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**ANNEX A**

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**Subject:** RE: Glasgow University Visit - GERS - 16th August

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

I've spoken with senior colleagues about your revisions and have suggested the following instead, it's important for us to speak about GRID given we are partnering with the Scottish Government on this initiative (also apologies for being pedantic but for branding purposes we are 'University of Glasgow' rather than 'Glasgow University').

Hopefully this is still around 1 minute.

Many thanks,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

It's great to be at the University of Glasgow's ARC Building which is driving innovation and entrepreneurship in areas such as quantum technology, semiconductors, life sciences, creative economies and digital chemistry. I've met some of these world-leading researchers today.

Universities like Glasgow are driving growth for Scotland and leading key initiatives like the GRID Discovery programme, using the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District as a real-world innovation testbed.

Addressing some of the health, environmental and social challenges facing Scotland, whilst being an innovator in key technologies, is central to our ambition to create a wellbeing economy, driving inclusive growth for the benefit of society and our planet.



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**Subject:** RE: Glasgow University Visit - GERS - 16th August

Good evening [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Just a quick follow up to share some suggested points of key things we'd be grateful for the Cabinet Secretary to speak about, but please do amend these to suit the Cabinet Secretary:

- Great to be at the University of Glasgow's Mazumdar-Shaw Advanced Research Centre (ARC) which is bringing together world-class researchers to collaborate and drive innovation from the research base in key areas for Scotland such as quantum technology & semiconductors, life sciences, digital chemistry and cultural/creative economies.
- Universities like Glasgow are driving growth for Scotland through their research and activity. [A 2021 report by London Economics](#) found that the University contributes £4.4bn of economic impact to the economy and I've seen met today some of the researchers at the heart of this impact.
- It's good to hear the University's plans to foster entrepreneurship and spinouts, building on relationships with major industry partners and stakeholders like the NHS and the Scottish Government to drive opportunities for innovation. For example, the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District (or GRID) of which the University is a major partner, was announced in March 2023 as Scotland's first ever whole-systems innovation demonstrator. [The GRID Discovery initiative](#) will see the University partner with industry, Government, academia and the local community to identify a number of R&D collaboration projects and draw on the University's world-leading research capabilities to drive impactful innovation at pace. The Discovery programme is aimed at attracting inward investment, creating access to good quality jobs, and in developing a skills pipeline to build on the region's strengths and support productive, thriving places.
- To further welcome the approach taken by the University to use its role as a civic institution to address some of the major health, environmental and socioeconomic challenges facing Scotland, whilst being an innovator in key technologies. This approach is central to the ambitions of a wellbeing economy, driving inclusive growth for the benefit of society and our planet (*for example the Cabinet Secretary will see during his visit how we're using quantum technology to drive investment in Scotland whilst applying this in real-world clinical settings for patients and using it to develop cleaner solutions to support the transition to net zero*)

We would intend to use this piece on social media and possibly on our webpage for an internal comms piece on the visit.

Finally, just a quick note to say the Twitter handle for the University in the briefing note is incorrect and should read '@UofGlasgow' not '@UniversityofGlasgow'

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Apologies for delay in getting back to you- that's not a problem at all. We've liaised with colleagues and amended the agenda. Please see attached a final briefing note from ourselves with hopefully everything you might need (but please do let us know if you need anything further).

In terms of a piece to camera for the University, I'll be in touch with some words/suggested points later today.

Please do feel free to give me a call/text if there's anything else the team might need.

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Following discussion with SpAds, the later start time will require us to flip the order of Wednesday's event, to run as follows. Hope this is OK with you. Grateful if you could confirm.

09:30: Media to arrive at the ARC, met by Scottish Government comms. GERS figures are published.  
09:55: The Cabinet Secretary arrives at ARC.  
10:00: Media briefing begins (on-the-record, off-camera)  
10:30: Broadcast interviews  
10:50: The Cabinet Secretary tours the ARC and it's Quantum Technology laboratory. Cameras are invited to follow the tour.  
11:20: The Cabinet Secretary undertakes pieces to camera for SG and Uni.  
11:30: The Cabinet Secretary departs

My SG colleagues [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] will be on site to take video footage/images of the visit. I've also mentioned the piece to camera for the university, which Mr Gray's private office has added to the schedule. Grateful if you could send over some suggested words.

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)], [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] it was great to see you at the ARC today. My colleague [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] (cc'd) and I are pulling together a briefing & ops note with biographies, info on the building/parking etc. and what the Cabinet Secretary will see. As discussed we're aiming to get this to you early Monday morning. I'm also attaching some slides our academics have shared which will be on display during the visit- please do let me know if you have any issues with these.

