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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]@prisons.gov.scot[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]; [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
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Hi

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

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona)
Sent: 25 January 2023 10:07
To: [redacted];>[redacted]
Subject: FW: FM commission - request for information

[redacted]

To see this request and the FM interview at 2pm.

Cheers

Cat
Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: > **On Behalf Of** Rennick NS (Neil)
Sent: 25 January 2023 10:05
To: First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery;[redacted]; DG Education & Justice[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted];Dalrymple C (Catriona); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted]
Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

Thanks [redacted],

I understand an updated FMQ brief has been prepared but copying to Prisons Colleagues for anything further.

[redacted]

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)(ii) – Free and frank 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.

Kind regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 13:56
To: [redacted]; First Minister; Dalrymple C (Catriona); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk;; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery; [redacted]; DG Education & Justice [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
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[redacted] to be aware and also transcript just in from BBC GMS which may be used –
<https://twitter.com/timesradio/status/1618169587236732928?s=24&t=R00c8JtBwACec703VMAqWw>

Presenter

Just while we have you with us, Joanna Cherry, we know that the SNP is planning to use a special procedure today to try and reverse the UK Government's position on Scotland's gender recognition legislation. I know you have issues with that legislation. Does the move in Parliament today have your support?

Joanna Cherry

Well, I mean, everyone knows about my issues with the legislation and they're very much based on my concern for universal human rights. I'm completely in favour of trans rights but I think the bill which allows self-identification will have unintended, I hope unintended, consequences for the rights of women and girls and for LGB rights. I frankly don't think that when the bill went through Scottish Parliament, it had as thorough an analysis from a human rights perspective as it should have done. And indeed, I don't think there was proper scrutiny of the concerns of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and others, that the bill might impact on the Equality Act. But I'm a supporter of Scottish self-determination and I believe that problems made in Scotland should be sorted out in Scotland and I'd like to see the United Kingdom Government stop meddling with the Scottish Parliament and get on with running the UK effectively, which let's face it, it isn't doing at the moment.

Presenter

The First Minister has accused the Conservatives of starting a culture war over this. Would you agree?

Joanna Cherry

I'm not sure that I would use the language of cultural war. I think that language is sometimes used to silence the legitimate concerns of feminists like myself and lesbians like myself about the unintended consequences of self-identification. I'm completely in favour of equal rights for trans people but the First Minister herself has said that this bill creates no new rights for trans people and it doesn't. What it does is it creates a right for anyone, any man to self-identify as a woman with minimal safeguards and it doesn't really take very much imagination, you can just open this morning's newspapers and get a pretty good idea of what the unintended consequences of that might be and they're not good for women and girls.

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Sent: 25 January 2023 13:48

To:; First Minister

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

FMPO to be aware our comms lines in general are –

“Decisions taken by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) on the placement of transgender prisoners is based on protecting both the wellbeing and rights of the individual and those around them, including staff. The SPS use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody and not the basis of a Gender Recognition Certificate.

The GRR Bill does not change this process in any way.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 13:37

To: First Minister

Cc: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery[redacted]; DG Education & Justice; [redacted];Rennick NS (Neil) [redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted];[redacted]

See Attachment No.1 - Background note and Lines to Take relating to Transgender Prisoner dated 25 Jan 2023

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Please find attached revised note and lines to take.

[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 13:33

To: First Minister

Cc: [redacted];Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery[redacted]; DG Education & Justice[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) [redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted]

Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

Hi [redacted],

Could I get an ETA on this information please? We need it urgently to allow FM time to consider.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona)

Sent: 25 January 2023 13:15

To: First Minister;

Cc: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery[redacted]; DG Education & Justice[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) [redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted]

Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

I can confirm this has been picked up and we are making efforts to get some additional information.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 13:14

To: First Minister [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery[redacted]; DG Education & Justice[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) [redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted]

Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

Can someone confirm please that this has been picked up and is being considered?

Thanks

[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 12:58

To: [redacted]; First Minister

Cc: [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery[redacted]; DG Education & Justice[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil)

[redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted][redacted] **Subject:** RE: FM commission - request for information

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

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 11:55

To: First Minister

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans ; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government ; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Subject: RE: FM commission - request for information

See Attachment No.2 – FMQ Brief dated 26 Jan 2023

PS/First Minister

Please find attached Prison FMQs along with background note on the issue.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 09:49

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery; DG Education & Justice

[redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil); [redacted] **Cc:** First Minister;

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FM commission - request for information

Importance: High

Good morning all

FM has requested information / a note regarding the below news story -
[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

Apologies for the tight timescales but FM would like this ahead of her BBC interview scheduled for 14:00 today.

