

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [First Minister](#)
To: [DL Cabinet Secretaries](#); [DL Ministers](#)
Cc: [Permanent Secretary](#); [DG Net Zero](#)
Subject: Ministerial resignation
Date: 06 June 2023 12:19:49
Attachments: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

PS/Cabinet Secretaries

PS/Ministers

I wish to inform you that Mr Stewart has resigned from his Ministerial post.

Many thanks

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Cc: [Spads Admin](#); [MPO Admin](#); [Minister for Transport](#); [Government Car Service](#); [Colin McAllister](#); [Leanne Dobson](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial resignation
Date: 06 June 2023 12:36:17
Attachments: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Colleagues

Please find attached an exchange of correspondence which confirms that Mr Stewart has resigned as Minister for Transport. Please cascade as appropriate.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Transport Scotland Directors](#); [Transport Scotland Business Managers](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT - Response by Noon Tomorrow (07 June) - Preparations for a New Minister
Date: 06 June 2023 12:59:05
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
Importance: High

Hi all,

As Mr Stewart has announced his resignation, we are beginning preparations for the transition to a new Minister. We have pulled out the slides prepared for Mr Stewart in March to be updated, links to these are below. With apologies for the tight turnaround, I'd be grateful if you could make **any necessary updates by noon tomorrow.**



Thanks,

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From: [Alison Irvine](#) on behalf of [Chief Executive Transport Scotland](#)
To: [TRANSPORT SCOTLAND](#)
Cc: [DG Net Zero](#); [Permanent Secretary](#)
Subject: Transport Minister Resigns
Date: 06 June 2023 13:04:45

Colleagues,

Transport Minister Kevin Stewart has tendered his resignation to the First Minister and stepped down from his ministerial post for health-related reasons.

Mr Stewart previously served as the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning from 2016 , and Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care from 2021. Mr Stewart was appointed Transport Minister in March 2023.

Accepting his resignation, the First Minister thanked him for his service, particularly his support during the pandemic and said he hoped he would feel able to serve again in the future.

You can read the [Scottish Government media release in full](#).

I am sorry that Mr Stewart has felt unable to continue in his post and we need to now put in place preparations to support the new Minister. I am arranging an all staff call for later this afternoon and will share more information when I am able.

Thanks for your continued support.

Alison

Alison Irvine
Interim Chief Executive

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Minister for Transport](#)
To: [Roddy Macdonald](#)
Cc: [Minister for Transport](#); [Chief Executive Transport Scotland](#)
Subject: FW: Thank you and Best Wishes.
Date: 07 June 2023 15:28:12

Hi Roddy,
For awareness.
Thanks.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2023 10:21
To: Minister for Transport <MinisterforT@gov.scot>
Cc: Kevin.Stewart.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: Thank you and Best Wishes.

Dear Mr Stewart,

We were very sorry to hear of your decision to step down from your Transport role which must be one of the most challenging positions in these difficult times for ferry travel.

Although we have only worked with you for a relatively short time, on behalf of Isle of Arran Ferry Committee we wanted to pass on our appreciation for your support to Arran as we work to improve our Ferry services.

We wish you well for the future and hope you have a speedy return to full health.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Isle of Arran Ferry Committee



From: [REDACTED]
To: [TRANSPORT SCOTLAND](#)
Cc: [Chief Executive Transport Scotland](#); [Press Transport Scotland](#); [Leanne Dobson](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: TS evening note - 8 June 2023
Date: 08 June 2023 16:56:32

Transport Scotland evening note – 8 June 2023

Reactive

Herald / Scotsman – Ministerial resignation – passed to SG

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Transport Scotland duty comms

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From: [redacted] on behalf of [First Minister](#)
To: [redacted]
Cc: [Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs](#); [Press Transport Scotland](#); [Communications First Minister](#); [redacted]; [Chief Executive Transport Scotland](#); [Ross Ingebrigtsen](#); [Fiona Brown](#); [Kerry Twyman](#); [Emily Mackintosh](#); [redacted]; [David Hutchison](#); [Callum McCaig](#); [Colin McAllister](#); [Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition](#); [Minister for Transport](#); [Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel & Tenants' Rights](#); [redacted]
Subject: Re: For FM clearance - Media query - Transport Minister- Herald
Date: 08 June 2023 17:46:48

FM is content to clear.

Many thanks,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 4:38:34 PM
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Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs
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Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Media query - Transport Minister- Herald
Expanding comms cc.

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media enquiries (call group): [redacted] | [Media enquiries - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

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Subject: RE: For FM clearance - Media query - Transport Minister- Herald

Good afternoon FMPO,

Sorry to press. Grateful to know if FM has had a chance to consider the below response.

Many thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 June 2023 12:07

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs

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Subject: For FM clearance - Media query - Transport Minister- Herald

Good afternoon FMPO

I am seeking clearance on the below draft lines in response to a Herald query on the vacant transport brief.

The below lines have been agreed with SpAds.

I'd be very grateful to know if FM is content with the lines.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

RESPONSE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The First Minister is saddened by the resignation of Kevin Stewart due to his mental health. It would, however, not be appropriate to speculate on the causes of any individuals' mental health issues."

"It is factually incorrect to say that no Cabinet Secretary has responsibility for

transport. The role of Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition includes transport.”

Background

As is normal, the First Minister will announce a new minister in due course.

QUERY

An doing a newsletter analysis about the protests on the islands over ferry coverage. As part of that we will talk about the fact that two transport ministers have quit due to ill health in the past 18 months.

And there are calls for the transport brief to be upgraded to transport secretary. Our question is why is there there no transport brief in the cabinet, yet we have an Scottish Government agency devoted.

The deadline is 3pm.

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