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- 1. Briefing related to First Minister Questions dated 26 Jan 2023**

## 1. Email Exchange relating to Transgender Prisoners dated 25 Jan 2023

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 10:54  
**To:** [redacted];redacted];[redacted]@prisons.gov.scot; [redacted][redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] [redacted][redacted] [redacted] [redacted][redacted [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: FM commission - request for information

CS's office asked for one but it hasn't been done yet. [redacted] are at SPS today speaking to [redacted]. I suggest that whatever we put up to FM is copied to CS and that we confirm with PO that this meets the ask.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 10:39  
**To:** [redacted];[redacted][redacted]@prisons.gov.scot;  
[redacted];[mailto:\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])**Cc:** [redacted]; [redacted];  
[redacted];[redacted];[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: FM commission - request for information

Thanks [redacted] for laying this out, really helpful. We are updating Prions FMQs as well.

I haven't seen the Note for Mr. Brown then went up last night, grateful if anyone can please share the note.

Many thanks,  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 10:33  
**To:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot;  
[redacted];[redacted]**Cc:**  
[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];**Subject:** RE: FM  
commission - request for information

I realise there's a number of different asks on this issue and I think prisons are leading on the following but my team will of course feed in in any way helpful:

- Note for Keith Brown commissioned last night (can this be copied to Ms Robison)
- Note for FM before 2pm interview (could be combined with above?)
- Urgent Question if accepted by PO ([redacted] in my team will coordinate with [redacted] team on this)

There's also updates needed to respective FMQs needed. I'm working on ours.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 10:10  
**To:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot[redacted];[redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted];[redacted][redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FM commission - request for information  
**Subject:** FW: FM commission - request for information

Hi

Please see below – specifically the questions highlighted below.  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:23  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) ; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; [redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted]

Hi [redacted],

The interviewers are setting up as we speak. We will try and get something to you as soon as it is concluded.

Thanks

[redacted]

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona)  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:31  
**To:** [redacted]; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted];[redacted][redacted];[redacted]

Thanks [redacted] – a read out of the interview asap would be really helpful as FM is on at 2pm so would be good to know if there is anything raised that may feature in FM interview.

Cheers  
Cat

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:23  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FM commission - request for information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon [redacted],

Copying you into this for information.

Just to keep you abreast, we have STV here conducting an interview with a colleague regarding [redacted] at the moment.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:18

**To:** [redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];redacted][redacted]

**Subject:** FW: FM commission - request for information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted]

Colleagues may be able to update further, but I've just spoken to the Governor. The case conference has not been held yet, but will take place this afternoon. [Redacted under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Personally, I don't see a reason why FM could not talk to any of that. Mostly it refers to general policy. [Redacted under Sections 29(1)(c) and 36(1)]

Kind regards  
[redacted]

## 2. Email Exchange relating to Urgent Question dated 25 Jan 2023

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:27  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted], yes all can be made public, all available on our website

**From:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:26  
**To:** [redacted]; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Cheers  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:21  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all,

We've tried to get a more recent update, but against the deadline we're only able to provide numbers current as of end of September.

At that point, we had 15 trans individuals, including 11 trans women and 4 trans men.

Of the 11 trans women, six are in male, five in female estate. Of the four trans men, three are in the women's estate, and one in the male.

They were all living in single cells at that point.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:17

**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] <mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service  
**Importance:** High

Hi [redacted]

Apologies [redacted under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]]. We are aiming to get this up in 10 minutes so hoping you might have [Redacted under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:28  
**To:** [redacted]>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] <mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>**From:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Colleagues,

Please see the following amendment:

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

Kind regards

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 14:17  
**To:** [redacted]; HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service  
**Importance:** High

Hi [redacted]

Apologies but to see CS request for further info to be included in briefing. We are aiming to get this up in 10 minutes so hoping you might have [Redacted under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][redacted][redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:53  
**To:** [redacted]; HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted][redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

All

Have also attached some information which may be useful for the background note.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:52  
**To:** [redacted] [mailto:HQ CE Executive Secretariat](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

All,

Please see SPS' response to urgent PQ.

Background note to follow.

Kind regards

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:43  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted][redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service  
**Importance:** High

Hi [redacted]

Apologies but can you please provide an answer to this in the ridiculous timescales set. [redacted] can you please pull together a briefing that covers all the wider questions on GRR and SPS policy.

