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Subject: For Information: Upcoming Marches and Parades from 26/05/2023

PS/Minister for Victims and Community Safety

For information: notable marches and parades from Friday 26 May to Sunday 4 June

[redacted – not in scope]

Saturday 27 May

Celtic FC supporters are planning to gather at Glasgow Cross, Merchant City, to celebrate Scottish Premiership Trophy Day, after a mid-day match with Aberdeen FC. A large number of supporters are expected to participate in this event and there is therefore a risk of antisocial behaviour taking place. Police Scotland have indicated that a proportionate policing plan will be in place to maintain public safety and minimise any disruption to the wider community.

From: Ross Ingebrigtsen

Sent: 29 May 2023 18:56

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Subject: RE: To clear - Daily Express - Incidents after Celtic vs Aberdeen

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The FM has cleared this with me – this can issue

First Minister Humza Yousaf said:

"The vast majority of football supporters are well-behaved, however I condemn the incidents of anti-social behaviour that took place Saturday afternoon by a small minority of Celtic fans. I fully support Police Scotland in taking appropriate and proportionate action in response to any act of anti-social behaviour."

Thanks

Ross

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FMPO,

CC'ing the Sports Minister and Justice Secretary for awareness.

Following clearance of the earlier lines the Daily Express have since contacted us about the incidents after the Celtic and Aberdeen game explicitly looking for a comment from the First Minister.

SpAds and comms have agreed the below statement, grateful for clearance.

Many thanks,
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First Minister Humza Yousaf said:

“The vast majority of football supporters are well-behaved, however I condemn the incidents of anti-social behaviour that took place Saturday afternoon by some Celtic fans. I fully support Police Scotland in taking appropriate and proportionate action in response to any act of anti-social behaviour.

“Governing bodies and individual clubs must contribute, using their influence to take serious measures to help tackle such misconduct.”

Query

Also, is Humza Yousaf planning to comment on the Celtic title party in Glasgow? I know the Daily Mail asked for a comment yesterday from him specifically and received a comment from the government but not him, which I've put below. Is he personally going to say something?

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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 3:43 PM
To: redacted@gov.scot;
Subject: RE: A quick sentence / paragraph for a MiCase request

Hi redacted

Sorry for the delay in responding, please see the below:

The vast majority of football supporters are well-behaved, however we condemn the incidents of anti-social behaviour that took place a small minority of Celtic fans following the club winning the league. The Scottish Government fully support Police Scotland in taking appropriate and proportionate action in response to any act of anti-social behaviour.

We will continue to work with the Scottish FA and the SPFL to encourage clubs to liaise with their supporters to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve the experience for all fans who want to watch their team play in a friendly and safe environment.

Please let me know if you need anything further?

Thanks

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Subject: A quick sentence / paragraph for a MiCase request

Hi redacted

I am in the process of finalising my response to the MiCase as per this link. [MiCase - View Case redacted](#) However, I was wondering if you had any specific lines I could add in about football clubs not responsible for fans actions outside the stadium? I have generated lines to that effect, but would prefer more specific exact lines if they exist.

If you have anything, could you send them across to me before noon tomorrow Fri 22 June?

Many thanks

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