

From: Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 9:15 PM
To: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: PRIVATE OFFICIAL SENSITIVE Operation Branchform

JP,

Thank you for this update, which I have noted.

Best wishes,

Chris

Chris Mackie

Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister
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T: [Redacted] | M: [Redacted]



From: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 9:00 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Subject: PRIVATE OFFICIAL SENSITIVE Operation Branchform

Chris,

Further to below, I am writing to record that I spoke to the Chief Constable (CC) of Police Scotland (PS) this morning; and subsequently to the First Minister (FM).

The CC called to advise of further PS action relating to Operation Branchform, this time with respect to the former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon.

This latest PS action had already occurred earlier today before I spoke to the CC. The CC requested I update the FM, which I did immediately following, as per the CC's advice.

The investigation remains live, and the CC reiterated his advice for no public comment at this time as investigations continue.

As per below, in terms of any and all liaison from SG Ministers or SG officials on Operation Branchform, I have agreed with the CC this should be via me only without exception.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm receipt, and my office retain for the record please.

Best wishes,

JP

John-Paul Marks (he/him)

Permanent Secretary

1N-07, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 4:13 PM

To: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot> **Cc:** [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Ian Mitchell <Ian.Mitchell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray <Ashleigh.Gray@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Operation Branchform line

Thanks - we've issued that line to Daily Record and BBC R4 Today so far. Radio 4 Today put in a bid for FM and we advised them to contact the SNP.

We will provide a update at 5pm on any further media requests.

In addition, there are no Ministers doing bids today/tomorrow morning that we're aware of.

QUERIES RECEIVED

Operation Branchform	Daily Record; BBC Radio 4 Today	[Redacted]@reachplc.com; [Redacted]@bbc.co.uk;
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[Redacted]
Communications Team Leader
[Redacted]

From: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:54 PM

To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Ian Mitchell <Ian.Mitchell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray <Ashleigh.Gray@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Operation Branchform line

Also happy.

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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:35:19 PM
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Operation Branchform line

yes thanks

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:28 PM
To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
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Subject: Operation Branchform line

Colin, Jeanette

Confirmed with policy that this is our holding line on Operation Branchform - grateful for your view and that you're content that we issue?

Thanks, [Redacted]

LINE TO TAKE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Given that there is a live police investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment.”

[Redacted]

Communications Team Leader
Justice and Home Affairs
Scottish Government

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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 5:26 PM

To: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Subject: FYI.

Statement from SNP: Operation Branchform and Nicola Sturgeon arrest

An SNP spokesperson said: "These issues are subject to a live police investigation. The SNP have been cooperating fully with this investigation and will continue to do so however it is not appropriate to publicly address any issues while that investigation is ongoing." ENDS

Commenting a spokesperson for Nicola Sturgeon said: "Nicola Sturgeon has today, Sunday 11th June, by arrangement with Police Scotland, attended an interview where she was to be arrested and questioned in relation to Operation Branchform. Nicola has consistently said she would co-operate with the investigation if asked and continues to do so." ENDS

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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Scottish Conservative comment on arrest of Nicola Sturgeon

From: [Redacted]@snpmedia.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 5:24 PM
To: Colin McAllister [[Redacted](mailto:Redacted@gmail.com)@gmail.com>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Susan Ruddick <Susan.Ruddick@snp.org>
Subject: Fwd: Scottish Conservative comment on arrest of Nicola Sturgeon

For awareness. Ignoring.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: SNP Media <snpmedia@snpmedia.net>
Date: Sun, 11 Jun 2023 at 17:23
Subject: Fwd: Scottish Conservative comment on arrest of Nicola Sturgeon
To: [[Redacted](mailto:Redacted@snpmedia.net)]@snpmedia.net>

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From: [[Redacted](mailto:Redacted@telegraph.co.uk)]@telegraph.co.uk>
Date: Sun, Jun 11, 2023 at 5:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: Scottish Conservative comment on arrest of Nicola Sturgeon
To: SNP Media <snpmedia@snpmedia.net>

Hi

I would be grateful for a comment on this call for Nicola Sturgeon to be suspended from the SNP. Angus MacNeil MP has also tweeted this:

This soap-opera has gone far enough, Nicola Sturgeon suspended others from the SNP for an awful lot less! Time for political distance until the investigation ends either way.

thanks

[Redacted]

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From: [[Redacted](mailto:Redacted@parliament.scot)]@parliament.scot>
Date: Sun, 11 Jun 2023 at 15:37
Subject: Scottish Conservative comment on arrest of Nicola Sturgeon
To: [[Redacted](mailto:Redacted@parliament.scot)]@parliament.scot>

Please find our comment on the arrest of Nicola Sturgeon.

Scottish Conservative Chairman Craig Hoy MSP, said: “Nicola Sturgeon and other senior SNP figures – including Humza Yousaf – must cooperate fully with this police investigation and commit to full transparency surrounding it.

“The SNP continue to be engulfed in murkiness and chaos. Humza Yousaf must now show some leadership and suspend his predecessor from the SNP.

“The SNP set that precedent when politicians such as Michelle Thomson and Natalie McGarry were under investigation and must do so again here.

“This extremely serious matter is continuing to escalate and the result is that the SNP are totally distracted at the worst possible time. This is the time they should be focused on the real priorities facing the people of Scotland, such as the cost-of-living crisis, fixing our NHS and strengthening our economy.”

