

Document 1: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 17:24

To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; Finance Pay Policy <FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

Hi [REDACTED]

DFM's PO has confirmed that the meeting of 6/9 was a political meeting. For ease I have re-attached the two docs. Please note as the response is due today I have issued a holding reply but it would be helpful to close this off as soon as possible.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Fol SpAds PO

Sent: 02 December 2022 11:53

To: [REDACTED]; Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Finance Pay Policy <FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot>

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Hi [REDACTED],

Have you checked with DFM's private office re political meetings? They would be able to advise what were political meetings and that would explain why no details, minutes or notes are available.

The Spad wouldn't be able to provide this information but the private office would.

I'll wait for you to come back to me before I send onto SpAd for consideration.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2022 16:38

To: Fol SpAds PO <Fol.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Finance Pay Policy <FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot>
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Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I'm looking for SpAds views on the response to the FOI request. The requester has submitted a number of broadly similar requests on engagement between DFM and Scottish Green Party (SGP).

The request is for "Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet were present since January 1, 2022, including, dates, times, locations, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament." The requester subsequently confirmed that the question relates specifically to the budget process for financial year 2023/24.

This overlaps with the request that [REDACTED] is dealing with for information on all meetings this year at which both DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the Scottish Green Party (SGP) were present. Specifically both responses include Cabinet filenotes of 12 and 27 October. [REDACTED]

I have attached my draft response and an annex with all the related documents. As noted by [REDACTED] there are gaps where we haven't been able to secure minutes / action points and wondered if these have perhaps been placeholders in the DFMs diary for political meetings? Would SpAds be able to confirm this please?

Can you also advise that you are content that once the response issues that I send a copy to DFM's office for information.

I have also copied in Strategic Communications colleagues for their awareness.

I apologise for the short turnaround but would SpAds be able to respond by 10am on Monday 5 December to enable me to meet the FOI deadline of 20 days.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C \(North\) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ](#) | email: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Document 1a

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 14:20

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 14:17

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

Hi [REDACTED]

Would you be able to send me an unredacted version of the briefing pack for 19 October please? A lot of it is obviously outwith the scope of your request, but possibly not outwith the scope of mine.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Document 1b

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 09:51

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 09:50

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

Thanks [REDACTED], yes I saw that. In terms of the consistency point that you rightly mention our Director has been very clear that on the finance meetings and where our requests overlap, we are to be guided by yourselves in terms of what needs to be redacted so I'll follow your lead.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 09:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

[REDACTED]

You will see I have asked my DD for his views regarding release of the budget notes as it was he who had advised redacting them in the first place. I have also sent him a teams' message to flag the urgency.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2022 19:03

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - due for issue on 5 November 2022

Thanks [REDACTED], that's useful for me to see and I'll check back in with you on Monday to ensure our responses are consistent.

[REDACTED]

Email of 01 December 2022 16:38 is in Document 1

Document 2 - 20220328721 - Annex (A41540970)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2022 16:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20220328721 - Annex (A41540970)

Great, thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2022 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Subject: 20220328721 - Annex (A41540970)

Hi [REDACTED]

This is the latest version of the readacted annex (word & ErDM). To note I have had confirmation from DFM's PO that the meeting of 6/9 was a political meeting so there is no supporting documentation.

[REDACTED]
20220328721 - Annex
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A41540970/details>

**Attached document is excluded as it is covered under the response to FOI
202200328721**

Document 3 - FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:25

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Please [REDACTED], that would be grand 😊

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:19

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Hi

Although I don't work Monday afternoon's I have just logged back on to check on the FOIs. As my one has still to be considered by SpAds I will send a holding response.

[REDACTED] do you want me to send over the latest redacted version.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North)
Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage:

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[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:14

To: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Thanks, just let me know as & when, [REDACTED].

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretariat inbox

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:12

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Thanks Dougie, this is really useful. [REDACTED]. It'll be part of the final document I aim to send out and I'll let you know what pages to have a quick look at if that's okay?

Unfortunately the deadline is today 😞

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Sent: 05 December 2022 15:26
To: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Hi [REDACTED],

The weblink below, draft version 0.8, is the unredacted but marked-up version that I saved.
20220328721 - Annex details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Rather than me look at the whole doc again now, shall I review once you've identified the additional bits within your scope? Or otherwise happy to chat about how we do this.

