of the individual, so that decision makers are clear what needs to be done. Every plan includes victim safety, supervision, monitoring and intervention strategies. Once a plan is approved, the RMA also evaluate the implementation of the plan.

Where there is a significant change (such as a planned transfer to another establishment) the lead authority must review the plan, decide if it remains suitable and if not, submit an amended RMP for evaluation against RMA standards. This is a legal requirement in the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003. The RMA can approve the plan, issue guidance or can also issue a direction to make sure the Plan meets the required standards of risk management.

I hope this is useful and let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

Mark

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 17:22
To: McSherry M (Mark) <Mark.McSherry@rma.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: OLR

Hi Mark

Sorry – been out this afternoon and all working at high pace at some speed.

I have attached the SPS statement if that is helpful.- I don't have any information as yet about how they will conduct the review but am sure SPS colleagues will be able to advise.

Cheers

Cat

A Scottish Prison Service spokesperson said: "We have commenced an urgent review of all transgender cases currently managed in our establishments.

"Our first concern is always, and remains, the health, safety, and wellbeing of all the people in our care, and that of our staff.

"We have very robust risk assessment processes, and a track record of keeping people safe, in often challenging circumstances.

"We have therefore paused the movement of all transgender individuals, until the review has been completed.

"This review will consider any history of violence or sexual offending against women, and associated risk, with a view to determining the most appropriate location for the individual to be accommodated.

"Until the review is completed, any trans individuals, with a history of violence towards women, will only be admitted to the male estate, in segregation, when they first enter our care.

"This arrangement will be progressed in line with our human rights obligations.

"Finally, our ongoing policy review will be independently assessed by experts in women affected by trauma and violence."

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: McSherry M (Mark) <Mark.McSherry@rma.gov.scot>

Sent: 29 January 2023 17:10

To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OLR

Hi Cat

Just seen the Cab Sec's announcement and have contacted SPS about the review.

Would be useful to talk about this early in the week, as we need to work out the implications for Risk Management Plans already submitted.

Thanks

Mark

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Sent: 28 January 2023 22:29

To: McSherry M (Mark) <Mark.McSherry@rma.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: OLR

Thanks Mark- due to speak to Neil first thing so will touch base thereafter and make sure we are all sighted on next steps.

Cheers

Cat

Sent with BlackBerry Work (www.blackberry.com)

From: "McSherry M (Mark)" <Mark.McSherry@rma.gov.scot>
Sent: 28 Jan 2023 21:09
To: "Dalrymple C (Catriona)" <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: OLR

Hi Cat,

Thanks for catching up earlier [redacted under Section 29(1)(a) – Formulation of policy]

If you plan any comms, appreciate if they could link in with [redacted]on this, as we will. [redacted]

It might be useful to catch up on this on Monday or tomorrow if need be?

Thanks

Mark

9. Email Exchange dated 30 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:07

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Doris D (David) [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

Hi [redacted]

In response to the Cabinet Secretary's question. SPS are undertaking an urgent lessons learned review in relation to the case of [redacted] which is expected to conclude by the end of the week. [redacted] This is in line with existing policy and practice.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:04

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot> [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:34

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

We are just checking and [redacted] will confirm

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:32

To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

All

[redacted as-Information published and available at
[Transgender prisoner management: urgent case review correspondence - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Grateful if you could please let me know. First interview is in a hour.

Many thanks

[redacted]

10. Email Exchange relating to Letter sent to Criminal Justice Committee dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 12:33
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

Attachment- Published at [Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans \(parliament.scot\)](https://www.parliament.scot/Cabinet-Secretary-for-Justice-and-Veterans)
All,

Please see attached final version sent to Committee, for your records.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:29
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]
I just wanted to confirm that following our conversation, on your advice, PO will issue the letter to the committee today at 12:30.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 31 January 2023 11:06
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>;
Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]
Please see attached a small edit from Cab Sec in tracked changes. Otherwise he is content to approve.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 January 2023 10:20

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]

Please find proposed update which takes on [redacted] changes and expands the position on the timescale.