ENDS

[Redacted]

Deputy Head of Media

Scottish

Conservatives

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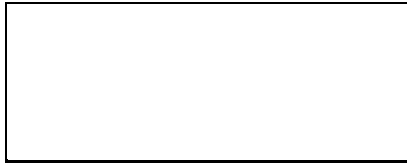
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From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:51 AM
To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>
Subject: RE: Neil Gray interview

This is obviously party, not SG. Cab Sec should be ok to handle.

From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>
Sent: 13 June 2023 09:45
To: [\[Redacted\]@bbc.co.uk](#)>
Subject: RE: Neil Gray interview

Thanks [Redacted].

Appreciate the heads up and I have informed Mr Gray.

[Redacted]

From: [\[Redacted\]@bbc.co.uk](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:39 AM
To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>
Subject: Neil Gray interview

Neil,

It won't come as a surprise to you that I'd like to ask the Cabinet Secretary a final question about the effect of Nicola Sturgeon's arrest and long-running police inquiry on the Scottish government's attempts to move on.

I'll be on that Zoom call in 20 minutes.

Thanks.

[Redacted]

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BBC Scotland

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 8:35 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;

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<Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: Running Issues, Monday 12 June

Good morning FMPO,

Please find a running issues note below, ahead of planned media activity today.
[Redacted - out of scope]

If I can help with anything else, please let me know.
Many thanks
[Redacted]

Issue: Arrest of Nicola Sturgeon – Daily Record; Radio 4 Today; ITV News, LBC, Telegraph

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“Given that there is a live police investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment.”

[Redacted - out of scope]

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Senior Media Manager

First Minister Communications Desk:

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[\[Redacted - out of scope\]](#)

From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:13 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>;[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>;

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[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>; Julie Humphreys <Julie.Humphreys2@gov.scot>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](#)>

Subject: FOR CAB SEC VIEW: BID - BBC GMS - Various issues

PO/Cab Sec,

We have received a request from the BBC to speak to the FM tomorrow morning on the GMS programme, covering citing a range of topics – Operation Branchform, [Redacted - out of scope].

Colleagues have already advised the BBC that their questions re the FFM need to be addressed to the party.

I recommend that the bid for FM is declined [Redacted - out of scope]. FM comms support this recommendation.

Spads are content with this approach [Redacted - out of scope].

Could you let me know if Ms Somerville would support declining this bid?

Copying FM for awareness.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 12:28 PM

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>

Subject: BID - BBC GMS

Hi [Redacted],

Please see below bid for GMS tomorrow [Redacted - out of scope]

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Media Manager | First Minister

Scottish Government

email: [Redacted]@gov.scot

mobile: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: 12 June 2023 10:16

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Good Morning Scotland bid

Hi [Redacted]

Nice to speak to you just now.

Would Humza Yousaf be available to speak to us tomorrow morning please? Ideally live at 0805am but we are flexible between 0600-0900am.

We want to ask him about calls for him to suspend Nicola Sturgeon from the party [Redacted - out of scope].

Thanks,
[Redacted]

Assistant Editor, Good Morning Scotland

BBC Scotland News

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 11 June 2023 21:07

To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>

Cc: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>

Subject: Running issues 11 June 2023 - 21.00hrs

Hi [Redacted]

Here are the lines which we have issued today.

If you need anything further please give me a call.

Regards

[Redacted]

Arrest of Nicola Sturgeon – Daily Record; Radio 4 Today; ITV News, LBC, Telegraph

Several outlets also bid for FM and asked for his whereabouts on Monday. They were referred to the Party.

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[Redacted - out of scope]

[Redacted]

Senior Media Manager - Communications Health and Social Care

Scottish Government

Tel: [Redacted]

[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 June 2023 15:45
To: [\[Redacted\]@reachplc.com](mailto:[Redacted]@reachplc.com)
Subject: SG line - Branchform

Hi [Redacted]

Our line as promised.

Regards

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[Redacted]
Senior Media Manager - Communications Health and Social Care
Scottish Government
Tel: [Redacted]
[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 June 2023 15:48
To: [\[Redacted\]@bbc.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@bbc.co.uk)
Subject: SG line - Branchform

Hi [Redacted]

Our line as promised.

Regards

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Senior Media Manager - Communications Health and Social Care
Scottish Government
Tel: [Redacted]
[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 June 2023 17:26
To: [\[Redacted\]@global.com](mailto:[Redacted]@global.com)
Subject: SG line - Branchform

Hi [Redacted]

Our line as promised.

Regards

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Duty comms

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Senior Media Manager - Communications Health and Social Care
Scottish Government
Tel: [Redacted]
[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 June 2023 16:37
To: [\[Redacted\]@itn.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@itn.co.uk)>
Subject: SG line - Branchform

Hi [Redacted]

Our line as promised.

Regards

[Redacted]
Duty comms

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[Redacted]
Senior Media Manager - Communications Health and Social Care
Scottish Government
Tel: [Redacted]
[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:10 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: C - the arrest of Nicola Sturgeon - [Redacted]

Good afternoon,
The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.
I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.
Thank you
[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@hotmail.com](mailto:[Redacted]@hotmail.com)>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 12:13 AM
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: the arrest of Nicola Sturgeon.

It is with a great sense of indignation & sorrow to hear of your [wrongful] arrest to-day Nicola over what seems to me a relatively trivial matter; rest assured you have the support of people like me in Eireann! [for what its worth].

Beidh an bua agatsa fos, Nicola agus do fearr cheile![Irish Gaelic].

Le meas mor,

[Redacted].