Thanks,
Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretariat inbox
Sent: 05 December 2022 15:07
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOIs - DFM and Ross Greer MSP of the SGP

Hi Douglas

I'm working on an FOI very similar in terms to the one [REDACTED] currently has and I see you provided [REDACTED] with some advice on the briefing pack on 19 October

2022. Would you have a copy of the pack unredacted you could forward to me as I see [REDACTED] is out of the office this afternoon please?

While a significant amount of it was out of scope in terms of [REDACTED] request, it probably isn't in terms of mine (and if you are able to send one on, could you also flag any sensitive aspects that are outwith the scope of [REDACTED] but should be redacted nonetheless?).

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cabinet Business Manager, Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division
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Document 4 - FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 November 2022 11:13

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy <CabSecFE@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport <CabSecNetZET@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good morning

I have been allocated an FOI request “***Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet were present since January 1, 2022, including, dates, times, locations, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament.***”.

Please note that I have sought clarification from the individual and they have confirmed that the question relates ***specifically to the budget process for financial year 23/24.***

The purpose of this email is to request that you undertake a search for all the relevant documents which could fall within the scope of this request which covers the period from 1 January 2022 to 4 November 2022. This includes looking in all systems, personal devices, temporary records and any handwritten notes.

When considering searches, you should note that we are only required to undertake a relevant and proportionate approach to searching and contacting areas most likely hold the information. Therefore I have sent this request to the following areas but would ask that you forward to any other relevant areas or advise of any that I have overlooked:

- Private Offices: All Cabinet Secretaries noting that DFM will also include Ms Forbes’ interests
- Director of Budget & Public Spending – Andrew Watson/Alison Cumming – [REDACTED]
- Capital – Kat White and [REDACTED]
- Budget team – Dougie McLaren, [REDACTED], Jamie MacDougall

- Resource Spending Review/Emergency Budget review – Nuala Gormley and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please can you provide all responses by close of play on **Monday 21 November** to ensure I have sufficient time to process and meet the statutory 20 day deadline. Please let me know if this is not achievable.

Even if you don't hold any information could you please confirm this as soon as possible.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

Document 4a

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:23

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] for confirming this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage:

www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Sent: 05 December 2022 13:19

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for your email.

Our records show that the meeting on 6 September was political.

I would be grateful if you could contact Andrew Scott's office regarding the meeting on 27 September as we have record of Andrew attending this.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

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[REDACTED] | E: DFMCSCR@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 December 2022 09:58

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

I have not been able to find any minutes or notes in regard of the two meeting 6 and 27 September. SpADs suggested that they might have been political meetings and you would be able to advise and this would explain why there are no details, minutes or notes available.

I am sorry for the short time frame but would you be able to get back to me this morning as the FOI is deadline is today and SpADs have asked for this before they consider the response.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North)
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Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage:

www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

Please note I work Monday am and Tuesday - Thursday

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Sent: 18 November 2022 17:41

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [REDACTED];

Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie)

<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>;

[REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C

(Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne)

<Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED],

I am responding on behalf of DFMPO and Cab Sec FE PO.

Please see the attached list of meetings between Ministers and Green MSPs on a range of topics.

I would be grateful if you could liaise with leading officials (copied here where known) to obtain minutes/actions to ascertain whether these meetings related to the budget 23-24 process and if these are in scope.

I also attach two emails which could be in scope.

Grateful if you could ensure SpAds/PO are consulted if any materials are released

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

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Email of 14 November 2022 11:13 is in document 4

Document 4b

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 November 2022 09:12

To: Bennett F (Fiona) (Health Finance) <Fiona.Bennett@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks Fiona

I'll record as out of scope.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: Bennett F (Fiona) (Health Finance) <Fiona.Bennett@gov.scot>

Sent: 29 November 2022 18:45

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry for slow reply on this and confusion. Having looked at the question again, it is asking about the 23/24 budget, not the EBR in 22/23. The briefing, minutes below and date and time of the meeting are not relevant as not about the 22/23 budget.

I am not aware there have been any meetings with the Greens so far on the 23/24 budget

Thanks
Fiona

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 November 2022 12:40

To: [REDACTED]; Bennett F (Fiona) (Health Finance) <Fiona.Bennett@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Importance: High

Hi

I am just preparing the documentation for the releasing for the above FOI. I wanted to check which, if any sections in the attached as well as the additional note from Richard McCallum provided on 2/11 require to be withheld and if so under which exemption.