In the meantime, please see below a brief summary of semiconductors & quantum technology and the applications Cab Sec will hear about and see during his visit.

### **Semiconductors & Quantum Technology**

The University of Glasgow lies at the heart of a Semiconductor and Quantum Technologies research and innovation ecosystem of global significance, bringing together world-leading academic research with a cluster of innovative companies spanning sectors such as photonics, chip-scale components, precision instrumentation, defence and life sciences.

A semiconductor is a material product usually comprised of silicon, which conducts electricity more than an insulator, such as glass, but less than a pure conductor, such as copper or aluminium. They are found in thousands of electronic devices and used in the manufacture of various kinds of electronic devices, including diodes, transistors, integrated circuits, smartphones, computers, gaming hardware, medical equipment and appliances. Their conductivity and other properties can be altered with the introduction of impurities, called 'doping', to meet the specific needs of the electronic component in which it resides. They are sometimes referred to as 'chips' within electronic devices and their actual function includes the amplification of signals, switching, and energy conversion. The semiconductor industry is a hugely important global sector, particularly for the US and China, with semiconductor components found in a wide range of consumer and commercial products, from vehicles to computers to mobile devices and personal electronics.

Scotland's Silicon Glen had its origins in the electronics business with Ferranti establishing a plant in Edinburgh in 1943, relocating facilities from Manchester during the Second World War. Companies like IBM began to establish a presence in the Central Belt in the 1950s and the emphasis on electronics came about due to the decline in traditional Scottish heavy industries such as shipbuilding. Like Silicon Valley in the USA as a leader in semiconductors, Silicon Glen also had a significant influence in semiconductor design and manufacturing, with companies like Motorola and National Semiconductor operating in Scotland in the 60s. The heavy dependency on electronics manufacturing hit Silicon Glen hard after the financial crisis and since then Scotland has had less of a presence on the international semiconductor scene. [redacted under Section 33(1)(b)]

Quantum technology uses the principles of quantum mechanics (the physics of sub-atomic particles) to improve a vast range of technologies. [redacted under Section 33(1)(b)] The recent Technology Scotland report on quantum is helpful in providing more context and quantifying what the economic potential is for Scotland- <https://technologyscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Quantum-2023-Report.pdf> . [redacted under Section 33(1)(b)]

I'll be able to send over some more info as part of the briefing on Monday but hopefully this is helpful in the first instance in outlining what quantum and semiconductors are and why they're important for Scotland.

Many thanks,

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Thanks [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Copying in Finance comms colleagues, who are pulling together the news release.

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Sincere apologies- we had a couple of political visits today so only just back at my desk!

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Hope this is all helpful for now and I can give you a clearer idea during recce tomorrow.

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow. It'll just be me on the recce as our Finance team are tied up with other things. But I can take snapshots to show them how it's all going to go.

Are you able to show me what will be demonstrated to the Cabinet Secretary for the cameras?

If you're able to send over any real examples of quantum tech in action in Scotland, that would be useful for the news release.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Glasgow University Visit - GERS - 16th August

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Just a quick message to confirm a recce this Friday at 10am at our Mazumdar-Shaw Advanced Research Centre (ARC). Please do let me know if you need a parking space organised.

If you're coming via public transport the closest subway station is Kelvinhall (4 minute walk away)

I'm catching up with our lead academics tomorrow afternoon and will be in touch with a proposed plan for the tour.

Many thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Glasgow University Visit - GERS - 16th August

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Thanks for confirming. We've heard back this afternoon that the Cabinet Secretary is content to proceed with our recommendations – so it's all systems go.

I'll keep in touch and hopefully see you for a recce next Friday.

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Just a quick note following our call to say I've spoken to colleagues and we can certainly accommodate a quantum demo- colleagues are very happy to make sure there's some really visual tech on display for press. Two colleagues are off until Tuesday but I'm picking up with them then and can share some images/draft programme ahead of recce.

Best wishes,

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Sure I'll give you a call then. Thanks.

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

I'm free for a call at 12 if that works for you? I'm on [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Many thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Let me know if you have time for a quick catch up today – just to discuss the visit and what we'd like to focus on.

I'm still awaiting sign off from the Cabinet Secretary, but we have more idea of what we'd likely be looking for.

Thanks,

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Please see attached list of potential things to visit but as I said the other day we're happy to adapt this and alter to suit depending on what you're looking for.

