

Extract 1

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 September 2023 10:15
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – I think this is the only chain you weren't copied on.

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



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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Thanks Ian – in terms of clearance their side, I'll check with DHP colleagues.

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] have fed into the response and background note. Happy to share for sight.

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



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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)], and I appreciate you picking it up. Does it need clearance with as well and do [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and team not have an interest?

Ian

IAN DAVIDSON (he/him)
Deputy Director, Social Security Policy
ian.davidson2@gov.scot

From: Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 September 2023 15:54
To: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Ian ,

For awareness – we're drafting a response to the below Oral PQ. This query would usually sit with better homes colleagues, but due to their lack of capacity and the short deadline we've agreed to take the lead on this occasion. The deadline for reply is 3pm tomorrow, we will get something over to you to review tomorrow morning at latest.

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy. **(S6O-02509)**

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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
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Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]& [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

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

Due to the deadline on this one, we'll co-ordinate. Could you allocate it to [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]– if you could provide DHP figures, response and background note contribution and any suggested follow up Q&A by **1pm** in order for us to get this reviewed and issued it'd be greatly appreciated.

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



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Hi all,

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] / [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – would it be possible for the PQ to be allocated to one of you?


Thanks,

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



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Sent: 06 September 2023 17:30

To: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit

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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot;

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

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

I'm out all day tomorrow presenting at a conference and unfortunately [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] is off just now. I won't be able to do this for 3pm Friday.

However, for the last two queries of this kind we have compiled DHP + SWF figures. If SWF colleagues were prepared to coordinate I can get the Aberdeen City DHP spending figures sent to them tomorrow.

Hope that's OK

Thanks

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit

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Subject: FW: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

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

Please see PQ below we think may be for yourselves due to the recent similar PQ that was answered on mitigating welfare policy:

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy.

Please let me know who this should be allocated to and if not for your area, any pointers in the right direction would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

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



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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox

Sent: 06 September 2023 16:54

To: Social Security BMU <SSDBMU@gov.scot>; Social Security Scotland Chief Executive <ce@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit <socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Parliamentary Correspondence Team <parliamentarycorrespondence@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] gov.scot

Cc: ET FMQ/PQ Mailbox <ETFMQPQ@gov.scot>

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Hello

I would appreciate it if you could take a look at the below ORAL PQ and let me know if they are for your area.

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy. ([S6O-02509](#))

PQ deadline is – Due 3 pm Friday

If not your area, grateful if you could let me know why and point me in the right direction of who you think may be able to lead.

Thank you in advance

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Extract 2

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
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To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S6O-02509
Importance: High

Hi ELP,

Could I please get your view on the following response for oral PQ S6O-02509 from MSP Jackie Dunbar?

With apologies for the short turnaround, this is due with PO by 3pm today.

20230907_To clear _S6O-02509 Jackie Dunbar details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk);

Kind regards,

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

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To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

A PQ, reference S6O-02509 has been allocated to you as lead action officer. This PQ may be reached by clicking on the link below.

Your PQ Tracker Home Page is at:-

<http://s0678a:8080/pqtracker/drafting/answer>

- MSP: Jackie Dunbar
- Due at MPO: 12/09/2023
- Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy.

Allocation notes: Please find attached the Oral PQ due 3 pm Friday On receipt of this message, can you please ensure The Private Office and Minister drop down fields are complete. The answer must be cleared by your C band or DD before being sent to PO Please be aware when answering a PQ, you should send the answer to PO using the "Private Office for approval" option. If the PQ is not for you it is important you let us know asap so we can re-allocate. I have copied in your Line manager for awareness and would appreciate their support in ensuring this happens.

The user guidance for the PQ Tracker system may be found here:-

<http://saltire/my-workplace/ministerial-preferences-and-support/best-practice/Pages/answering-parliamentary-questions.aspx>

Extract 2 i) PQ Response mentioned in extract 2 and Extract 3:

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ORAL ANSWER

Index Heading: Communities

14 September 2023

Jackie Dunbar (Aberdeen Donside) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy.

S60-02509

Shirley-Anne Somerville:

Over the last five years, including this fiscal year, the Scottish Government has spent more than £733 million to mitigate UK Government welfare policies.

Although we are unable to break this down by local authority area, over the last five years we have invested £17.2 million in the Aberdeen City Council region through the Scottish Welfare Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments, to mitigate amongst other things, the bedroom tax, benefit cap, and local housing allowance. Additional funding has been made available through Universal Credit Scottish Choices and advice services. £11 million has also been provided through the Scottish Child Payment.

(100 words)

Extract 3

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 12:51

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

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

This is where I am at with the oral PQ:

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A45135268/details>

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] is working on the DHP contribution, but has asked to have until 3pm.