Grateful for confirmation that this is being picked up and happy for you to extend the copy list as needed.

[redacted]

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

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona)
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:44
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans ;[redacted][redacted];[redacted];
Rennick NS (Neil)
Cc: Director of Justice ; [redacted][redacted]Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice,
Housing & Local Government ; [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

[redacted]

May be helpful to print this out – separately , it is in the briefing but this is a helpful summary for Cab Sec:

As at September 2022

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

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:43
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Dalrymple C (Catriona);
[redacted]; [redacted];Rennick NS (Neil)
Cc: Director of Justice; [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing &
Local Government; [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

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

The Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill does not change the SPS approach to trans prisoners.

Decisions taken by the SPS on the placement of transgender prisoners is based on protecting both the wellbeing and rights of the individual and those around them, including staff. The SPS use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody and not the basis of a Gender Recognition Certificate - unlike the case in England.

SPS will retain the ability to place an individual in an estate which does not necessarily correspond to the gender on their Gender Recognition Certificate where they determine that to do so could put the individual or others at risk.

The current GRC process does not prevent applications from offenders or have any scope to refuse applications on the basis of risk. The Scottish Parliament agreed changes to the Bill that introduced new safeguards around offenders, which go further than what is currently in place. That has been blocked by the UK Government's Section 35 intervention.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:37

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans ; Dalrymple C (Catriona) > ; [redacted];[redacted];Rennick NS (Neil)

Cc: Director of Justice ; [redacted];[redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government ; [redacted]@sps.pnn.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Attachments No.3- Briefing for Urgent Question dated 25 Jan 2023

Attachment No.4- Q&A for Urgent Question dated 25 Jan 2023

Please find attached Briefing and Q&A includes known question.

Thanks,
[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:30

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>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Importance: High

Hi all,

Can I also check that an answer is being drafted for the below [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]
Thanks,

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

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

Cheers
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:21
To: [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <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>; [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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
We are aiming to get this up in 10 minutes so hoping you might have [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:34

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sent by teams already

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:01

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi[redacted]

Here is a Q&A I have pulled together- grateful if you add questions re GGR Bill

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:28

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

[redacted]

You will already have this, but if not, suggested revised reply below:

[redacted]

Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Prison Service's Gender Identity and Gender Reassignment Policy Review

Keith Brown:

I have asked Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive of the Scottish Prison Service (SPS), to update on the progress of the review. She has confirmed that: The SPS's Gender Identity Policy review is being conducted in five stages. The 'policy initiation' stage and 'evidence and engagement' stages have `now been completed and the policy review is now moving through the 'analysis and recommendations' and 'authorise and publish' stages.

SPS anticipate the updated policy being published in the coming months. Following implementation, the policy will be subject to on-going monitoring and evaluations.

From: [redacted]>

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:28

To: [redacted]>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat

<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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Kind regards

[redacted]

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:19

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Importance: High

Hi [redacted],

Apologies for chasing, Cab Sec is keen to have briefing materials up asap, please.

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

Grateful if a revised answer can be sent up asap, please.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted][redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:17
To: [redacted]; HQ CE Executive Secretariat
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]Dalrymple C (Catriona) <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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:11
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>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service
Importance: High

[redacted],

Thanks for this, I have passed on to the Cab Sec to review.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
Grateful if this can be included in the background note/Q&A, please.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:05

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>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

PO/Cab Sec

Please find attached the answer to Urgent Question, briefing and Q&A to follow shortly.

[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 <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot); [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] 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]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 25 January 2023 13:37
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>
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Hi all,

The following **Urgent Question** has been selected for this afternoon:

- **Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Prison Service's Gender Identity and Gender Reassignment Policy Review.**

The Cab Sec will be answering the question at 14:50, so I'd be grateful for a draft answer, with background and Q&A **no later than 14:00 today**, please.

Grateful for confirmation that this has been picked.

Apologies for the tight deadline.

Many thanks,
[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 No.5- FMQ Brief 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>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

[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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 09:41
To: 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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2023 09:24

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all,

[REDACTED under Section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2023 09:12

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]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted]

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

[redacted]

OFFICIAL

From: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Sent: 26 January 2023 08:59

To: [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat <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.

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

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>; [redacted] ; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Question from SPAD [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Cat,

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

Thanks
[redacted]

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

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

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

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted][redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 08:38
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] >; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request
[redacted]

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

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

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

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 11:45
To: [redacted]; [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot
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 – [redacted as Free and frank exchange of views]. 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 [redacted]. 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]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 10:38
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Reworked slightly.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 10:24
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Thanks all

[redacted]– grateful for clearance/comments on the attached.