[redacted]

### 3. Email Exchange between Scottish Government Officials and SPS dated 26 Jan 2023

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 10:36  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

*Attachment: See Attachment No.1- Briefing for First minister Questions dated 26 Jan 2023*

Thanks all – for the time being that is all that is required and all outstanding queries from my perspective have been dealt with.

Go and grab a cuppa all and many thanks for all the help and support this morning (and of course last night)

Cheers  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 10:00  
**To:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[Redacted under s30(b)]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 09:51  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 09:41  
**To:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>



**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 09:24  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted][mailto: HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all,

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Thanks

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 09:12  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted]HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted]

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[redacted]

OFFICIAL

**From:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 08:59  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]

Thanks – the requests are fast and furious this morning! – we have another few asks but have tried to summarise below for easiness.

If you fire lines to me .. I will collate them and send them all back to FMQ team.

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That is all I have at the moment for SPS so thought it was helpful to pull it all together for reference

Feel free to phone or teams if you require anything else and thanks again for picking it all up so promptly.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 08:40  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted] ; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Cat,

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Thanks  
[redacted]

**From:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 08:38  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Question from SPAD  
[redacted]

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Can someone quickly confirm if this is the case and if so – can you provide some information on it?

Many thanks  
[redacted]

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 08:04  
**To:** <mailto:>>; <[redacted]@prisons.gov.scot ; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

[redacted]  
See further requests for this morning:

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

Many thanks all- apologies but grateful if this can be prioritised asap.

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 11:45  
**To:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

All

So that you are sighted on what appears to be the final material sent up. Sorry trying to collate it all and make sense of the million different chains. I am now going through all the chains to check and will ensure any additional stuff is copied to you.

I am aware of the need to ensure you are all sighted – please bear with us. Half of the requests this morning did not come in on mail – teams was used as a mechanism which causes additional issues in keeping track of stuff. I am sorry if I am short – but please be reassured I only know too well the need to sight everyone.

[redacted] we have not been sighted [redacted] – all that I produced was copied under separate chain and was restricted to factual information that you had previously provided.

If I see anything I will advise. However I understand it was to be two short lines about not being able to say anything so do not think there is anything pertinent in it. The only request that came in on this was from SGLD that you were sighted on so the only other requests [redacted] so you are I think now sighted on all that we are here in prisons policy team.

Hope that assists meantime  
[redacted]



#### 4. Email Chain of Exchange between SG and SPS dated 25-26 Jan

**From:** [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 23:32  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[REDACTED] - thanks for picking this up so late and for a heads up on likely DM stance which I see has come to fruition.

Neil, Cat, just to advise [REDACTED] is off tomorrow and Friday but please continue to route things via [REDACTED] and me.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 23:16  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks Cat. Just responded. [REDACTED under Section 30(b) – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views] – Free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

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**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:55:48 PM  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED] – just copied you into the press query and response.

Cat

Cat Dalrymple  
DD Community Justice.

**From:** [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 22:32  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

All,

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OFFICIAL

**From:** [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 22:06

**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil)

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Both,

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Thanks

[Redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 26 January 2023 10:19

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Comms Line - Timing of SPS Decision Transgender Prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted] – yes, I think [redacted] messaged a couple of folk. Thanks for fielding.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 26 January 2023 10:15

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Comms Line - Timing of SPS Decision Transgender Prisoner

Morning [redacted],

Apologies, just had similar request from [redacted] (perhaps same one), should have CCd you in. I've discussed with [redacted]. I am mindful this where media and political interest will head.

This is our proposed line...

The SPS recognises the public interest in this matter, but cannot provide a running commentary on decisions relating to personal cases.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 26 January 2023 10:08

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Comms Line - Timing of SPS Decision Transgender Prisoner

Morning [redacted]

[Redacted under section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted]

## 5. Email Chain of Exchange between Scottish Government officials and SPS dated 24 Jan 2023

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 13:16

**To:** [redacted]Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted]>; [redacted]HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted][redacted]>

**Cc:** Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Devlin N (Neil) <Neil.Devlin@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

**Subject:** Read out of Cab Sec BBC interview on trans prisoners

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below an overview of Mr Brown's interview with the BBC earlier today – on trans prisoners.

Below is a read-out of Mr Brown's responses. The BBC were asking about:

- How confident SG were in SPS's approach to managing risks
- What was being done to protect vulnerable prisoners, especially women
- How the GRR Bill impacted on decisions made
- SG response to public concerns on this issue

Hope this is of some help

Many thanks

[redacted]

Information already in public domain

### **Readout of KB interview on trans prisoner [redacted]**

I am very confident that the Scottish Prison Service is managing the risks, sometimes extreme risks, posed by those in custody - both to themselves and others around them.