I'm also happy to organise a recce so you can see the places in person either this week or next week. Also happy to chat tomorrow if helpful any time before 10 or after 1.

Many thanks,

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Thanks [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]. That's much appreciated.

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Thanks [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)], will have this over to you later today- I'm going to also get some photos from the ARC for you so you're aware of what's available ahead of recce.

Best wishes,

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Good morning [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

I'll pick up with our Special Advisors and discuss options today for the GERS visit, if you can send me the list we discussed on Friday about possible options for visuals.

Many thanks,

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Thanks [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]. My number is below.

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Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

I can give you a call as soon as I'm out of meetings (around 12) to chat over what you need.

Many thanks,

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Hello all,

Grateful if I could have a quick chat with someone about what we might have in terms for visuals for media?

Apart from 3-4.30pm today, I'm pretty free, if someone is around to talk me through it.

Many thanks,

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Thanks, copying to [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] who leads our comms who can pick up on what we need for visit.

Thanks again.

Gary

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Hi Gary,

Just a quick note to say our office is looking at getting a space for this in the ARC so will let you know ASAP when we have this confirmed.

Best wishes,

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Thanks, that sounds great. The advanced research centre is perfect. We would need a space for a press briefing accommodating about 20 journalist/media after the tour. I will go back to our comms and come back to you.

Gary

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Hi Gary, this sounds great - we would be delighted to host this!

[redacted under Section 33(1)(b)]

Chemify is currently based on the top floor of our Advanced Research Centre, so it's a good location for the event.

Let me know if this sounds workable, or if you need something different. I've copied in [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)], who leads on government relations and will be happy to liaise with yourselves on the logistics and planning for this visit.

Bw  
[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

On 25 Jul 2023, at 14:30, [Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot](mailto:Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot) wrote:

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

We publish GERS on morning of 16<sup>th</sup> August, We usually combine this with a visit for media and then do a press briefing on publication? We went to Edin Uni informatics last year. We usually get about 20 media including tv cameras. Is there anything we haven't already seen which be good for the Uni to publicise/get media attention? I was thinking GRID also or anything innovation or energy related?

It will be Neil Gray doing the visit and press briefing.

Gary

*Dr Gary Gillespie  
Chief Economist  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 1453*







## ANNEX B

### DOCUMENT 2

Internal email

**From:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:53 AM

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

We have drafted a short note below which could be sent to FM as an email. Hopefully this suits.

Kind regards,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Subject: Publication of Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) 2022-23

Dear First Minister,

I am writing to update you on the plans for the publication of the latest Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) statistics, which will cover financial years up to and including 2022-23. The Chief Statistician has now announced that these statistics will be published on 16 August. As I am on leave and out of the country on this date, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy has agreed to cover media activities related to the launch of the publication. Our offices will work closely with officials in OCEA and Communications over the next month to prepare these.

I hope you are content with these arrangements.

DFM

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:37 AM

**To:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]t@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Further to Neil's confirmation below, please could a short note also be drafted to FM outlining this arrangement as per Callum's steer.

Many thanks,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP**  
**The Scottish Government**

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

T: [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] M: [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | E:

[DFMCSF@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSF@gov.scot)

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**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:34 AM

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

Good Morning,

Mr Gray us content to cover and has requested a morning engagement due to constituency commitments in the afternoon. Grateful if timings and location can be confirmed.

Thanks,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy - Neil Gray MSP**

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[CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot)

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**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:28 AM

**To:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

DFM would like Mr Gray to cover for her, if he is happy to.

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]– please can you confirm.

Much appreciated

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP**

**The Scottish Government**

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

**T:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | **M:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | **Email:**  
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**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Sent:** 03 July 2023 12:29

**To:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

As discussed DFM will be on leave out of the country that week so another Minister will need to cover the GERS visit, when identified, and the following media Q&A session on 16 August – DFM is currently considering and we will advise in due course.

Copying in Mr Gray and Mr Arthur for their awareness, as they may be asked to cover.

Thanks

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP**

**The Scottish Government**

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

**T:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | **M:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | **Email:** [DFMCSF@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSF@gov.scot)

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**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 28 June 2023 17:33

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland - 16 August

Private Office,

You may be aware that the next Government Expenditure & Revenue Scotland (GERS) publication, covering 2022-23, will be published on 16 August. Ahead of this, we have pulled together a 1 page Q&A on the publication for DFM. Hopefully this is helpful. We are happy to provide follow up material or to meet to talk DFM through the publication if helpful.

