

RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 July 2022 16:15
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Legal advice - Ferry

Thanks [redacted]

[redacted]

I'm happy to discuss further on Monday if that would assist.

Thanks

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 30 June 2022 21:04
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot [redacted]@gov.scot
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Many thanks

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 04 July 2022 09:26
To: SGLD Head of Economy & Social Protections;
[redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW: FW: Legal advice - Ferry

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Many thanks,

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** SGLD Head of Local Government & Economy Division

Sent: 04 July 2022 09:21

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 04 July 2022 15:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Ferry – [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thanks for the call earlier.

To confirm, please can we stand up the Victoria 1 from the earliest possible date (we really do need for this weekend). To be docked in Leith.

[redacted]

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 July 2022 09:05
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ukraine - passenger ships
Importance: High

Thanks [Redacted]. Let's keep refining. I just wanted to let [Redacted] see/comment.

[Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]– can we now rapidly finalise this sub in order to get it up before the Minister meeting at 14:15. The financial risk section needs adding and points like that from [Redacted] need checked.

Can I have a final version to clear by noon.

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 July 2022 08:33
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot
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Taking [Redacted] off for a moment, are we categorically sure Home Office “hasn’t considered this type of accommodation”? We could very slightly amend to hasn’t “implemented” this option instead?

- “The Home Office have not considered this type of accommodation” – are you sure that’s true? There was a lot of press around using ferries in 2020. [Floating asylum centres planned on retired ferries | News | The Times](#); [Proposals to hold newly arrived asylum seekers offshore branded ‘illegal, expensive and illogical’ | The Independent](#); [UK ponders using retired cruise ships to process asylum seekers offshore | Euronews](#); [Why Plan To House Asylum Seekers On Ferries Is Home Office's Dumbest Idea Yet | HuffPost UK News \(huffingtonpost.co.uk\)](#)

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 July 2022 08:16
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[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ukraine - passenger ships

Hi [Redacted]

Here’s a link to the version that I forwarded: Warm Scottish Welcome Programme Accommodation - Securing Passenger Ships - PD version (A39037580)

[Redacted]

From: [redact] (Special Adviser)
Sent: 04 July 2022 22:38
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This will be up to Minister

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[redacted],

I wanted to share with you now where things currently stand with a minsub on using passenger ships to accommodate Ukrainians. As you know we plan to do this from the end of the week and, subject to refinement of the financial numbers and your views, we will look to submit tomorrow.

The team are still working on the detail of the costings owing to ongoing negotiations and so they will be subject to change. However, the numbers in the attached give a sense of scale and comparison with hotels.

Welcome your comments.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 July 2022 22:58
To: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Cc: DG Communities; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice; [Redacted]@cosla.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022
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As discussed. Attached is a short note which provides some further details on the option to utilise a vessel at Leith. Hopefully this is sufficient for now to allow you to seek a view from your political leaders.

I flagged to my Minister earlier that this was something you were going to do.

I don't know how quickly you can have these conversations, but an early indication that Edinburgh would support this option (or not) would be appreciated to allow us to finalise our advice to Ministers (which we will do over the course of Wednesday).

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From: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:12:45 AM
To: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
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[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice;
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[redacted]

Looks as though we will need to go ahead with the ship, subject to views from **[Redacted]** and colleagues in Edinburgh on that.

[redacted]

From: **[Redacted]**@gov.scot
Sent: 30 June 2022 13:23
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Cc: **[redacted]**@gov.scot; DG Communities; **[redacted]**@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot
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All,

As covered at Gold. Here is the list of hotels booked, but as yet LAs have not confirmed they are able to mobilise support. We need to bring these online now, so any support you can provide would be appreciated. **[redacted]**

[redacted]With the numbers arriving we will need to move swiftly on standing up a cruise ship, or other emergency accommodation (cruise ship we can move on now).

Thanks

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Update note sent to Edinburgh Council

Ukraine Response: Utilising Passenger Ships for Welcome Accommodation

Scotland is continuing to see a rise in Ukrainian displaced persons entering the country. Current estimates of upcoming arrivals suggest a minimum of 110 'super sponsor' arrivals per day and a need for between 1500-2350 rooms over the next 4 weeks.

The challenge to ensure appropriate accommodation is available for new arrivals is great and becoming harder as we move fully into the summer period. There is a real risk that at very short notice we could run out of accommodation options available across Scotland and have to utilise emergency accommodation, such as camp beds at the Edinburgh Hub.