Risk assessments are done over a period of time, and decisions are made from this

Decisions on where to place prisoners have nothing to do with the GRR Bill that went through Parliament. The Prison service takes the facts as they see them, take the risks that are presented and mitigate against them.

As things currently stand SPS don't know if people have a gender recognition certificate or not. There are medical assessments done, health assessments, psychological assessments - these are what are taken into account. Gender recognition certificates are not a cornerstone of the assessments carried out by SPS.

SPS knows better than anyone else, the background of prisoners, the trauma they have suffered and the possibilities of exacerbating this. They take these issues into account when deciding where to allocate prisoners.

Part of the justice system across the board is managing risks and I am confident that we do the proper risks assessments to minimise risks for everyone

Have to understand the general public concern about this, not least the ways facts are presented by the media, and that SG have a duty to respond to this. Hope they will accept that we do take these things very seriously and have a strong- track record of keeping people safe.



**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:33  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted][redacted]>  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Devlin N (Neil) <Neil.Devlin@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]- we do not comment on individual cases, that this is an operational matter for SPS who have a clear track record in deploying robust risk assessment for those in our care.

[redacted] will be able to give a read out on media questions asked of CS just following our meeting/HQ opening just now with him. Cc [redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:26  
**To:** [redacted] [mailto:HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Cc:** [DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted] <mailto:Neil.Devlin@gov.scot>; [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:24  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted] [redacted]; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Ok – please ignore my suggestions. [redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:16

**To:** [redacted] 'HQ CE Executive Secretariat'  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted] [redacted]  
Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil)  
<[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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SPS

Following on from my question below please see additional lines suggested in track.

I am sorry but we really need to turn this around very quickly as it needs to go to the FM in 15 minutes. Please call if that helps [redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 09:53  
**To:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted][redacted]>  
**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) <[Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot)>; Director of Justice  
<[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]; [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona)  
<[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>;  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks! [redacted]

I note that Russell Finlay has lodged an urgent PQ so it probably makes sense to develop further briefing at short notice this morning. We will come back on a reduced copy list to work through that.

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

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 09:36  
**To:** [redacted] >; HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) <[Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot)>; Director of Justice  
<[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <mailto:>Dalrymple C (Catriona)  
<[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>;  
[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning,

Updated FMQ with lines from SPS.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 09:26  
**To:** [redacted] [mailto: HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot); [DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted] <mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst [<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)

Thanks both

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

[redacted]

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) [<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 09:06  
**To:** [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) [<Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst [<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) [<Anna.Donald@gov.scot>](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot); Director of Justice [<DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks – if someone could liaise with Prisons Policy team with lines so that between us and [redacted] team we can ensure the relevant material is available for FMQ tomorrow.

Cheers  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 08:24  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) [<Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst [<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot); Dalrymple C (Catriona) [<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) [<Anna.Donald@gov.scot>](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot); Director of Justice [<DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[REDACTED under Section 38(1)(b)].

[redacted] will be happy to discuss later if required.

Many thanks

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 07:54

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**From:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>;

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 07:54

**To:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)> Dalrymple C (Catriona)  
<[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) <[Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot)>; Director of Justice  
<[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

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

I'm just leaving just now so should be there before 9:00.

[redacted]

**From:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 25 January 2023 07:44

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

**Cc:** Donald AE (Anna) <[Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot)>; Director of Justice  
<[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning [redacted],

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

Many thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 24 January 2023 21:23

**To:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [redacted]; [mailto:Teresa Medhurst](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)  
<[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** [Anna.Donald@gov.scot](mailto:Anna.Donald@gov.scot); [DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted]

**Subject:** FW: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner

**Importance:** High

Dear all

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

**6. Email Exchanges between Scottish Government Officials and SPS dated 27 Jan 2023**

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 14:32

**To:** [redacted][redacted][redacted]Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; First Minister;[REDACTED]

**Cc:** Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); DG Education & Justice; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoner: Update: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE - PERSONAL

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for this update, Mr Brown has noted.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

**From:** [redacted][REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 January 2023 09:59

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; First Minister

**Cc:** Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); DG Education & Justice; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Transgender Prisoner: Update: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE - PERSONAL

**Importance:** High

(SENT ON BEHALF OF TERESA MEDHURST, SPS CHIEF EXECUTIVE)

PS/First Minister

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Veterans

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

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

If you require any further information please do let me know.