Kind regards,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Macroeconomic and Fiscal Analysis  
Office of the Chief Economic Adviser  
Scottish Government  
[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

 @ScotGovOCEA

## DOCUMENT 3

Internal email

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 12:22 PM  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>;  
First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy  
<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Johnston@gov.scot>; Sandy  
Stewart <Sandy.Stewart@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>;  
Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>;  
Gary Gillespie <Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section  
38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted  
under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>;  
Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>;  
<[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Note from the Deputy First Minister - Publication of Government  
Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) 2022-23

**This email is for the official record and confirms a Ministerial Decision. This email must be placed in the official record (eRDM) by your team [in line with SG records management policy](#).**

Afternoon [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

Thank you for passing this on, FM has noted. FM has asked when will we get sight of the latest figures? Grateful for confirmation.

Many thanks,  
[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister**

**Office of the First Minister**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

**M:** [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]



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**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 9:16 AM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Kathy Johnston <Kathy.Jorhnston@gov.scot>;

<[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig

<Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance

<CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>; Gary Gillespie

<Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>;

<[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Minister for Community Wealth & Public Finance <MinisterCWPF@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Note from the Deputy First Minister - Publication of Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) 2022-23

PS/First Minister,

Please find below a note from the Deputy First Minister regarding publication of Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) 2022-23.

Kind regards,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Dear First Minister,

I am writing to update you on the plans for the publication of the latest Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) statistics, which will cover financial years up to and including 2022-23. The Chief Statistician has now announced that these statistics will be published on 16 August. As I am on leave and out of the country on this date, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy has agreed to cover media activities related to the launch of the publication. Our offices will work closely with officials in OCEA and Communications over the next month to prepare these.

I hope you are content with these arrangements.

**SR**

**[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]**

**Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP**

**The Scottish Government**

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T: [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | M: [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] | E:

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## ANNEX C

### DOCUMENT 4

Media query relating to the GERS publication

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications DFM & Finance <CommunicationsDFMandFinance@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FOR ALLOCATION - media query - benefits and tax GERS - Daily Mail

GERS follow up from Mail.

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@dailymail.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:18 PM  
**To:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** benefits and tax

Hi [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

As discussed, I'm doing a story for tomorrow on figures in the GERS document which show SG spending on benefits has increased at a faster rate than UKG spending on benefits in Scotland, while tax income has grown faster in Scotland than across the UK.

Scottish Government social security spending in 22/23 was £4.5 billion, up 13 per cent on 21/22.

Spending on universal credit, housing benefit and other DWP benefits increased at the slower rate of 9.1 per cent, to £7.5 billion.

Revenue from land and buildings transaction tax increased by 5.4 per cent to £858 million in 22/23. This growth rate was more than four times faster than stamp duty income in the rest of the UK, which increased by 1.3 per cent to £19.1 billion.

Scottish income tax receipts were up 13 per cent at £16.6 billion, compared to +10.5 per cent to £248.7 billion across the rest of the UK.

I'd appreciate any comment on this. Do ministers intend to continue to increase spending on benefits at a faster rate than the UK Government and will there be more tax rises to fund this?

Many thanks,

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

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**DOCUMENT 5**

Query relating to the GERS publication

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@atheian.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 12:29 PM

**To:** Economic.Statistics <Economic.Statistics@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Query re GERS figures

Good afternoon,

When the GERS figures are said to refer to 2022-23, what specific dates in 2022 and 2023 does the publication cover?

Kind regards

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## DOCUMENT 6

Query relating to the GERS publication

From: <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:16 AM  
To: Economic.Statistics <Economic.Statistics@gov.scot>  
Subject: Re: GERS. Possible error

The population stats for the last two years are also lower than 2020/21!

Sent from my iPhone

> On 16 Aug 2023, at 10:14, <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
> Hi  
>  
> I'm reading GERS and the population stats for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are the same.  
> Surely this is an error?  
>  
> It's impossible for two years to have the same population in a row, especially as  
> over 600k entered the UK last year than left it?  
>  
> [redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

**DOCUMENT 7**

Query relating to the GERS publication

**From:** <[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 8:51 AM

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

**Subject:** GERS

**Drear Minister,**

**Why does the Government not place and advertise nationally a huge Caveat on the Gers figures? Personally I am getting tired of Scotland bring shown as a basket case by this Tory initiated propaganda. Also when will our Government produce accounts showing the value usurped from Scotland.**

Regards

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

ABERDEEN