

Copies of correspondence relating to the Deposit Return Scheme between Scottish Government ministers / officials and the Competition and Markets Authority between 01 January 2021 and 20 April 2023

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Subject: Follow up on DRS conversation

Classification: **Official**

Hello

I hope you are both well.

Following our recent catch up, I thought it would be timely to introduce my colleague [Redacted] (cc'd) from the Office for the Internal Market (OIM).

As we previously discussed, DRS is something that has come up in relation to OIM. Therefore we would be very happy to provide an overview of OIM and discuss any DRS angles of interest.

If this is of interest, happy to set something up.

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Subject: CMA/SG Meeting on DRS follow up

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[Redacted]and [Redacted]

It was good to catch up this morning.

On the business competition concern, as discussed it isn't CMA's role to advise business directly or 'sign off' schemes. We advise that businesses seek their own legal advice. In our discussion I referred to a few bits of CMA guidance/work that may be of interest, these are:

- [Sustainability agreements: CMA issues information for businesses - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [What do trade associations need to know about competition law? - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [CMA publishes environmental sustainability advice to government - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

At the end of our meeting we also touched on DRS and the internal market. I shall get back to you on this point separately in due course.

Please do get in touch if there is anything else we can help with.

All the best

[Redacted]

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Subject: RE: Seeking advice - Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

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Hi [Redacted],

Thank you for following up.

I appreciate the timeline you are working to. Can we pick this up at our meeting on Thursday? Depending on what we decide very happy to be proactive then to put time in calendars if need be.

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Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for getting next week's meeting in our diaries. Going forward, how are you placed for a follow-up with BRC later in May, ideally sooner rather than later as we'd not like to lose momentum.

Cheers,

[Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted]

Useful to understand your time frames.

I would prefer a separate meeting to BRC as there is another issue I was hoping to raise with you as well.

Would either of the following time slots work for next week?

12.30 – 2pm Monday 16 May

14.30 – 5pm Wednesday 18 May

If easier happy to discuss on the phone so do give me a call

[Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted],

I've had a further chat with [Redacted] and [Redacted] and we're wondering if we could skip the pre-meet with just CMA and instead move to a joint meeting with you and BRC, possibly the earlier next week?

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Fantastic. I shall send a scheduler now. I have put this in as a Teams meeting as my colleague [Redacted] who is based in London will be joining us – although equally

happy to make this a hybrid meeting and come to VQ to meet in person if that would be appropriate too.

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Hi [Redacted],

I've had a look at our calendars and Monday 30 at 2pm is good for us.

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Hi [Redacted]

Good to hear from you.

Unfortunately I can't do 19th May. Would any of the following dates/times work for you? I have suggested dates after 26 May as we have the Edinburgh Board meeting then so things are busy with preparations.

2pm Monday 30 May
11am Tuesday 31 May
10am Wednesday 1 June
4pm Thursday 2 June

Hopefully we can find a date soon.

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