



Conversation about RE: line to clear - Fergusons - McColl documents - Daily Mail follow up (fergusons NDA query)

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Notes

20/02/2020 17:32 - [Redacted] added the following note:

Thanks, [Redacted] – this has now issued.

From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

Sent: 20 February 2020 16:29

To: Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture

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Minister; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

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Ms Hyslop is generally content to clear but re-reading the lines over again thinks the long sentence in Para 4 doesn't make sense.

Would suggest removing the phrase "as we have stated".

Thanks

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Cab Sec/PO,

The Daily Mail has asked some follow up questions on the back of yesterday's query and statement – the journalist says:

1 - In my request yesterday, I had asked: "how many staff have been dismissed, how many signed non-disclosure agreements and how much were they paid to sign these non-disclosure payments?"

Am I correct to take from the response below that three staff have signed non-disclosure agreements and are you able to say the total cost of these agreements?

2 - Also, can you please confirm if the First Minister will give evidence at the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on this issue, as requested in a letter from Jamie Greene MSP? What other ministers will give evidence? And does the Scottish Government have a view on whether Derek Mackay should still give evidence? We have discussed with officials and SpAds. Grateful for clearance of suggested lines – the amendments are in red.
Thanks,

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"No staff have been asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

"No staff have been dismissed and in fact the workforce at Ferguson Marine has increased by nearly 50 people since it entered public ownership.

"The Scottish Government will be providing a detailed response to Mr McColl's committee evidence, which included a number of points we do not recognise.

"As we have stated having considered CBC's alternative proposal over a number of weeks Ministers found it unviable, raising significant risks, requiring significant investment from Ministers and withdrawing the remaining investment already committed by CBC. CBC's proposal offered no further investments in the business from them.

"We have worked for more than two years to find a resolution to the difficulties at Ferguson Marine and with the completion of the two CalMac ferries, protecting jobs, and securing a future for the yard as our priorities and that remains our priority."

Background

While the First Minister has not been asked to attend committee, Ministers regularly accept formal requests to give evidence and the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands has already agreed to do so.

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It is for parliamentary committee clerks to issue all invitations to give evidence, and these are a matter for the individual and the committee concerned.

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