To reduce the risk of using emergency accommodation, and to secure a sizable portion of the rooms needed over the next few weeks, one option being actively pursued, subject to Ministerial approval, is to utilise passenger ships.

Berthing a passenger ship at Leith is an option being considered. This would see the M/S Victoria (739 cabins) used to accommodate Ukrainian arrivals. The M/S Victoria could be mobilised at short notice (it has a 5 day lead time) and be available for use w/c Monday 11 July.

The ship offers a similar standard of room accommodation to current welcome accommodations and all of the services a hotel offers (food, housekeeping, child's play area, functioning shop etc.). As with hotels, there are a range of cabins from suites to single use.

The passenger ship would operate with a full crew and with a 24-hour manned reception desk, enabling displaced persons to come and go as they please. Additional external security would also be provided and utilising third sector partners to mobilise both paid staff and volunteers to work on the passenger ships is also being explored.

As with welcome accommodations, the Scottish Government would cover the full costs of utilising the passenger ships and any reasonable costs incurred by City of Edinburgh Council for providing welcome support to meet the safeguarding and wellbeing needs of displaced persons.

From: [redacted] (Special Adviser)

Sent: 06 July 2022 09:38

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;

Cc: DG Education & Justice; [redacted]@gov.scot; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Minister for Culture, Europe and International

Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine ; Craven M

(Miriam) <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN

Minister will need to be told asap please as this looks like only matter of time before gets out.

[Redacted] – have you got anywhere with meetings with Perm Sec / FM? seems like they will need to be sooner rather than later

From: **[Redacted]**@gov.scot;
Sent: 06 July 2022 09:24
To: [redacted] (Special Adviser); **[Redacted]**@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot
Cc: DG Education & Justice; **[redacted]**@gov.scot, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice; Craven M (Miriam) <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine
Subject: RE: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN

Further to my note:

*'The original query has come from **[Redacted]**. At the moment I think the first question is to establish if it is true. [They] also claimed the Scottish Government are speaking to the Home Office and Border Force, however, I can't find anyone that knows about this initiative'.*

From: **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Sent: 06 July 2022 09:03
To: **[redacted]** (Special Adviser) **[redacted]**@gov.scot; **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Cc: DG Education & Justice **[redacted]**@gov.scot; **[redacted]**@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Subject: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN

-**[redacted]**, **[redacted]**

To make you aware colleagues at Scotland Office have approached our migration policy team to ask whether the Scottish Government is looking to charter a cruise ferry from Estonia which will be docked in Leith within the next ten days to accommodate Ukrainian refugees.

Apparently Scotland Office had been asked about it. I've asked our policy team to ask Scotland Office more about background/ origin of the enquiry.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: **[Redacted]**@gov.scot(Special Adviser)
Sent: 06 July 2022 14:18
To: **[Redacted]**@gov.scot
Cc: **[Redacted]**@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot; **[Redacted]**@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN - holding line

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Sent: 06 July 2022 14:04

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot(Special Adviser)

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[Redacted]@gov.scot; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice

Subject: SPAD VIEW: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN - holding line

Thanks all.

[redacted]

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 06 July 2022 13:48

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;

[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice

Subject: RE: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN - holding line

Thanks [Redacted]. With that amend – [Redacted], I think we're good to go.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot;

Sent: 06 July 2022 12:45

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;

[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot

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[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 06 July 2022 11:59
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice;
[Redacted]@gov.scot;
Subject: RE: Passenger Ships - Ukraine - Scotland Office - OFFSEN - holding line

Thank you [Redacted].

[Redacted] – [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 July 2022 15:18
To: [redacted]@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>
Cc: Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Johnston P (Paul)
<Paul.Johnston@gov.scot>; Craven M (Miriam)
<Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot
Subject: RE: Cruise Ship

Thanks [redacted] ,

Good to speak yesterday too. I've added Miriam and [redacted] to see.

We're finalising our decision on using a ship, and we talked yesterday about the importance of focused comms if we go down this route. The team ([redacted] – perhaps you?) would welcome the opportunity to discuss handling in greater detail and perhaps doing something jointly.