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

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 10:10
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

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From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 January 2023 09:58
To: [redacted]; McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] >; First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

[redacted]

As per below and also the various team messages – additional lines on all the issues below:

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

I think that covers all outstanding issues from policy at present.

Many thanks as ever
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 07:59
To: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Morning all,

(apologies for a third email before 8am!)

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

Press we've picked up this morning below:

[Joanna Cherry KC on Twitter: "Excellent thread on SPS policy on placement of self-identified transgender prisoners in the female estate. It runs ahead of the law & could be changed or challenged. Thank-you Jonathan." / Twitter](#)

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

['\[redacted\]' and the madness of Scotland's gender bill | The Spectator](#)

This article states that “[redacted] does not appear to have a Gender Recognition Certificate of the sort which has proved so controversial in Scotland. In the future, however, there would have been nothing stopping her from acquiring one prior to her conviction.” [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2023 07:23

To: [redacted] McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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

Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Thanks [redacted]– there's some background on this in the brief, copied below.

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

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2023 07:10

To: [redacted] McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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

Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

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

Could we get some detail on what this refers to please.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Date: Thursday, 26 Jan 2023 at 7:04 am

To: McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>, Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>, Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>, Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>, Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>, [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>, [redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Morning all,

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

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted][redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 09:52
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Devlin N (Neil) <Neil.Devlin@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request
Hi [redacted]

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

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

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 January 2023 08:05
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

[redacted]

To see the final product – one outstanding request that I have commissioned to SPS and [redacted] (you are both copied in)

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

Grateful if you can confirm when this has been picked up and completed as we need to confirm to the FM team before 10.

Many thanks indeed

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Date: Thursday, 26 Jan 2023 at 7:04 am
To: McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>, Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>, Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>, Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>, Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>, [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>, [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Morning all,

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

Thanks,
Maddie

From: Fleming M (Madeleine)
Sent: 25 January 2023 23:25
To: McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

With thanks to all who have provided input tonight, a draft note is attached.

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

Russell Findlay's assertion that "... *the justice secretary said that this would be a matter for police Scotland. Well no, I disagree – strongly disagree. It's a matter of absolute common sense that **the Government of the day, in Edinburgh, should be quite firm on this.** If a male-bodied individual commits a sex crime, that is how it should be categorised for crime statistics, and that is how it should be treated for the purposes of criminal prosecution*" (Drivetime).

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

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 19:02
To: McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request
Thanks [redacted]

Also copying spads

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 18:44
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Swanson DA (Denise) <Denise.Swanson@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>;

'headofjas@gov.scot' <headofjas@gov.scot>; McGillivray D (Donald) <Donald.McGillivray@gov.scot>

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

Subject: URGENT - Trans Prisoners FMQ Out of Hours Request

Hi all,

We have a number of out of hours requests on trans prisoners from the [redacted] this evening.

- [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- [redacted]– background on updated transgender prisoner policy framework. [Update on changes to transgender prisoner policy framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-changes-to-transgender-prisoner-policy-framework)
- [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- I will add this to background - <https://twitter.com/qinadavidsonlbc/status/1618282428744798223?s=20&t=4U55-HhdxpRLueGYK7B-zQ>

Really grateful for a first draft of all of this by 8:30pm, please. Happy to have a chat about any of this – give me a call on [redacted] if I'm offline (on the train).

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted as Out of Scope]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 15:56

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

Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Thanks [redacted]– attached. However, [redacted] has asked for a single page on trans prisoners so will be pulling this out into a standalone brief – will circulate that shortly.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 15:46

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

Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Hi [redacted],

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

Grateful if you can share the GGR brief so we can align it with Prisons FMQ brief.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 15:29

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

Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question – Scottish Prison Service

Thanks [redacted]

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

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 15:24

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

Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted] >; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Hi [redacted]

Here is the latest updated information-

[redacted as already published (page 11) at- [Public Information Page \(PIP\) Quarter 3 20228975_3912 \(2\).pdf](#)

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 15:21
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Thanks [redacted]

The GRR brief is going in FM's folder this evening, so I will include these figures for now – [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Thanks
[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 January 2023 15:17
To: [redacted]
Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service
Hi

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

Hope that assists meantime

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 15:16
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister FMQs <FirstMinisterFMQs@gov.scot>; [redacted]; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Thanks Cat

For adding this to FMQ briefs – [redacted]
Thanks,

[redacted]

As at September 2022

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

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 January 2023 15:07
To: [redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

Yes

We will aim to get more recent information if possible.