I am sorry for the tight turnaround by would you be able to get this over to me by close of play today or let me know when you will be able to.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 November 2022 12:50

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] Bennett F (Fiona) (Health Finance) <Fiona.Bennett@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

Thanks for sending this over.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
Sent: 23 November 2022 17:55
To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] Bennett F (Fiona) (Health Finance) <Fiona.Bennett@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the briefing provided to Mr Yousaf and a separate note detailed below which was also made available to the Cab Sec during this meeting.

Briefing was provided by [REDACTED] and official support was Fiona Bennett.

Note provided from Richard McCallum, 02/11/2022 07:33:

[This is excluded as it is covered under the response to FOI 202200328721 and under Section 30(b)(i) on the provision of free and frank advice]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary
Office of Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP
Scottish Government, Room 1.E.10 St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG
E-mail: CabSecHSC@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2022 16:03
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to our earlier exchanges – I am currently reviewing the returns to prepare my response.

Can I check whether there was any briefing provided to support this meeting and if so are you able to send it over or advise who would be able to provide it.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2022 12:03
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] for getting back so quickly.

Much appreciated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
Sent: 15 November 2022 11:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

We only have one engagement which I believe falls within the scope of the FOI. I've include the details below.

Subject: Meeting with Gillian Mackay MSP to discuss the budget

Time: 10:00-10:30
Date: 2/11/2022
Location: via MS Teams

Notes from the meeting:

“[The] Emergency Budget Review is due to issue which sets out a number of areas which are being reprioritised due to pay and cost of living pressures. These include Covid, social care, primary care mental health and population health. We will give an update on this directly once confirmed. We have been carrying out scenario modelling on 23/24 and will speak again before the 23/24 budget.”

This is excluded as it is out of scope and covered under the response to FOI 202200328721

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Diary Secretary
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Scottish Government](#)

Document 4c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2022 16:29
To: Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Director of Tax and Revenues
Sent: 29 November 2022 16:10
To: [REDACTED] Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

I have added two documents into your table below – I think both should fall under policy development and please be aware that these are special handling Tax sensitive advice.

Minister	Date	Time	Subject	Location	[REDACTED]
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Deputy First Minister	03/08/2022	11:00	Ross Greer MSP – Budget	St Andrew's House	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	30/08/2022	18:00	Ross Greer MSP – Public Finances & Overall Finances	St Andrew's House	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	06/09/2022	17:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	27/09/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	12/10/2022	18:30	Scottish Green Party	Video Conference	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	19/10/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Emergency Budget Review	St Andrews House	[REDACTED]

Thank you
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2022 10:12
To: Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

I was just checking if you had got anything for this FOI as I am planning to put a draft to Dougie this morning.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2022 14:49
To: Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Perfect - thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Director of Tax and Revenues
Sent: 24 November 2022 14:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. Just confirming receipt and I've got something with Andrew, we'll come back to you by cop Monday.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Busines Manager for **Director of Tax and Revenues** and **Director of Fiscal Policy and Constitution** | Scottish Government | 3-B North | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ |
[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2022 12:57
To: Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs
Importance: High

Andrew

I have been advised by DFM's PO you may have some material relevant to this request which is for "**Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet were present since January 1, 2022, including, dates, times, locations, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament.**". Please note that I have sought clarification from the individual and they have confirmed that the question relates **specifically to the budget process for financial year 23/24.**

The meetings identified as being in scope are:

Minister	Date	Time	Subject	Location	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	03/08/2022	11:00	Ross Greer MSP – Budget	St Andrew's House	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	30/08/2022	18:00	Ross Greer MSP – Public Finances & Overall Finances	St Andrew's House	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	06/09/2022	17:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]

Deputy First Minister	27/09/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	
Deputy First Minister	12/10/2022	18:30	Scottish Green Party	Video Conference	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	19/10/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Emergency Budget Review	St Andrews House	[REDACTED]

I apologise for the short notice but could I please ask that if you have anything you could send it to me by close on Monday 28/11.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Document 4d

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 November 2022 12:52

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

I'll get in touch with Andrew and note that the meeting of 26/10 is not in scope.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Sent: 23 November 2022 17:37

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

I had copied colleagues into my previous email of 18 November to assist with providing materials in scope. A colleague that I may have missed could be Andrew Scott, Director for Tax and Revenues.