The response as it stands is over word count. [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

No word back from [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] on this as yet. I will also re-format background tables.

Happy to discuss

Kind regards,

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

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Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:09 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot]

Subject: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

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Your PQ Tracker Home Page is at:-

<http://s0678a:8080/pqtracker/drafting/answer>

- MSP: Jackie Dunbar
- Due at MPO: 12/09/2023
- Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy.

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot],

I have updated the QAs, hope this is okay.

Click on the link to open 'Oral PQ - Jackie Dunbar - (S6O-02509) - DHP allocations' - <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A45140333/details>

Thanks,

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

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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

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

Further to the below, we have found this oral pq on DHP, including the below Q&A.

Wondering if you would be able to check the below and update for DHP interests, and/or add some more detail to the Q&A you provided? We will then be able to feed this into the supplementary questions. Grateful if you could please come back to me first thing tomorrow morning so we can get the question cleared and sent to PO. 😊

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Kind regards,

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

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

Thanks very much for this.

I am wondering if there is any further detail you would be able to provide for the Q&A section, please?

Kind regards,

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

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

Thank you for extending the deadline for me slightly on this and being patient while I worked my way through it.

Please find a table with the stats, a background note and a few Q&As. Please note that [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] has not yet checked this over due to being at a conference today, if he checks it once he is back online tonight and finds there are any amendments necessary, he will be in touch.

Click on the link to open 'Oral PQ - Jackie Dunbar - (S6O-02509) - DHP allocations' - <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A45140333/details>

Thank you again!

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Extract 4 i)

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy. (S60-02509)

Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
DHP Bedroom Tax allocation	£1,422,809	£1,510,806	£1,777,544	£2,193,846	£2,154,707	£9,059,712
DHP "Other" allocation	£466,192	£461,523	£717,699 ¹	£390,116	£638,106 ²	£2,673,636
Total DHP allocation	£1,889,001	£1,972,329	£2,495,243	£2,583,962	£2,792,813	11,733,348

1. Figure includes a share of an additional, national, £8m of Covid-support funds

2. Figure includes a share of an additional, national, £2.6m for benefit cap support and £2.5m cost of living support

NB - DHP "Other" allocation includes funding for Benefit Cap mitigation, Local Housing Allowance, and Core (non welfare reform) DHPs

Year	2023/24
DHP Bedroom Tax allocation	£2,125,147
DHP "Other" allocation	£278,035
DHP Benefit Cap allocation	£287,455
Total DHP allocation	£2,690,637

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Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b), this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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

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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot]
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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Please see our top lines on welfare/debt advice services spending in 2023-24:

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Kind regards

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

Please note that my regular working hours are Monday-Thursday 9 – 4.30 and Friday mornings.

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot]
Sent: 07 September 2023 11:16
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Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

I am wondering if you have anything you could provide as part of the Q&A [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Thanks very much!

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

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

Yes these are the lines I mentioned re: total cost of SG mitigation.

Feel free to use any of the lines from that [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] if required, they are correct.

Kind Regards,

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



From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:08 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

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Thank you [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)], this is really helpful. I will include the contribution [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] within the Q&A.

I am basing some of the response on this written question, which included a contribution on Universal Credit Scottish choices: Motions, Questions and Answers Search - Parliamentary Business : Scottish Parliament [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Thanks very much.

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

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

I think the core of this is for [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)], given that all mitigation is driven via them (as far as I know), but the following may be helpful for the Q/A [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Let me know if I can help with anything further,

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

The Scottish Government



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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

Would you be able to help with a contribution from your policy areas for the below oral PQ?

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy. **(S6O-02509)**

It would be helpful if you could provide any contribution for the response, background note and suggested follow-up Q&A.

As below, we will have contributions also from SWF and DHP. Do you know if there are any other relevant colleagues that I should also copy in for a contribution?

To allow time to coordinate the response and get clearance, **it would be helpful if I could get a response by 1pm today, please.**

Thanks very much in advance!

Kind regards,

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 14:06

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

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

I'd replace the line below with the following lines which provide a bit more information.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Hope this is helpful and don't hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.

Thanks,

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

The Scottish Government



From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:51 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]

Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] (in copy) is best placed to check this.

Thanks

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

The Scottish Government



From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:45 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

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

Sorry to send another email!

As part of the answer to the below oral PQ, I am intending to also include the national figure quoted in S6W-19900.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Anything you could provide to supplement this would be really helpful, preferably before 3pm today if possible. Thanks for your help!

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:21 AM
To: [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: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Thanks all!

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)@gov.scot]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:21 AM
To: [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: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

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

Thanks for checking to confirm but I can confirm they are up to date.