Many thanks

Cat

Cat Dalrymple
DD Community Justice.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 15:04
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted] <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service

can we ensure this in FMQ for tomorrow please

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 January 2023 14:44
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@sps.pnn.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Urgent Question - Scottish Prison Service
[redacted]

May be helpful to print this out – separately , it is in the briefing but this is a helpful summary for Cab Sec:

As at September 2022

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

Thanks
[redacted]

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

From: [REDACTED]
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 [redacted] 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]

[redacted]– Office of the Chief Executive
Scottish Prison Service, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, EDINBURGH, EH12
9HW

[redacted]

[redacted]



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From: [REDACTED]
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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

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

OFFICIAL

All,

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

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2023 22:06
To: Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FM lines [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Both,

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

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

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 CC'd 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]

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] [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views] 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 <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; [redacted] <mailto:Neil.Devlin@gov.scot>; Neil.Rennick@gov.scot

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

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

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 11:24

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

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

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

Ok – please ignore my suggestions. [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 11:16

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

Reduced copy list

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

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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[redacted]

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

Thanks both

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

[redacted]

From: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 January 2023 09:06
To: [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Teresa Medhurst
<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Donald AE (Anna) <Anna.Donald@gov.scot>; Director of Justice
<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>; Teresa Medhurst
<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Donald AE (Anna) <Anna.Donald@gov.scot>; Director of Justice
<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>;
Sent: 25 January 2023 07:54
To: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot> Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Donald AE (Anna) <Anna.Donald@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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

[redacted]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank 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>
Sent: 25 January 2023 07:44
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Donald AE (Anna) <Anna.Donald@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <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)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: Neil.Rennick@gov.scot <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 24 January 2023 21:23

To: Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; [redacted]; [mailto:Teresa Medhurst](mailto:Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot)
<Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: Anna.Donald@gov.scot; DirectorofJustice@gov.scot; [redacted]
Subject: FW: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner
Importance: High

Dear all

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

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 24 January 2023 19:41
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Donald AE (Anna) <Anna.Donald@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner

Dear all,

[redacted]

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

Kindest regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 24 January 2023 17:33
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner

[REDACTED]

Mr Brown is content to clear the lines below.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 January 2023 17:22
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Daily Mail Trans prisoner

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

Grateful for your consideration of the following response to a query from the Daily Mail about the conviction of [REDACTED].

The following has been agreed with policy colleagues and spads – and is a line which was previously cleared earlier this month.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

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

Suggested comment (cleared Jan 2022)

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: “Decisions taken by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) on the placement of transgender prisoners are based on protecting both the wellbeing and rights of the individual and those around them, including staff.

“The SPS use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody, and not the basis of a Gender Recognition Certificate. The Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill does not change this process in any way.”

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2023 11:36
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Bail and release bill - [REDACTED]

[Redacted under Section 29(1)(a) and Section 36(1)]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2023 11:11
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Bail and release bill – [REDACTED]

[Redacted under Section 29(1)(a) and Sections 36(1)]

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)(i) – Free and frank provision of advice]

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 38(1)(b)]

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 38(1)(b)]the CEO noted that communication was required with relevant partners to progress the decision.

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

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

Neil Rennick
Director, Justice
25 January 2023

8. Email Exchange relating to Media queries dated 25-27 Jan 2023

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 25 January 2023 19:05
To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] HQ CE Executive Secretariat
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: GRC lets trans women into English jails

[Redacted]

Many thanks. Cab Sec is content to clear.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2023 18:16
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ; HQ CE Executive Secretariat
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: GRC lets trans women into English jails

Private Office

The Times has approached for clarification to a point made by the Cab Sec in Parliament about the requirement for a GRC in prisons in England and Wales.

Grateful for your consideration of the following response which has been agreed with policy colleagues and SPADS.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“In Scotland decisions on placement and management are based on multiple factors and a through individualised risk assessment.

“The policy in England and Wales is distinct from Scotland’s and makes specific provision in respect of those prisoners with GRCs. It is for the UK Government to confirm how this operates.”

Thanks [redacted]

QUERY

Keith Brown seemed to suggest Scotland's vetting was more rigorous than England. He claimed access to prisons in England and Wales is "determined by the presence of GRC" whereas in Scotland a GRC has "minimal impact" on a placement.

It seems to imply a GRC is a golden ticket to a women's jail in England but there is a comment from Downing Street on PA which suggests the process in England is similar to Scotland.

Transcript of exactly what KB said: "...They do not, as is the case in England and Wales, have their process determined by the presence of a GRC."

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

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:17

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC VIEW: Transgender prisoner bids

All

Mr Brown is content to issue the previously cleared lines, and [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

He will await further guidance re STV.