Please note, I have now also attached an additional briefing document which may be in scope.

With regards to the below table, [REDACTED].

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG
T: [REDACTED] | E: DFMCSCR@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 15:17

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From the responses received from you, Dougie and Nuala I have notes/readout for the meetings of 12/10 and 19/10 and a link to the pack for the 19 October meeting but nothing for any of the other meetings:

Minister	Date	Time	Subject	Location	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	03/08/2022	11:00	Ross Greer MSP – Budget	St Andrew's House	[REDACTED]

Deputy First Minister	30/08/2022	18:00	Ross Greer MSP – Public Finances & Overall Finances	St Andrew's House	
Deputy First Minister	06/09/2022	17:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	27/09/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	12/10/2022	18:30	Scottish Green Party	Video Conference	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	19/10/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Emergency Budget Review	St Andrews House	[REDACTED]
Deputy First Minister	26/10/2022	13:15	Ross Greer MSP and Gillian Mackay MSP	Scottish Parliament	[REDACTED]

Do you have any suggestions on who might have this information?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2022 09:39

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Corbett S (Sophie) <Sophie.Corbett@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

I think the key officials you have copied in have already provided in terms of notes from meetings etc but if anyone has anyone has anything additional to provide could you please send to me by close today.

Thanks all

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The emails below this are in document 4a.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:35

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

I haven't had anything for these yet but if I do I will pass over.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:30

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

I think I likely have the same gaps that you have, in addition to one or two more. Attached is the table I currently have.

Main gap is the meetings over August / September so if you've already contacted those officials likely to have been involved then I would be interested to know what you get / got back.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:21

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED].

It does sound like there is significant overlap between the two requests.

Let me know if can provide anything.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:13

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

I think A41566409 is the reference you're looking for.

The FOI I am working on is all meetings where DFM and Ross Greer were present so will likely capture the ones you have as well?

I'll cross check your table below against my own as I still have a few gaps.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cabinet Business Manager, Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division
4N.01-02 St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:09

To: [REDACTED] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala)
<Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>;
Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending
<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie)
<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] this is really helpful.

Can I check there is no objective reference for the 27/10 meeting.

[REDACTED]

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6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 16:01

To: [REDACTED] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
<DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala)
<Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>;
Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending
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<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

I've added in details (highlighted in your table below) on the fortnightly liaison meetings that DFM attends with the SGP. The budget has been discussed at the last three of these meetings.

[REDACTED] in Cabinet Secretariat is leading on a similar FOI request albeit without the budget focus, most likely from the same correspondent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Head of Cabinet Performance and Outreach

Cabinet Secretariat

Email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 14:57

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi

Also confirming that FOI team have confirmed that briefing notes should be included.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 09:41

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Sent: 23 November 2022 09:27
To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED].

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 23 November 2022 09:22
To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Ah - thanks [REDACTED].
Appreciate it
N

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2022 09:16
To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks Nuala

You are right there is quite a bit of cross-over with the request I am handling and PO provided an extract of the table from which I have taken the budget meetings. It's helpful to have the info on those that you have confirmed you have nothing available.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 23 November 2022 09:10
To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

Can I just check whether the attached is useful for you to cross-reference for meetings? I am not sure whether the 2 FOIs are linked or just co-incidental. In response to this query, myself/[REDACTED] were able to confirm we had nothing available for the meetings in red.

Apologies if you've seen already

Nuala

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

Attached documents are covered under the response to FOI 202200328721 and under Section 30(b)(i) on the provision of free and frank advice.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 08:56

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks Dougie

Happy to check with the FOI unit regarding the briefing point.

[REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Sent: 22 November 2022 19:30

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

I didn't attend either meeting.

However I've located the attached two emails regarding the 3/8 meeting (readout) and the 30/8 meeting (briefing) respectively [REDACTED].

Happy to discuss.

Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 18:17

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi, [REDACTED]

According to the scheduling assistant, the following people were due to attend the 3 August meeting:

- Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
- Director of Budget and Public Spending
- Dougie McLaren
- Leanne Dobson
- Kate Higgins
- Callum McCaig

According to the scheduling assistant, the following people were due to attend the 30 August meeting:

- Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
- Director of Budget and Public Spending
- Dougie McLaren
- [REDACTED]
- Leanne Dobson
- Catriona Matheson

I hope this is of some help.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Directorate Business Manager/Remuneration Group Secretariat
Director's Office | Directorate for Budget and Public Spending
Area 3D North | Victoria Quay

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 17:44

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] do you know which other officials attended the 3/8 & 30/8 meetings and I could maybe try them.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 17:32

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi, [REDACTED]

I've had a look back at the Director calendar for these dates and marked below the ones that I believe Andrew would have attended, as they were accepted in the calendar.

I'm afraid I don't know about a note of these meetings. I did check the Director e-mail archive and OneNote, but could not see anything.

[REDACTED]

I realise this is not too much help! Perhaps someone else would know who would have had responsibility for taking notes of meeting.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Directorate Business Manager/Remuneration Group Secretariat
Director's Office | Directorate for Budget and Public Spending
Area 3D North | Victoria Quay

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 16:36

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala)

<Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending
<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Dougie, Nuala, [REDACTED]

I am still waiting returns from FM & Cab Sec Edn but in the meantime the following summarises all the meetings I think that are in scope within the timeframe.

However there are a number of meetings between DFM & Ross Greer under the Budget heading [ie 3/8; 30/8; 6/9; 27/9 and 26/10] that there are no notes for? Do you know who might have these or does it mean that there was not one taken?

[REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

Document 4g

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 09:09

To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

No worries - I appreciate things will be busy at your end.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 23 November 2022 08:30

To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay, I have attached an email train that may fall into the scope of this Fol. The meeting referenced in this email took place after the 4th of Nov.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | [REDACTED] | E:
cabsecES@gov.scot | The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1
3DG

[Attached document is redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2022 12:48
To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good afternoon

Can I please check whether you have anything to provide on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary in respect of the FOI detailed below and when you will be able to provide any relevant documentation.

Could you also please advise if it is a nil return.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Document 4h

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 14:22

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies I should have noted that as the meeting is out of the period of the request (which was up to 4 November) it will be treated as out of scope so I will not require any advice on exemptions or sensitive content.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 14:18

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for sending this over.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 22 November 2022 13:08

To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay.

[OUT OF SCOPE]

I've attached a minute of the meeting and am copying in Director of Safer Communities BMU as they coordinate this minute and will be able to give further info on sensitive/exempt content.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans - Keith Brown
Scottish Government | St Andrews's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG |
Tel: 0131 244 3117 | Mob: 07824 837394 | Email: cabsecjv@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2022 12:49
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good afternoon

Can I please check whether you have anything to provide on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary in respect of the FOI detailed below and when you will be able to provide any relevant documentation.

Could you also please advise if it is a nil return.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Document 4i

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 November 2022 12:47

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good afternoon

Can I please check whether you have anything to provide on behalf of the First Minister in respect of the FOI detailed below and when you will be able to provide any relevant documentation.

Could you also please advise if it is a nil return.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Document 4j

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2022 12:25

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] – yes any planned meetings would be out of scope.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government

Sent: 21 November 2022 12:12

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government <CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

It is a nil return for meetings relating to 23/24 budget between 1st January and 4th November,[REDACTED].

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Assistant Private Secretary | Office of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

Email: CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2022 09:32

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport <CabSecNetZET@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks for confirming.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Sent: 18 November 2022 11:06

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport <CabSecNetZET@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Morning [REDACTED],

It will be a NIL return for Mr Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport, on the specifics below.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Assistant Private Secretary (Diary)

Private Office of Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport

2N.08 | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG |

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Document 4l

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2022 09:33

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks Dougie

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Sent: 18 November 2022 11:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]: I have the same note that Nuala provided in emailing below, and also the attached.

Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

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From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 16 November 2022 17:53
To: White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

On the basis of the clarification below, I have one meeting note to offer for consideration, attached. This was for a meeting where EBR and Scottish budget process was discussed.

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Jamie can advise on specific Green activity related to the budget 23-24 process.

Thanks

Nuala

PS I am back on Tuesday if you need further from me

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

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From: Gormley N (Nuala)

Sent: 15 November 2022 16:37

To: White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. As such I will not be including RSR or EBR materials in my response (which I will get to you tomorrow) unless they include a specific mention/attention to the Scottish Budget 2023-24 process.