Thanks,

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

The Scottish Government



From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:15 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: ORAL PQs - S6O-02507, S6O-02509 & S6O-02511 - Due 3 pm Friday

Yes, that's correct – sorry, we only have a national figure for that.

Copying in [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] just to confirm the [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] figures are fully up to date?

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

The Scottish Government



Extract 7

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 11:28

To: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>; Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit <socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

Hi all,

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

Below is the revised oral PQ response which is now sitting with PO:

Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)

I hope this clarifies things. Let me know if you have any questions about the above or want to discuss.

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:07 AM

To: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit <socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot ; [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; [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: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Ian

IAN DAVIDSON (he/him)

Deputy Director, Social Security Policy

ian.davidson2@gov.scot

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit

Sent: 11 September 2023 09:55

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit <socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@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: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

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

I work five days, with shorter days on Mondays and Fridays. When working from home there may be occasional interruptions from other members of the family.

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 3:49 PM

To: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit <socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

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



I am hybrid working partly in the office and partly at home and can be contacted directly on MS Teams

From: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 3:25 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit
<socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@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: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Ian

IAN DAVIDSON (he/him)
Deputy Director, Social Security Policy
ian.davidson2@gov.scot

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2023 14:08
To: Ian Davidson <Ian.Davidson2@gov.scot>
Cc: Social Security Policy/Programme Parliamentary Business Unit
<socialsecurity_parliamentarybusinessunit@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: FW: PQ Reference: S6O-02509
Importance: High

Hi Ian,

Could you please review this response to the oral PQ from MSP Jackie Dunbar?
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A45135268/details>

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] have both reviewed.

With apologies for the quick turnaround, this is due with PO at 3pm today. Could you please let me know if you are content and I will send on to Spads?

Kind regards,

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

Extract 8

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 14:07
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]! Yes, will do. Have also heard back from SCP colleagues now, so will make these additions and send to Ian / spads.

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>
T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:55 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – yes I am happy with all of that and the approach you set out.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:39 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

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

Sorry, just tried to give you a call to chat this through.

I [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

I am in the process of trying to get [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] lines to go towards a Q&A, and will add these in once I have heard back from [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].
[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

I am conscious of time at this point – are you content with the above? I will add in Q&A from [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] once we have received it and then send it up to Ian and Spads?

Kind regards,

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:56 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – I have updated the PQ (I've removed the contrast between £733m and £25m, which – on reflection - I don't think quite works in the main answer).

Can you add to the background note a question on the [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Does that make sense?

If so, happy for you to make those changes and send on for clearance? Otherwise give me a shout and I'm happy to speak further.

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:59 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Thanks,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:55 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks – how is the [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] comprised?

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:48 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]. How does this look? 20230907_To clear _S6O-02509 Jackie Dunbar details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Happy to discuss,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:07 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks – released now. I'd starting editing it, - hopefully should be clear what I was aiming at.

Anything further on [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] would be good too if poss...

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:03 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)], this is a good point.

With thanks to [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)],

I have found some [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] stats for Aberdeen City Council. Are you able to leave the erdm document so I can add these stats in to the response? I can then send back to you to review.

Kind regards,

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 10:41 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509 - to review

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] – this is very good.

I'm just thinking about the main answer – [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: s0678a@gov.scot <s0678a@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:09 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

A PQ, reference S6O-02509 has been allocated to you as lead action officer. This PQ may be reached by clicking on the link below.

Your PQ Tracker Home Page is at:-

<http://s0678a:8080/pqtracker/drafting/answer>

- MSP: Jackie Dunbar
- Due at MPO: 12/09/2023
- Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy.

Allocation notes: Please find attached the Oral PQ due 3 pm Friday On receipt of this message, can you please ensure The Private Office and Minister drop down fields are complete. The answer must be cleared by your C band or DD before being sent to PO Please be aware when answering a PQ, you

should send the answer to PO using the "Private Office for approval" option. If the PQ is not for you it is important you let us know asap so we can re-allocate. I have copied in your Line manager for awareness and would appreciate their support in ensuring this happens.

The user guidance for the PQ Tracker system may be found here:-

<http://saltire/my-workplace/ministerial-preferences-and-support/best-practice/Pages/answering-parliamentary-questions.aspx>

Extract 9

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 13:59
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

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

Some lines to use:

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer



From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2023 13:20
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509
Importance: High

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

Thank you for this. With apologies, would you be able to please provide a brief answer to the below question on [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

I have started it off with the below figure on Aberdeen City Council from the stats you sent over:

With apologies, could I please have these lines as soon as possible?

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Thanks very much in advance.

Kind regards,

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 10:54 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: PQ Reference: S6O-02509

Hopefully what you need is in here:

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Cheers,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 10:49 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: PQ Reference: S6O-02509
Importance: High

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

I am wondering if you would be able to help me with a bit of a last minute request?

