

EXTRACT 1

Communication between Mr Macpherson Private Office and Mr Griffin Officials

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 06 March 2023 09:25

To: Davidson I (Ian) (Social Security) <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Hi Ian,

Mark Griffin's office have advised that NGBU are planning to provide a further draft of his Member's Bill in the coming days (see thread below) and MG has asked if the Minister would be willing to meet to discuss the draft and plans for the EIA consultation in the week commencing 20 March.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 03 March 2023 16:33

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Cc: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

We've had a further email from [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] as below.

Grateful if you could let us know if you have any advice on handling.

Many thanks,

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

[Redacted under Section 29(1)(d)]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 02 March 2023 14:39

To: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>; Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Good afternoon [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

NGBU have advised [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] that expect to be able provide the updated in the next week or so. Would it be possible to look at availability for [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and Mr Macpherson from w/c 20 March? [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] has availability on the Wednesday and Thursday, all day.

Many thanks

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of MinisterSSLG@gov.scot

Sent: 13 February 2023 3:24 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] >; Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] isn't around today I'm afraid – I can give you a call though.

I'll try you on your landline below.

Thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 13 February 2023 15:22

To: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Please can you give me a quick call?

Many thanks

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of MinisterSSLG@gov.scot

Sent: 9 February 2023 5:19 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] Griffin M (Mark), MSP

<Mark.Griffin.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

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Good afternoon **[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]**

Apologies for the delay in replying to you.

When do you roughly think the 3rd draft will be ready to be shared?

Many thanks for your help.

Kind regards,

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

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From: **[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]**

Sent: 07 February 2023 16:48

To: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>; Griffin M (Mark), MSP <Mark.Griffin.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Dear **[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]**

Mark has asked me to get back to you about meeting with Mr Macpherson, and thank him for the offer.

Mark has returned his second draft of his bill to the non-government bills team and is due to meet them later this week to discuss when the final draft will be returned, as well as discussing comments raised. It was his intention that he would seek to arrange the follow-up meeting with Mr Macpherson once this third/final draft was ready to be shared. Working on that basis, can we come back to you after Thursday, once we have greater clarity?

Alternatively, if it was Mr Macpherson's intention to speak to **[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]** to share with him details of the intended consultation, or the next steps in relation to the benefit, please let me know I can confirm Mark's availability.

Many thanks



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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of MinisterSSLG@gov.scot
Sent: 3 February 2023 12:59 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Cc: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>
Subject: Meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government

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Dear Mr Griffin,

Following the recent letter sent to you by Mr Macpherson on 24 January, he has asked if we could get in touch to arrange a suitable date for a meeting with you, if agreeable.

The Minister is available on the following dates/ times:

Tuesday 21 February 16:00 – 16:30
Wednesday 22 February 11:45 – 12:15

Please do not hesitate to let me know if neither of the above times are suitable and I can look to find an alternative slot.

Many thanks,
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

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EXTRACT 2

Communication between officials and Social Justice Committee Clerk

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Thanks for getting back to us.

Would right now work by any chance?

Thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 25 May 2023 12:25

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] >

Subject: RE: Catching up re Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Happy to have a further chat, - I'm afraid I can't do 1.30 today and I'm on leave next week! Are you able to do tomorrow before 3pm?

If not I can do either 2.30 today or Mon 4th or Tues 5th June. Also happy to take any questions over email!

Thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 25 May 2023 11:56

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Subject: Catching up re Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Thanks for meeting with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and I last week to discuss Mark Griffin's Member's Bill (Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill).

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and I were wondering if you had time for a further quick catch up either today (1330?) or Tuesday afternoon?

Thanks,

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

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EXTRACT 3

Communication between Mr Macpherson Private Office and Mr Griffin Officials

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:19 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] >
Subject: RE: SEIAC Bill and EIA consultation

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Thanks for this update. We have previously had an offer of a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary though that had to be cancelled, should we be liaising though the private office – a question [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] was keen to ask was an update on the timing of the consultation, as well as the offer to have involvement.

Many thanks

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: 26 April 2023 10:53 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: SEIAC Bill and EIA consultation

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to your below email.

With the change in Government, we need to appraise the new Cab Sec of where we are with EIA. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, there have been a number of immediate matters requiring her time in the last few weeks. I'll be in touch again when we're in a position to put something else in the diary/ share something with you. I expect this will be in the next couple of weeks but will keep you updated.

Many thanks,

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

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From: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) On Behalf Of Griffin M (Mark), MSP
Sent: 28 March 2023 16:40
To: Minister for Social Security and Local Government <MinisterSSLG@gov.scot>;
Cc: Griffin M (Mark), MSP <Mark.Griffin.msp@parliament.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: SEIAC Bill and EIA consultation

Dear Mr Macpherson

Thank you again for meeting with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] on Thursday to talk about his Proposed Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill.

I am getting in touch to follow-up on your offer for [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] to have input in the preparation of the upcoming consultation on employment injuries assistance, which we understood you would consider what information can be shared to aid that. It would be useful to know what the current questions are, specifically the areas of consultation around what the new benefit will look like, and the options you are consulting on for the scrutiny, advisory and research arrangements including membership of those arrangements. We understood the timetable for the consultation would be for the consultation to launch before the summer recess, and the analysis to be undertaken by end of the calendar year.

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] also welcomes your offer to have an open door for you to both share further information, and agreed this will be useful. Mark also confirmed he would open to discuss timing of commencement and establishment of the council. With this in mind it would be sensible to arrange a follow-up meeting in mid-May, to discuss [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] preparation for lodging the bill.

Kind regards



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

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