

## ANNEX A

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**Subject:** RE: Diary Check - Project Neptune Visit - Islay, early February

Thanks [Redacted]. Yes [Redacted] and the Minister from our side.

[Redacted] – I've discussed with Jenni Minto's office. JM will be on Islay, available, and would like to accompany the Minister on her engagements. I will need to check this with Ms Gilruth but grateful for a steer on what items of the itinerary might be appropriate for this?

Her office have asked to see an itinerary so I would suggest we share with them once the Minister has reviewed. Finally, they didn't suggest any specific engagements, other than with the Ferry Committee. [Redacted]

Thanks,

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[Redacted] | [Redacted] to the Minister for Transport – Jenny Gilruth  
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Copying [Redacted] who is leading on the briefing pack

[Redacted] – draft schedule for sharing with Ms Minto’s office is as set out a couple of days ago

- 0800 – 0845, Flight, Glasgow – Islay
- 09:00 – 09:45 Discussion with Airport staff
- 09:45 – 10:00 Travel from Airport to Gaelic Centre, Bowmore, PA43 7LN
- 10:00 – 11:30 Meet with Islay Ferry Committee – Discussion on Project Neptune and Islay ferry matters, format would be two spokespeople, (chair/deputy chair).
- 11:30 – 11:50 Travel from Bowmore to Port Ellen
- 11:50 – 12:30 Meet with two CMAL representatives who will show the Minister around the port, showing the constraints of the current port and then talk the Minister through future plans based on what has been shared with the community at the recent public meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January
- 12:30 – 15:00 Free for other engagements
- 1530 – 1745 Ferry Islay (Port Askaig) to Kennacraig



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Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for this. Sorry I think I've perhaps misunderstood what is being proposed. Is the 12:30 – 15:00 gap to be filled with something PN related or is that covered purely in the meeting with the Ferry Committee?

If the later, please could engagements be sought to fill this space.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** FW: Diary Check - Project Neptune Visit - Islay, early February

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See below suggestion for visit to a Distillery on Islay. Bruichladdich is the biggest distillery and the biggest employer, good opportunity for Ms Gilruth to talk to management about transport and freight issues whilst she does a tour. If the Minister is amenable to this we can reach out to the Distillery. [Redacted]

[Redacted] – if the Minister oks this can you get in touch with the distillery to discuss arrangements.

Bruichladdich – Bruichladdich Distillery

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[Redacted] will show the Ministers around the port, showing the constraints of the current port and then talk the Minister through future plans based on what has been shared with the community at the recent public meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January
- 12:30 – 13:15 Travel to Bruichladdich Distillery
- 13:15 – 13:45 Lunch
- 13:45 – 14:45 Tour of Distillery
- 14:45 – 15:15 Travel to Port Askaig
- 1530 – 1745 Ferry Islay (Port Askaig) to Kennacraig



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**Subject:** RE: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202200326390

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for your call last week.

As discussed, we now have a clearer picture of the proposed engagements whilst the Minister is on Islay (details still being worked through). Ms Gilruth would be pleased for Ms Minto to accompany her for some of the visit, but appreciates she may not wish to attend every engagement. Perhaps we could have a discussion about the best way to coordinate this?

I also understand Ms Gilruth and Ms Minto have discussed one or two places of local interest the Minister may wish to see. Are you able to provide any of the details around this?

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- **13:45 – 14:45 Tour of Bruichladdich Distillery**
- **1530 – 1745 Ferry Islay (Port Askaig) to Kennacraig**

Kind regards,

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Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, Ms Gilruth has just had a discussion with Jenni Minto and has proposed some revisions to the itinerary, which I have copied below.

You mentioned that the room had been booked for the meeting with the Ferry Committee so it may be that we need to stick with that time – if so I do not see an issue with that.

- 1.) CMAI first (Port Ellen) – 30 mins
- 2.) Bowmore (Ferry Committee) – preferably for an hour max
- 3.) Port Charlotte (Meet with members of the community, at the local museum – Jenni Minto's office will send details of who will attend to PO shortly)
- 4.) Tour of Bruichladdich Distillery
- 5.) Ferry to Kennacraig

I would be grateful if you could review and make the necessary changes or flag where this might present issues.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** Islay Itinerary

Morning

Sorry for the changes last night! We think the itinerary is now along the lines of:

08.45: Flight lands  
Travel to Port Ellen  
09.15-09.45: Meet with CMAL at Port Ellen  
Travel to Bowmore  
10.15-11.15: Meet with Ferry Committee at Bowmore  
Travel to Port Charlotte  
12.00-13.15: Meeting with Members of the Community, Location TBC  
Travel to Bruichladdich  
13.30-14.30: Visit to Bruichladdich Distillery  
Travel to Ferry  
15.30: Ferry to Kennacraig

We will come back to you by the end of the week with confirmed details on the Meeting with members of the Community. We are planning to invite:

[Redacted]

Unfortunately the Museum has renovation works being taken forward so the meeting cannot take place there as initially suggested but it will be in the Port Charlotte area.

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Anything we can do to help please let us know, sorry again for the last minute changes!

Kind regards

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