Kindest regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 January 2023 14:11

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: CAB SEC VIEW: Transgender prisoner bids

Private Office

We have received bids from STV, Press Association and Times Radio for Cab Sec to speak about the [redacted] transgender prisoner case.

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

Grateful if PO can indicate if Mr Brown is content with this handling.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"Decisions taken by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) on the placement of transgender prisoners are based on protecting both the wellbeing and rights of the individual and those around them, including staff.

“The SPS use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody, and not the basis of a Gender Recognition Certificate. The Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill does not change this process in any way.”

SPS spokesperson said:

“Decisions by the SPS as to the most appropriate location to accommodate transgender people are made on an individualised basis, informed by a multi-disciplinary assessment of both risk and need.

“Such decisions seek to protect both the wellbeing and rights of the individual as well as the welfare and rights of others around them, including staff, in order to achieve an outcome that balances risks and promotes the safety of all.

“Where there are any concerns about any risks posed by an individual, either to themselves or others, we retain the ability to keep them separate from the mainstream population until an agreed management plan is in place.”

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 January 2023 13:37

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FOR AWARENESS Media query - Sunday Times - Calum Steele comments

Cab Sec, PO

Good afternoon

For awareness we've been approached by The Sunday Times to comment on remarks made by Calum Steele about the transgender case.

After consideration policy, comms and spads agreed to send on our current lines as below.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The placement of prisoners is an operational matter for the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) who use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody.

“SPS is working with partners including the Scottish Government on the review of their policy on managing transgender prisoners and that process is nearing completion.”

Query

Hi,

Could you get me a response to these comments by Calum Steele regarding [redacted] ?

Best regards,

[redacted]

Following the conviction of Bryson, I asked if (s)he was a Trans-woman or simply a man pretending to be so? Whichever is true – Bryson’s case has finally shot that most resilient of foxes - that opponent’s concerns for women’s safety were due to simple transphobia.

Criminals, especially those who connive and exploit as part of their offending behaviour are hardly renowned for their honesty and integrity. On the contrary, they are known for their wickedness and willingness to use any and all means for their own selfish and malevolent ends. A highly improbable risk of a fraud investigation is not the safeguard weak politicians suggest it is, and the sooner they accept it, the sooner they can work on restoring some form of credibility with a highly sceptical public.

The madness of incoherent policy positioning has always been there for those of us prepared to look but it now has nowhere to hide.

We are to believe a sixteen-year-old is mentally mature enough to make life changing decisions, whilst simultaneously accepting the brain does not fully mature to age 25 if you are in the criminal justice system. We are to believe we have a victim centred criminal justice system whilst ignoring the trauma inflicted on victims of sex crimes having to refer to their “penis owning” attackers as she or her. We are to believe the Scottish Prison Service can keep women prisoners safe if housed with trans women (with penises), yet can’t don’t the same for female penis owning prisoners in the male estate.

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

Sent: 26 January 2023 18:12

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Bryson case 'inevitable'

Hi [redacted]

Mr Brown is content to clear.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 17:37
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: [redacted]case 'inevitable'

Dear Cab Sec and Po,

Grateful for your consideration of the following response to a query from the Daily Mail about [redacted]

The following has been agreed with SG and SPS policy colleagues and Spads.

Many thanks

[redacted]

Issue

a former senior prison source has told us that for several years the prison service were warning the government about the 'inevitable' prospect of a case like [redacted] – the transgender double rapist – but because it was seen as a headache and politically sensitive issue nothing was done to prevent it. Is this something you would comment on?

Suggested comment

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "The SPS uses comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody, and it is clear from the steps being taken that procedures to deal with a scenario such as this have been put in place."

From: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 January 2023 16:06
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: KB BID - the Nine

Hi [redacted]

Mr Brown is content to decline the bid.

[Redacted]

Thanks,

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 Jan 2023 15:35

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: KB BID - the Nine

[Redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

We've had a BID come through from the Nine for Mr Brown to speak more about the trans prisoner

Our inclination is to **decline**. [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Grateful for your consideration of this approach,

Many thanks

[redacted]

QUERY DETAILS

DATE RECEIVED (DD/MM/YY)	PORTFOLIO	WHO	TOPIC	OUTLET	CONTACT	STATUS	DATE OF BID (DD/MM/YY)	DETAILS	COMMS LEAD
26 January 2023	Justice	KB	Trans prisoners	BBC - The Nine	[redacted]	decline	26 jan – either pre rec on zoom after 6pm or live 9pm	10 mins	[radcted]

Sent: 27 January 2023 17:41

To: [redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] ; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted] ; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: [redacted]

Hi all,

Mr Brown is content to clear the amended lines.