Speak again soon.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] @scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>
Sent: 07 July 2022 11:04
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: Cruise Ship

Hi [redacted],

It was good speaking with you. I have sent the following email to Paul and [redacted], who I believe are away. Hope this helps in our discussions on use of cruise ships.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 July 2022 10:59
To: [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Cruise Ship

Hi redacted

[redacted]

You can find some news coverage (with pictures) here:

<https://news.err.ee/1608554254/estonian-state-tallink-sign-contract-to-charter-ship-for-refugee-housing>

<https://www.euronews.com/2022/04/08/estonia-charters-baltic-ferry-to-house-ukrainian-refugees>

<https://estonianworld.com/life/pictures-an-estonian-ferry-accommodates-over-1500-ukrainian-refugees/>

I hope this helps! If you have any follow-up questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards
[redacted]

[redacted]

Chief Executive

Scottish Refugee Council

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 July 2022 08:14
To: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022

Thank you.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Sent: 07 July 2022 08:12
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022

[Redacted] [redacted]

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:07:48 AM
To: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022

Morning [Redacted] – do you have any update?

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Sent: 06 July 2022 08:18
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: DG Communities; [redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice;
[Redacted]@cosla.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022

[Redacted], I'll try and get an answer today about level of support.
I'll get back when I know something.
Kind regards
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:57:36 PM
To: [Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk
Cc: DG Communities; [redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice;
[Redacted]@cosla.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Temporary Accommodation Update - 30 June 2022

[Redacted],

As discussed. Attached is a short note which provides some further details on the option to utilise a vessel at Leith. Hopefully this is sufficient for now to allow you to seek a view from your political leaders.

I flagged to my Minister earlier that this was something you were going to do.

I don't know how quickly you can have these conversations, but an early indication that Edinburgh would support this option (or not) would be appreciated to allow us to finalise our advice to Ministers (which we will do over the course of Wednesday).

Happy to talk at any time if that would be helpful.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 July 2022 13:38
To: [Redacted]@travelctm.com
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ukraine
Welcome and Integration
Subject: Victoria 1

Hello [Redacted]

Hope you are well.

Questions on the Victoria 1:

- Where will the ship dock? Will it be at Newhaven? Outside the Asda?
- Looking for absolute assurance that the gangway will be down permanently for people to get on and off?
- We would like to contract GP / health services

- Could you contract people to work in the childrens play room?
- Is there wifi?
- Do you know what time it will arrive on Monday?
- Do you know who the shipping agent is? And do you have contact details?
- Could we arrange passes for the guests?

Thanks so much

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 July 2022 22:22
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Victoria 1

I've done this following discussion with [redacted]. She's keen that we give ourselves a little time to get ourselves ready. [redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 July 2022 22:18
To: [Redacted]@travelctm.com; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ukraine Welcome and Integration; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Victoria 1

[Redacted]

I know Victoria is due to sail tomorrow, but what scope do we have to delay this and instead have a Tuesday or Wednesday arrival into Edinburgh? Is this practical and would there be any additional costs?

We want to ensure we are ready with our support arrangements ahead of the ship arriving.

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@travelctm.com
Sent: 07 July 2022 20:36
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot;
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ukraine Welcome and Integration
Subject: RE: Victoria 1

Hi [Redacted]

Additional contacts for the port agent at Leith – grateful if you could communicate these details to SG colleagues and partners who require to visit the vessel.

You will have two local contacts in Leith to support the Victoria: [Redacted] and [Redacted]. I have pasted their details below:

[Redacted]

For all communication and requests, please direct emails to our port agency shared mailbox:
[Redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@travelctm.com
Sent: 07 July 2022 16:44
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot;
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ukraine
Welcome and Integration
Subject: RE: Victoria 1

Hi [Redacted]

Just to set out details for visitors/officials visiting the Vessel.

[Redacted – out of scope]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@travelctm.com
Sent: 07 July 2022 15:36
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; Ukraine
Welcome and Integration
Subject: RE: Victoria 1

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for your email – see below responses inline for ease of reference.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