If Mr Brown is content, it would issue ahead of the Statement.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:53

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

Thanks all,

Cab Sec has reviewed [redacted under Sec 29 formulation of Policy]

I'd be hugely grateful if you could please take his comments forward and update the draft following conversations with SPS colleagues.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:09

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

A few minor changes in the attached.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:53

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

Apologies [redacted], an earlier version was attached with tracks.

Here is the clean version.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:45

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]

Please find attached proposed letter for Mr Brown to send to the Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee updating on reviews relating to transgender prisoners.

The Clerk to the Committee had been in touch with officials this morning to check if Mr Brown would be writing to the Committee, without saying a letter was required. Having considered handling, including Mr Brown's attendance at the Committee on Wednesday in relation to the Bail and Release from Custody Bill, a letter was prepared. In the meantime, it has been confirmed that Mr Brown will be giving a Statement to Parliament tomorrow, though the letter now acknowledges this.

If Mr Brown is content with the letter, we'd suggest it issue tomorrow with timing agreed with spads.

[redacted]

11. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and SPS dated 30 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:51

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted]> Colleagues,

[redacted under Section 29(1)(a) – Formulation/Development of Policy]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:05

To: [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted] – understood.

Jim

Jim Kerr

Deputy Chief Executive (Interim)

Scottish Prison Service,

1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh

EH12 9DF

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:58

To: Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>; Neil.Rennick@gov.scot; [redacted]

Cc: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Jim

I've left that out for the minute but I expect it will need to be covered in the statement. [redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

[redacted]

From: Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:47
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

It probably covers the issue in Para 6, and [redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

Jim Kerr
Deputy Chief Executive (Interim)
Scottish Prison Service,
1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh
EH12 9DF

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:17
To: Neil.Rennick@gov.scot; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

Attached is a clean version. I've added SPS colleagues for awareness on the, hopefully, final draft and added [redacted] for views on timing taking account of the statement.

I can put this forward to Cab Sec just now for clearance and issue tomorrow ahead of the statement. I think issuing the letter in the morning would work but views welcome.

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 16:02
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

Thank you, a couple of tiny suggestions marked.

Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:21
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

[redacted]
Draft letter to Criminal Justice Committee attached for comment.

[redacted] – I've not included a specific reference to the Bill but sharing for awareness. If you thought a reference should be added, please advise.

We're aiming to put this Cab Sec later today or early tomorrow as it is for issue tomorrow.

[redacted] – we want this to go before the Committee appearance. I've not mentioned amendments or anything but have acknowledged Cab Sec will be at Committee on Wednesday.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 18:30
To: [redacted]HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted under sec 30(b)], can I suggest that we go back with:

[redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 18:12
To: HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted].

[redacted] [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:07

To: HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]

You'll have seen Cab Sec's comments on timing. Grateful if you can advise on this in the morning,

PO have also emailed to ask: [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Any info from this you can share?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]>

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:09

To: CabSecJV@gov.scot; Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; Neil.Rennick@gov.scot; [redacted]>

Cc: DirectorofJustice@gov.scot; [redacted]> HQ CE Executive Secretariat

<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

Sorry [redacted]> we need to defer to SPS colleagues (copied) for that.

From: [redacted]> > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 30 January 2023 18:04

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)

<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]>

Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:36
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

Thanks everyone – appreciated! I know you're busy with the statement and Q&A as well.

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:34
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>;; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

[redacted]

We are just checking and [redacted] will confirm

Cat

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:32
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Fisher Q (Quentin) [redacted]
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]>
Subject: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

All

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Grateful if you could please let me know. First interview is in a hour.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 20:32
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: Statement- Q&A [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Cat

Some updates in the attached

Apologies what was received from [redacted] and wider team wasn't useable for this purpose. Key thing for the morning is answer to number of trans women in the estate and assurance point.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 20:45
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks Neil

I have picked up these two changes in the version I am now working with.