Many thanks

Teresa

**Teresa Medhurst** Chief Executive

**7. Note of PHONE CALLS WITH SPS [redacted]– 26 JANUARY 2023 10:00 – 12:30**

Around 10:00 a.m. I spoke on the telephone with the SPS Chief Executive. I asked [Redacted under section s38(1)]

Following a check on the process, the CEO confirmed, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] The CEO noted the unique circumstances of the case and confirmed that this was an operational decision for the SPS.

[Redacted under section s38(1)] the CEO noted that communication was required with relevant partners to progress the decision.

[Redacted under section s38(1)]

[Redacted under section 38(1)(b)]

Neil Rennick  
Director, Justice  
25 anuary 2023

**8. Email Exchange between Scottish Government and SPS dated 29 Jan 2023**

**From:** [redacted]  
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:35  
**To:** [redacted]  
Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: wider next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Cat

Yes please, can you copy [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Neil

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:34  
**To:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted – 38(1)(b)]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: wider next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks all – so that you are sighted. On the back of that please see draft statement that we will put in after your advice and confirmation. It may well change [redacted – 38(1)(b) is having a look at it meantime ( on basis it is a draft)

Can you confirm if you are content and if you think it needs any amendment.

Neil – haven't sighted [redacted – 38(1)(b)] on this as yet.. but is it worth doing so?

Cheers  
Cat

Cat Dalrymple  
DD Community Justice.

**From:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:23  
**To:** [redacted]  
Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: wider next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted – 38(1)(b) Content with the suggested changes from Neil.

Neil,



Thanks for your support.

Teresa

**Teresa Medhurst**  
Chief Executive

📍: Scottish Prison Service, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ  
☎: 0131-330-3601 (External)/203601 (Internal) | 💻: [Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)

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**From:** [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:20  
**To:** [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: wider next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Sorry, for speed, some suggestions marked below. [redacted **Section 29(1)(a)**]  
Neil

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 11:49  
**To:** [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

**Subject:** wider next steps [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

Other part of brief is under development but suggestion for wider next steps as per below.

In relation to public interest regarding the placement of transgender prisoners, the SPS Chief Executive:

1. Has instructed an urgent lessons learned review in relation to the case of [redacted – 38(1)(b)] with all learning to be applied to existing transgender cases in the prison estate. The review will report to the CEO by Friday 3 Feb.

2. [redacted Section 29(1)(a) - paras 2 to 5]

**From:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:42

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

**Cc:** DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil)

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

**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Afternoon [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

SPS had undertaken a very detailed case conference which had concluded [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

I trust this clarifies

Many thanks

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted] On Behalf Of [CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:20

**To:** [redacted][firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)

**Cc:** [CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot); [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this, Mr Brown has noted and [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Grateful if colleagues can advise.

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:57

**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; DG

Education & Justice <[dgej@gov.scot](mailto:dgej@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>;

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

**Subject:** IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

PS/First Minister

Copy: PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

**PLACEMENT OF TRANSGENER PRISONERS- OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

On behalf of Teresa Medhurst, SPS Chief Executive, please find an operational update on the above:

- [redacted as Personal Information of Third party]

**WIDER NEXT STEPS:**

[redacted Section 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks

[redacted]

**From:** Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:01

**To:** redacted]Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Teresa

Thanks, yes.

neil

**From:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:01

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

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Neil,

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Hopefully, this is clearer.

Many thanks,

Teresa

**Teresa Medhurst**

Chief Executive

📍: Scottish Prison Service, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ  
☎️: 0131-330-3601 (External)/203601 (Internal) | 💻: [Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)

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**From:** [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:46

**To:** redacted – 38(1)(b)]Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

redacted – 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – **Section 29(1)(a)**]

Neil

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:35

**To:** [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil)  
<[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:35

**To:** [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil)  
<[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 10:34  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Advice request

Cat  
To confirm that this has been caught and we will ensure a note is put up to FM today.

[redacted]

**From:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 10:21  
**To:** [redacted]  
HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted] [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** FW: Advice request  
**Importance:** High

[redacted]  
As discussed earlier on the phone and after my discussion with Neil this morning I would be grateful if you could provide the briefing as requested:

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

The wider position statement that was discussed has just been overtaken by the new request from FM – which [redacted] will need to speak to [redacted] Direct asap.