Thanks,
 [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 January 2023 17:33
To: [redacted] >; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: [redacted]

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

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 January 2023 17:18

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: [redacted]

I would suggest:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The placement of prisoners is an operational matter for the Scottish Prison Service who use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location of transgender people in custody.

“SPS is reviewing their policy on managing transgender prisoners in partnership with the Scottish Government and that process is nearing completion.”

From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 January 2023 16:59

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

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: [redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

Grateful for your consideration of the comment below, in response to a query from the The Record about another trans prisoner – [redacted]

They understand that [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views] and have asked for our feedback

The following has been agreed with policy and Spads. SPS lines included for awareness

Many thanks

[redacted]

Issue: [Redacted under section s38(1)(b)]

Suggested comment

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

SPS LINES

A Scottish Prison Service spokesperson said: "We do not comment on individuals. "Decisions by the SPS as to the most appropriate location to accommodate transgender people are made on an individualised basis, informed by a multi-disciplinary assessment of both risk and need.

"Such decisions seek to protect both the wellbeing and rights of the individual as well as the welfare and rights of others around them, including staff, in order to achieve an outcome that balances risks and promotes the safety of all.

"Where there are any concerns about any risks posed by an individual, either to themselves or others, we retain the ability to keep them separate from the mainstream population until an agreed management plan is in place."

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

Sent: 26 January 2023 22:14

To: [redacted]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot> [redacted]

Subject: RE: Media bid - R4 Today - [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

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

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 Jan 2023 19:10

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

Cc: "Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government" <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: Media bid - R4 Today - [redacted]

Justice Secretary PO
Copying to Social Justice Secretary for awareness

BBC Radio 4 have bid for Mr Brown tomorrow morning on the Today programme to discuss the [redacted], and the decision to move her to a men's prison.

This would be with [redacted], in either the 07:12 or 08:30 slots.

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

Grateful if you could confirm whether Mr Brown is content with this recommendation.

Many thanks
[redacted]

9. 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 under sec 38(1)(b)]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 12:34
To: [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]
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] 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.

[redacted] – haven't sighted [redacted] on this as yet.. but is it worth doing so?

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

Content with the suggested changes from [redacted]

Neil,
Thanks for your support.

Teresa

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

[redacted]

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

Neil

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

- 4. Has instructed an urgent lessons learned review in relation to the case of f [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]
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:42
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] 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]

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

I trust this clarifies

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of CabSecJV@gov.scot

Sent: 29 January 2023 13:20

To: [redacted]firstminister@gov.scot

Cc: 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]

Sent: 29 January 2023 12:57

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>[redacted]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil)

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

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 under sec 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]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]

[redacted]

Thanks, yes.

Neil

From: [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>

Sent: 29 January 2023 13:01

To: [redacted]

Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; >; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted],

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Hopefully, this is clearer.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

Teresa Medhurst

Chief Executive

From: Neil.Rennick@gov.scot <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

Sent: 29 January 2023 12:46

To: Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot

Cc: Subject: RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

[redacted under sec 29(1)(a)]

Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 12:35
To: [redacted]
Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <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>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:34
To: [redacted]
Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;; 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

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

From: [redacted] Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:21
To: [redacted]

HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] Neil.Rennick@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Advice request

Importance: High

[redacted]

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

[redacted under sec 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]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 January 2023 08:48

To: [redacted]

Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)

<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>;

Subject: Advice request

Importance: High

Morning,

Apologies if already requested, but can we please background/advice on this case for Cab Sec please -

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

Thanks

[redacted]

10. Email Exchange relating to Statement Issued by Justice Secretary on 29 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:19
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]-
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

Hi [redacted],

Yes the below has issued.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted as already published]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]-
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:18
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

Thanks everyone, can I just confirm that this has been issued please?
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 15:20
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]-
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

[redacted]

That's fine, we'll add that in.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 15:14

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 15:05
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: Urgent - advice required

Please hold for 2 mins

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 29 January 2023 14:51
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] >; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: Urgent - advice required

Hi all,

redacted – 29(1)(a)]

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 29 January 2023 14:36
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot> [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: Urgent - advice required

All,

redacted – 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:57
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: Urgent - advice required

Adding further comms colleagues to the chain.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:52
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Urgent - advice required
Importance: High

Copying in [redacted] from Comms.

[redacted]

From: Rennick NS (Neil)
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:44
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required
Importance: High

[redacted]

Following the advice from SPS below and with thanks to [redacted], please find attached a draft possible statement in the Cabinet Secretary's name, updating on the proposed actions by SPS in light of the current concerns about the management of trans prisoners.