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 20:36
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

Thanks so much. [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Otherwise content for this to go forward. Normally, we should probably let [redacted] see first, but given the time that's probably not feasible.

Neil
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:40
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks everyone.

Attached is the best version of the statement. [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Neil/Cat – if content I will accept changes, fix formatting and send up with the draft Q and A we have.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:18
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks Cat – that’s helpful.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]
Measures have been put in place which means that women in custody will be protected from any associated risk during this period.

Thanks too to [redacted] for her comments. I will pull these together now with a view to getting this up. We will have feedback tomorrow and may have a chance for further amends then.

Both of you flagged the college angle. My inclination would be to deal with as a question but happy to include lines if the consensus is that we should.

At circa 1200 words we are about right – he’s delivery speed means that 10 minutes sees us at about 1400 words without interventions.

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:03
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks [redacted]

Think this is shaping up really well. Added a few things and a comment.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Word count is about 1200 so not a million miles off but room for anything extra.

We should get this to SPAD’s too tonight,

Cheers
Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:12
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot> [redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Thanks for sharing- I think this looking good and strikes the right balance in terms of tone etc. There continues to be some media around the college course aspect of this so wondered if he should say something on that front? (saw the FMQ lines).

Ive suggested a tiny tweak but not sure it the right wording (brain fried)- REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Mindful of the brief discussion we had this morning on that front and subsequent discussions Neil has had with Jim in this regard/CJB MoU etc.

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 18:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;[redacted]
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

I've added some concluding lines, but I'm sure you'll come up with something better.

Neil

From: Rennick NS (Neil)
Sent: 30 January 2023 18:11
To: [redacted]
Cc: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

This is as far as I have progressed with comments on the Statement. I haven't come up with any concluding lines yet.

Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 17:16

To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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All

As discussed (with some of you) – a first dump of ideas for the statement. It is I think much shorter than it should be so grateful for either lines or just indicators of what I am missing. Also shout if you spot any factual errors. We have to get something to CS this evening so grateful for a quick turnaround

[redacted]

12. Email Exchange relating to News Release dated 29 Jan 2023 Statement 31 Jan

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Director of Safer Communities
Sent: 30 January 2023 12:57
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>
Cc: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: SG Media Release on Trans Prisoner - [redacted]

Thanks both.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 12:53
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>
Cc: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: SG Media Release on Trans Prisoner - [redacted]

Here is the link: [Justice Secretary statement on protecting prisoners - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/justice-secretary-statement-protecting-prisoners)

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 30 January 2023 12:41
To: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>
Cc: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: SG Media Release on Trans Prisoner - [redacted]

[redacted]

Here is the news release (I think the latest version)

Hope that helps

Cat

[REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Director of Justice
Sent: 30 January 2023 12:38
To: Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>

Cc: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: SG Media Release on Trans Prisoner - [redacted]

Thanks[redacted]

Copied to Cat and her team who can advise re the news release and to make them aware of [redacted] request.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Director of Safer Communities
Sent: 30 January 2023 12:17
To: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>
Subject: SG Media Release on Trans Prisoner - [redacted]

[redacted]

Do you or the relevant teams have the SG media release that went out on the above? [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Any help would be appreciated.
[redacted]

13. Email to Criminal Justice Board Members dated 31 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:33
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners [OFFICIAL] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you very much, this is really helpful. We will be in touch.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:32
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners [OFFICIAL]

Hi both,

Please see below.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

From: ACC Criminal Justice <ACCCriminalJustice@scotland.police.uk>
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:22
To: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners [OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

Following on from your attached email, please see attached the named point of contact for Criminal Justice Services Department – highlighted below.

With kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]
Executive Support Officer to ACC Steve Johnson – Local Policing West and Criminal Justice
Police Scotland
Tulliallan Castle
Alloa
FK20 4BE

Mobile: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]
Website: www.scotland.police
Twitter: @PoliceScotland

Facebook: www.facebook.com/policescotland

From: CJS Divisional Commander
Sent: 31 January 2023 14:02
To: ACC Criminal Justice <ACCCriminalJustice@scotland.police.uk>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners [OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted],

CJS would like to nominate Inspector [redacted] from CJS Policy to liaise directly with SPS.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: ACC Criminal Justice
Sent: 31 January 2023 08:46
To: [redacted]; CJS Divisional Commander <CJSDDivisionalCommander@scotland.police.uk>
Subject: FW: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners [OFFICIAL]

[redacted]
FYI

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Neil.Rennick@assured.systems.gov.scot
Sent: 31 January 2023 08:31
To: ACC Criminal Justice <ACCCriminalJustice@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted]@scotland.police.uk; PSCECA@copfs.gov.uk; lancasterco@slab.org.uk; Willie.Cowan@assured.systems.gov.scot; Catriona.Dalrymple@assured.systems.gov.scot; DirectorofJustice@assured.systems.gov.scot; Anna.Donald@assured.systems.gov.scot; [redacted]@slab.org.uk; [redacted]@scotcourts.gov.uk; headofjas@assured.systems.gov.scot; [redacted] [redacted]@copfs.gov.uk [redacted] PSCourtService@scotcourts.gov.uk; Neil.Rennick@assured.systems.gov.scot; [redacted] teresa.medhurst@sps.pnn.gov.uk; [redacted]
Subject: Urgent - Transgender Prisoners

Criminal Justice Board members

You will be aware of the current significant public, media and parliamentary interest in the issue of transgender prisoners, in particular the placement of transgender female prisoners in the female prison estate. This email seeks your assistance as part of our response to these issues.

Transgender prisoners account for around 0.2% of the prison population. As with other prisoners, appropriate robust risk assessment processes are in place within prisons to assess risks associated with individual transgender prisoners and to determine the most appropriate location, etc.

However, in light of the public and parliamentary concern raised about two cases in recent days, following engagement between SG and SPS, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans announced on Sunday 29 January a number of actions which the SPS have put in place to provide

immediate assurance around the protection of female prisoners. A copy of the Cabinet Secretary's statement is provided below. The actions are being taken forward by SPS, but I am seeking your assistance specifically with the following commitment:

2. No newly convicted or remanded transgender prisoner with any history of violence against women will be placed in the female estate. Violence against women includes sexual offences against women.

There will sometimes, but not always, be intelligence in advance about someone who might either be remanded in custody or receive a custodial sentence. Whilst the current commitment is in place, it is clearly vital that SPS is made aware as soon as possible if there is any possibility of a female transgender prisoner with any known history of violence against women or girls (taking the wide SG definition of [VAWG](#), which includes, sexual offending, physical and psychological abuse, stalking, etc.) being remanded or sentenced to custody, so that necessary arrangements can be put in place. We recognise that this is not straightforward and will be easier to determine for some prisoners than others (e.g. there may be limited notice for people remanded through the custody courts), but it is vital in the current context that any intelligence on such instances is communicated to SPS when it is known. In the immediate term we would be grateful, for those organisations where this is a relevant issue (e.g. Police, Crown and Courts), **we would be grateful if you could identify urgently a named individual to liaise with SPS on this issue.** SPS are exploring the potential for a Memorandum of Understanding to help clarify arrangements, as far as possible.

The relevant contact points within SPS for any immediate questions about this issue are: [redacted]

SPS will also be liaising directly with GEOAmev with reference to these issues.

If it would be helpful, I am happy to speak individually to Board members or to convene a discussion on any issues raised by the Cabinet Secretary's statement.

Neil

Neil Rennick
Director, Justice
Scottish Government
[redacted]

[Redacted as published at [Justice Secretary statement on protecting prisoners - gov.scot](#)
([www.gov.scot](#))]