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Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL: Draft budget response

Hi,

Can we postpone the meeting until 3.15pm as the DFM hasn't yet started his speech as Parliament was suspended for 30 mins at 2.40?

Thanks

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Hi [redacted], that's in the final paragraph. We can't pre-empt the Board discussion in our statement today. Using UK National Lottery reserves to fill the gap is a Board decision and they won't discuss that until Monday.

We will put out another statement on Monday following the Board to communicate their decision.

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Hi [redacted],

You may be aware that the budget statement has been delayed by 30 mins.

In terms of lines – I thought CS had said that subject to budgets and the CS board agreement on 19th they will maintain RFO funding at standstill. Has this position changed?

Thanks

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Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: Draft budget response

Importance: High

Hi [redacted] and [redacted],

Following your meeting with [redacted] and [redacted] earlier this week, we have prepared our initial response statement, which is provided in draft below. Obviously, final numbers tbc following John Swinney's statement and publication of the draft budget itself.

Normal practice for us is to quickly issue a statement in response to the draft budget, then follow up with a subsequent statement once our Board has met to discuss, which they are doing on Monday morning next week.

As is always the case, we will be approached for an immediate response by the media (they have already been contacting us) and by the culture sector itself, as well as our staff.

For discussion when we meet at 3pm.

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Response to Scottish Government Draft Budget 2023/24 announcement on 15 December

Following the Scottish Government's draft budget announcement, we are disappointed that the proposed Creative Scotland Grant in Aid budget for 2023/24 has decreased to £56.4m, down £6.6m from £63m in 2022/23, a reduction of just over 10%.

However, we acknowledge the extremely challenging financial environment affecting all parts of public life and the difficult decisions the Scottish Government is making.

While we welcome the fact that the proposed budget includes stable funding for Screen, Youth Arts, and other community initiatives, the reduction in Grant in Aid impacts most significantly on our ability to maintain funding at standstill levels for the portfolio of 120 Regularly Funded Organisations.

The Creative Scotland Board meets on 19 December to discuss this draft budget, its implications and to consider the option of using our UK National Lottery reserves to help maintain standstill funding for Regularly Funded Organisations through 2023/24.

A further update will be made following that Board meeting.

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Subject: RE: CS 2023/24 Draft Budget Response

Hi [redacted],

I'll share this with our comms people and Cab Sec's office. Unfortunately call just been put back to 17.00 due to the debate in parliament not finishing until 16.50

Thanks

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Subject: CS 2023/24 Draft Budget Response
Importance: High

Hi All,

As discussed.

[redacted]/ [redacted], if you can share with Cab Sec and your Comms folk?

[redacted], are you happy to share with [redacted]?

I'll now bring other Comms colleagues into the loop here for prep.

We'll aim to issue before 5pm.

[redacted]

Response to Scottish Government Draft Budget 2023/24

Following the Scottish Government's draft budget announcement, we have been informed that the proposed Creative Scotland Grant in Aid budget for 2023/24 will decrease by around £7m, from £63m in 2022/23, a reduction of more than 10%.

While this is extremely disappointing, we acknowledge the challenging financial environment affecting all parts of public life and the difficult decisions the Scottish Government is making.

We welcome the fact that the proposed budget includes stable funding for Screen, Youth Arts, and other community initiatives.

However, the proposed reduction in Grant in Aid impacts most significantly on our ability to maintain funding at standstill levels for the portfolio of 120 Regularly Funded Organisations.

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Subject: Level 4 figures as published this afternoon

Hi all,

You will probably have already found this but the level 4's has been published this afternoon along with the SG draft budget. For ease I've put the table for CS & other arts below:

[Scottish Budget: 2023-24 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Creative Scotland and Other Arts							
Creative Scotland (CS)	32.582	-	-	-	-	32.582	32.682
Cultural Project Financial Transactions (Expenditure)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural Project Financial Transactions (Income)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CS Depreciation	-	0.220	-	-	-	0.220	-
Other Arts	36.542	-	-	-	-	36.542	31.349
Total - Creative Scotland and Other Arts	69.124	0.220	-	-	-	69.344	64.031

Thanks

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