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

Subject to consideration of the draft statement, we can consider the specific timing for this issuing, given the current volume of media requests and interest.

[redacted]

Neil

Neil Rennick
Director Justice

From: [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
Sent: 29 January 2023 12:29
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

Hi all,

[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

Mr Brown has asked me to copy these thoughts on to FMPO and [redacted] – I'd be grateful if these could be addressed in the note too, please.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:06
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

[redacted]

We are just finalising a draft statement and Q and A for consideration on the back of the operational update from SPS which I hope will meet the needs as identified below.

It will contain some of the wider next steps information that is contained in the chain below.

[redacted] Neil Rennick will submit very shortly.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:04
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

All,

Can I get an update on this please? I am presuming the note from [redacted] is not the note I am waiting for?

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:35
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot> **Cc:** >; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

[redacted]

[redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]
Apologies, I know you already have this in hand.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:28
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; First Minister

<firstminister@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe)
<Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

Thanks [redacted], appreciate you getting back to me so quickly! [redacted]

From: [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:27
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
<CabSecJV@gov.scot>[redacted]
Cc: [redacted]Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - advice required

[redacted]

Thank you. Cat Dalrymple has been engaging with [redacted – 29(1)(a)] [redacted]

Neil

Neil Rennick
Director, Justice

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 29 January 2023 10:17
To: Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot> [redacted]
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary
<PermanentSecretary@gov.scot> [redacted]
Subject: Urgent - advice required
Importance: High

[redacted],

redacted – 29(1)(a)]

I would be grateful if you could confirm that this has been picked up and a note will be provided early today please

Many thanks

[redacted]

11. Email Exchange between SPS and SG Officials relating to Statement dated 29 Jan

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 <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:00
To: [redacted] Teresa Medhurst <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>; Teresa Medhurst <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 <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>

Sent: 29 January 2023 15:22

To: [redacted]

Teresa Medhurst <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>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>;

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

Subject: RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

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

Thanks

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

[redacted]

From: Neil.Rennick@gov.scot;

Sent: 29 January 2023 14:59

To: [redacted]Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>;

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>
Sent: 29 January 2023 14:57
To: [redacted]
Neil.Rennick@gov.scot;
Cc: [redacted]Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot;
Subject: RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

’
——[redacted – 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

redacted – 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 14:22
To: [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Teresa Medhurst
<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; Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; Teresa Medhurst <Teresa.Medhurst@prisons.gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: Updated Statement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

The Statement looks fine.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]Neil.Rennick@gov.scot <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:28
To: [redacted]Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; Teresa Medhurst <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>
Sent: 29 January 2023 13:01
To: [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Teresa Medhurst <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]

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; 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>; Rennick NS (Neil) <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 <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 17:42
To: [redacted] Neil.Rennick@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Transgender Prisoners FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks L[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 under sec 30(b)(ii)]

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 under sec 30(b)(ii)]

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 <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 17:23
To: [redacted]
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 under sec 30(b)(ii)]

[redacted]

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:15
To: [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>;
Cc: DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>[redacted]
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: For review: News release

Thanks [redacted] – updated. Spoke to [redacted] and updated the sub head from
[redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]

To
Measures to protect female prisoners.

This will issue now

[redacted]

From: [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:10
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>[redacted]

Cc: >; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: For review: News release

[redacted]

Remanded trans prisoners will also be covered by the same arrangements, added to line.

[redacted]
Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:06
To: [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; >
Cc: [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>;
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>[redacted]
Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; **Subject:** RE: For review: News release

For clarity, FM content. This can now issue.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:05
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>;
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;

[redacted]

Also content thanks. I'm just double checking the position on [redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]

Neil

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:02
To: [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>**Cc:** [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>;
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>**Subject:** RE: For review: News release

Addition below

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 January 2023 15:59
To: [redacted]
Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; **Cc:** [redacted]
DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Griffin J (Joe) <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>;
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona)
<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>**Subject:** For review: News release

Hi all,

Grateful for views on the release below before we issue it.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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

13.Email Exchange relating to media query dated 29 Jan 2023

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 19:50
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Media enquiry - Telegraph - follow-up question

Thank you for the update [redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 19:50
To: [redacted] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Media enquiry - Telegraph - follow-up question

All

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

Hope that is of assistance meantime

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:39
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Media enquiry - Telegraph - follow-up question

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

Regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2023 16:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Media enquiry - Telegraph - follow-up question

All,

The Telegraph have asked what this announcement means for trans prisoners who have a history of violence against women but are already in a female estate.

I spoke with [redacted] who has advised the below that I would propose we issue to the journalist as a background line

Are you content?