Are you able to breakdown [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

I am preparing an answer to the below oral PQ from Jackie Dunbar and have provided figures for [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] Aberdeen City Council region. If we could include anything on [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] too, that would be fantastic.

With apologies, the answer is due with PO by 3pm today, and still needs DD and Spad clearance. If you could come back to me as soon as possible that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks very much in advance.

Kind regards,

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

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T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

Extract 10

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 08:25
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

The supplementary answer has now been cleared by ELP. I have attached above the revised oral PQ answer and the revised background note to include the supplementary question/answer. I have also updated the PQ Tracker.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Thanks for your emails.

Please see the attached revised answer to reflect the Cabinet Secretary's feedback.

The supplementary answer is now sitting with ELP, and I will send this up to PO by 10:30am tomorrow.

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 1:06 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Many thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:29 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Many thanks for this.

Ms Somerville has reviewed the answer and has asked for some amendments please.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Grateful if an updated answer could please be emailed to PO by COP today.

Many thanks,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Thanks for this.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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

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W: <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/social-security/>

T: @SocSecScot & @ScotGovFairer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:05 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

ELP has reviewed this PQ and has queried one of the figures in the attached document – grateful for confirmation around the point that she has raised please.

Many thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 3:50 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Many thanks for the update. Once DD feedback has been received the question can be sent straight through to PO. We have a couple of other portfolio questions that SpAds have agreed to review over the weekend so happy to send this one alongside those.

Kind regards,

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

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Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 3:24 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

Hello,

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Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:08 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Subject: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 16:14
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot;
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

I have now included below the draft response to the supp and the link to the additional ask for the split on funding. If you need anything else please let me know.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Thanks,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 12 September 2023 13:13
To: [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

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

We have a couple of lines that will address this supp. Will send over with the additional figures [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 1:09 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.
Importance: High

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

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Would you be best placed to provide a draft response to this along with the additional info [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] has requested below?

Happy to chat.

Cheers

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



I am hybrid working partly in the office and partly at home and can be contacted directly on MS Teams

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:14 AM
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
Subject: FW: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Cab Sec has come back with the below. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

I have attached the answer that we sent to PO.

PO want a response by COP today.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss.

Kind regards,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:29 AM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Many thanks for this.

Ms Somerville has reviewed the answer and has asked for some amendments please.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Grateful if an updated answer could please be emailed to PO by COP today.

Many thanks,

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

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Thanks for this.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:05 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

ELP has reviewed this PQ and has queried one of the figures in the attached document – grateful for confirmation around the point that she has raised please.

Many thanks,

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

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Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 3:50 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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

Many thanks for the update. Once DD feedback has been received the question can be sent straight through to PO. We have a couple of other portfolio questions that SpAds have agreed to review over the weekend so happy to send this one alongside those.

Kind regards,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:08 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Subject: S6O-02509 - 3pm on Friday 8th September.

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 13:31
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

Not a problem, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]. Thanks for this! Just [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)] is fine.

Thanks again.

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:28 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Best wishes,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:24 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

Sorry, no it's [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Best wishes,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:58 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

No problem, thank you [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

Do the figures include both [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Kind regards,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:35 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

No problem.

[Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

Best wishes,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)].

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:19 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

Thanks so much for this! Can I just check, does the below include [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)].

I've cc'd in [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)] from DHP to liaise on this and see if she needs any assistance on pulling these figures together.

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Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:08 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

According to our statistics [Redacted under Section 30(b)(i)]

Best wishes,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:20 AM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

I have received a request to coordinate the below oral PQ:

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent in the last five years, within the Aberdeen City Council area, to mitigate any effect of UK Government welfare policy. (S6O-02509)

I am wondering if you could please help me by providing the SWF SG budget allocation for Aberdeen City Council over the past 5 years?

With apologies, it would be really helpful if you could provide me with the SWF figure **before 1pm today** to allow me time to get clearance and coordinate the rest of the response.

Thanks very much in advance!

Kind regards,

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

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Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 12:44

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

That's fine, I've done most now anyway. However, struggling to find the stats online for 22/23. Any idea where I'd find these?

Thanks,

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

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:27 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

I'm afraid we don't have those figures all in one place so it is a case of going through the publications I think.

Let me know if you have any questions or we can check the figures for you once you're done?

Best wishes,

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

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:23 PM

To: [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: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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

I'm currently going through the DHP stats from the gov.scot publications from 18/19-22/23 to get bedroom tax and DHP "Other" stats together. If you have totals you could send over that you have easy access to that might be helpful!

Thanks,

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Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: To Action: Oral PQ - SWF and Aberdeen City Council

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