Many thanks  
[redacted]

**9. Email Exchange between SPS and SG Officials relating to Statement dated 29 Jan 2023**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 16:05  
**To:** [redacted]  
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>;  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted]

Please find a revised quote from us, which has been approved by [redacted]. Have also had a call and input from [redacted]

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]

OFFICIAL

**From:**  
[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 16:00  
**To:** [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]  
Neil

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 15:26  
**To:** [redacted]  
Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]

Will discuss with colleagues and amend.  
[redacted]

OFFICIAL

**From:** [redacted] [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 15:22

**To:** [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;

**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Thanks. [redacted – 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 15:00

**To:** [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil)  
<[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>;

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

**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

,

Here is our statement, which we intend to issue once we know the Cab Sec's has gone out.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot);

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 14:59

**To:** [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Good point. Yes, our SG definition of “violence against women” include stalking and psychological abuse, as well as physical violence, etc.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 14:57  
**To:** [redacted]  
[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot);  
**Cc:** [redacted][Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot);  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 14:47  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted][Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst  
<[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 14:22  
**To:** [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]



Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

When you are able, grateful if you could let us know when Mr Brown intends to issue this (and by what means, a NR?) so we can then follow.

Thanks as ever  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:37  
**To:** [redacted] [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

The Statement looks fine.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted] [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:28  
**To:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Statement

Is it ok if I put the draft statement up now?

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:01  
**To:** [redacted]  
Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>;  
**Subject:** Updated Statement

This version has now been considered by [redacted].

Grateful for urgent comments as [redacted] is going to put this in on the back of your updates.

Cheers  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 19:04

**To:** [redacted]

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

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

- thanks

[redacted]

are meeting at 8.30 tomorrow so we will provide any further updates to you as soon as we can thereafter.

Hope you enjoy remainder of the evening

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 18:37

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot);

**Subject:** FW: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]

We can pick up tomorrow but as you say this will no doubt continue evolving over the week.

Copying in prisons team – I will update you on developments over the weekend at the team meeting.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 18:29

**To:** [redacted]

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

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Some suggested additions in haste. Could probably do with a better summary of all media (I don't have access to all clippings) but hopefully this suffices for now.

Happy to further amend for SPS interests first thing/following interviews this evening.

No doubt this will be a continually evolving daily FMQ until Thursday.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 17:42

**To:** [redacted] [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]—hope you got something to eat! We just discussed and you are updating FMQ on [redacted] version so much appreciated to you and [redacted]

[redacted]

Appreciate SPS may be dealing with their own multi media queries.

If we can get Cab Sec an updated FMQ for his interviews tonight/tomorrow am that would be helpful- but I note that he does have existing material, Q and A and also the statement.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Anyway just for your reference at this stage- I will keep an eye on it.

Cheers

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 17:28

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

- thanks

Great minds. I'd already started this for SPS interests so im comparing notes with yours. I will make any additions to your version as swiftly as I can .e.g there was a Conservative press release today on delays/overspend on HMP Stirling too so will add that in.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted][Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 17:23

**To:** [redacted]

[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot);

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ

Thanks [redacted] – I will have a look now.... Grateful to you for sending up the relevant info for Cab Sec.

Cheers

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 29 January 2023 16:56

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Transgender Prisoners FMQ

All

This is a first stab at updating the FMQ in light of this weekend's developments.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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

**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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted] ; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)

**Sent:** 31 January 2023 14:06

**To:** [redacted] >; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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.

**11. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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]

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**12. 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 background 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]

### 13. Email Exchange relating to Parliamentary Statement dated 31 Jan 2023

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 31 January 2023 11:58  
**To:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Teresa Medhurst <[Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)>; Jim Kerr

<[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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]

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**14. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>;  
**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](mailto: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,

**15. 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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 15:23  
**To:** [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>;  
<[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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]

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**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](mailto:Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot)>; [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); [redacted]

**Cc:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:47  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:02  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]

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

**Cc:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot); [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); [redacted]>

**Cc:** [DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted]> HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 17:34  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>;; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for

Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Fisher Q (Quentin) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>  
**Subject:** Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

All

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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](mailto: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](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 20:36  
**To:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto: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]

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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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 19:03  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto: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.

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

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]

## 16. Email to Criminal Justice Board Members dated 31 Jan 2023

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



## Attachment

### 1. Briefing for First Ministers Questions dated 26 Jan 2023

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