Thanks,

[redacted]

FOR INFO

Trans prisoners already in the female estate are already subject to regular multi-agency case reviews to assess the continuing suitability of their location.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 January 2023 17:35

To: [redacted]

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

Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW: BBC questions

Yes please.

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 Jan 2023 17:29

To: [redacted]

Subject: SPAD VIEW: BBC questions

SpAds,

We've got an outstanding query from BBC that hasn't been covered by the statement – questions below. [re dacted]asked the below questions.

We would suggest going back with the lines below – are you content? Keen to get this to Cab Sec ahead of his BBC interview.

LINES

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The Scottish Government does not comment on individual cases.

“The placement of prisoners is an operational matter for the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) who use comprehensive individualised risk assessments to inform decisions, such as the appropriate location

of transgender people in custody. An urgent lessons learned review has been instructed in relation to the case of Isla Bryson. SPS is working with partners including the Scottish Government on the review of their policy on managing transgender prisoners. The review will report to the CEO by Friday 3 February.”

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

14. Email Chain between Scottish Government Officials dated 30 Jan 2023 relating to Transgender Offender

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 10:48
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: HE/FE Delivery FMQ wc 30/01 Commission Review and reply by 27/01/23

Sorry – to confirm also ok for me
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 10:24
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: HE/FE Delivery FMQ wc 30/01 Commission Review and reply by 27/01/23

Thanks [redacted] – much appreciated

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 10:01
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: HE/FE Delivery FMQ wc 30/01 Commission Review and reply by 27/01/23

[redacted]

What we have here is fine but somewhere either in this FMQ or others that might be being sent up we need lines on the two issues/press stories below . Subject to you assuring me that they are being covered elsewhere in other FMQS , then the attached is good to go . We have a number of oral PQS up for answer this week so may need to update FMQS after that

1- Press story about [redacted]

-And 2: Sun, Daily Mail and Scotsman – More than 10,000 students were denied **university accommodation** last year amid a crisis in the property rental market. Demand for rooms exceeded supply by nearly 30 per cent, figures gathered by the Scottish Lib Dems show. Meanwhile, the numbers of students in temporary accommodation or on waiting lists is soaring.

[redacted]

[Redacted remaining email chain as out of scope]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2023 17:50
To: Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training
<MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Note of Mr Hepburn's meeting [redacted] - 30 January 2023

Attachment No.6- Meeting Note dated 30 Jan 2023

Dear PO

Please find attached a written record of the Minister's meeting with [redacted] on Monday 30 January 2023.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:25
To: Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training
<MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: [redacted] Note

[redacted]

Thanks, will share with FM this evening. Adding a few extra names to the copy list too.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training
Sent: 30 January 2023 19:16
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training
<MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
<CabSecES@gov.scot>; [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] Note

Attachment No.7- Note to FM

PS/FM

Cc P/S Ms Somerville

Please find a note from Mr Hepburn on Ayrshire College.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 17:02

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]

OK, that is clear and understood

Thanks [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:59

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

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

We are being pressed for lines on several fronts and there is a need for consistency of forward look/next steps - hence the wording that is currently in the note, which mirrors assurances across the various briefings/submissions.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 January 2023 16:11

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]

Thanks all for rapid work on this. I agree with [redacted] line of enquiry as noted in the comment and if we can extrapolate this for this note that would be good. Appreciate that might not be possible; and should that be the case we should make sure we are setting out the work through next steps to unpick further

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:57
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]

[redacted]

Thanks – appreciate the team is working on this at pace and with very tight turnaround times.

[redacted underSection 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Given the high profile of this and FM's interest, also copying in [redacted] so sighted. [redacted] – not sure if you want/have time to look at this. It's a complex area. I'm content and the response captures the position as understood at this time, with further work needed to unpick further.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:11
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]
Importance: High

Hi [redacted],

With thanks to the team, please find below an update for the First Minister regarding engagement we have had on the [redacted] & next steps. Grateful for your comments.

The Minister asked that we produce this document and share with FM by COP today.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 15:02
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update re Isla Bryson at Ayrshire College

Thanks everyone, happy with that and we probably should say has been established for the group.

Happy for that to be run past [redacted] to go up today.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 14:26
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update re [redacted]

Hi [redacted]
– [redacted] and I have had a look through this addressing your comments and further refining.

Grateful for your comments.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:50
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FM Update [redacted]

Thank you both, I appreciate that we are having to move quickly on all of this.

I have some comments/questions, as attached.

Happy to talk them through if that is easier.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:30
To: [redacted]
Subject: FM Update re [redacted]

Hi team,

I've pulled together a one-page summary of [redacted] for the First Minister. Grateful for your views.

[redacted]