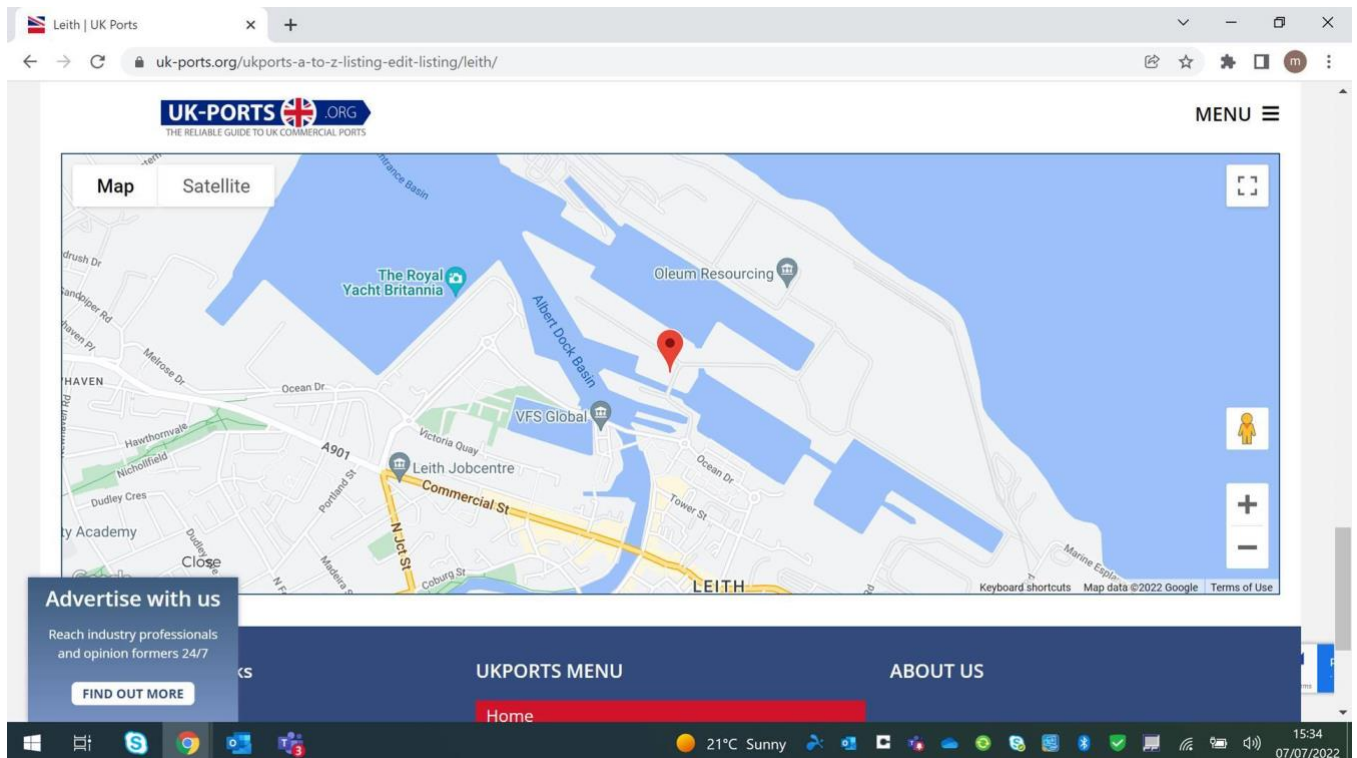
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Hope you are well.

Questions on the Victoria 1:

- Where will the ship dock? Will it be at Newhaven? Outside the Asda? It's the Port of Leith – see below:



- Looking for absolute assurance that the gangway will be down permanently for people to get on and off? I can confirm that the gangway will be down permanently
- We would like to contract GP / health services Noted, will incorporate this into the CSS contract
- Could you contract people to work in the childrens play room? This is already in place
- Is there wifi? Yes, wi-fi will be enabled once vessel arrivals
- Do you know what time it will arrive on Monday? C1300hrs
- Do you know who the shipping agent is? And do you have contact details? Inchcape have been appointed as Port Agent @ Leith: see contact below

[Redacted]

- Could we arrange passes for the guests?

Thanks so much

[Redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine

Sent: 07 July 2022 21:02

To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Special Adviser) ; Craven M (Miriam) <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.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

Cc: Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine <MinisterCEID@gov.scot>

Subject: OFF SEN Ministers call with Ukraine Consul-General [redacted]

Good Evening all,

The Minister has asked me to update you with regards to the call he had with the Ukraine Consul-General.

Mr Gray advised that we are now reaching a critical stage with reference to accommodation. I can confirm that [redacted] is supportive of cruise ships as an accommodation measure. He understands that difficult decisions will need to be made and has asked to be kept updated as these progress.

Regards,

[Redacted]

Assistant Private Secretary to Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine, Neil Gray

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