All best
Nuala

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 November 2022 16:26

To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi,

[REDACTED] I think it's a nil from Infrastructure.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

Sent: 15 November 2022 15:43

To: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Document 4m

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2022 11:28
To: [REDACTED] Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] very helpful

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [Public Sector Pay Policy](#) | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2022 11:27
To: [REDACTED] Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hello. [REDACTED].

Thanks. Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 November 2022 11:02

To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Wightman S (Scott) <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] White K (Katherine) <Katherine.White@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks Nuala.

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

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Document 4n

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 November 2022 11:09

To: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED]

Alison – I understand that you had a meeting yesterday but it is out of scope as the request is for meetings between 1 January and 4 November.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2022 18:06
To: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hello.

[REDACTED].

Alison / Jamie – please advise if you are aware of anything that should be identified for this FOI.

Thanks very much.

Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Budget, Pay & Pensions Division
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Document 4o

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2022 16:59
To: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

No tonight's meeting will not be within scope as the period covered is up to 4 November.

[REDACTED]

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Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Director of Budget and Public Spending
Sent: 16 November 2022 16:56

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED],

Hope you are well.

[REDACTED].

Grateful for your steer,

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Document 4p

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 November 2022 09:23

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>

Cc: McFarlane J (John) (Special Adviser) <John.McFarlane@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back so quickly and confirming a nil return.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>

Sent: 15 November 2022 14:34

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands <CabSecRAI@gov.scot>; McFarlane J (John) (Special Adviser) <John.McFarlane@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

So a nil return from RAI.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Private Secretary
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
2N.08
St Andrews House
[REDACTED]

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Document 4q

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2022 09:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks all for your various responses on this.

Much appreciated.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2022 16:49
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2022 16:35
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI – Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Business Management Unit
Directorate for External Affairs
Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

[REDACTED]



Emails below this are covered in doc 4I

Document 5 - FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2022 11:59

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

Great thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 December 2022 11:48

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

Hi [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

Many thanks again for doing this.

Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2022 09:46
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

Hi Dougie

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2022 17:34
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022
Importance: High

Hi Dougie

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2022 13:05
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022
Importance: High

Hi Dougie

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

Document 5a

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2022 10:23

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2022 10:16

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

Morning [REDACTED]

Many thanks for this.

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]>

Sent: 01 December 2022 09:46

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI 202200328721 - 20 day deadline 5 December 2022

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry I meant to send this over to you yesterday – here is my draft response to the FOI I am handling. It has still to be cleared by my DD and has yet to go to SpADs. All the links are below but probably the two of most interest are:

202200328721 - Response

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A41627740/details>

20220328721 - Annex

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A41540970/details>

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

Earlier emails are in document 5.

Document 6 - FOI 202200328721 - Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 14:52

To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Thanks [REDACTED] for confirming.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information

Sent: 23 November 2022 12:54

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI 202200328721 - Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

[REDACTED],

I hope this is helpful,

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED] | Freedom of Information (FOI) Adviser | FOI Unit | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

Freedom of Information Unit

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2022 09:07

To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI 202200328721 - Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

FOI 202200328721 - Scottish Budget Process 2023/24 – Meetings with Green MSPs

Good morning

[REDACTED].

The request is for “***Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet were present since January 1, 2022, including, dates, times, locations, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament.***”.

Please note that I have sought clarification from the individual and they have confirmed that the question relates ***specifically to the budget process for financial year 23/24.***

Grateful if you were able to respond today as I work part-time and if I need to ask for further information from POs etc that I want to provide as much time as possible.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

Document 7 - FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 November 2022 09:33

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Team Leader Pay & Severance | Public Sector Pay Policy Team | Budget, Pay and Pensions Division | Budget & Public Spending Directorate | DG Scottish Exchequer | 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED]

Email address for all pay policy correspondence: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot [or for internal users: **Finance Pay Policy** on the global folder]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/>



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 November 2022 09:30

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 November 2022 09:28

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED] – [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] | Team Leader Pay & Severance | Public Sector Pay Policy Team | Budget, Pay and Pensions Division | Budget & Public Spending Directorate | DG Scottish Exchequer | 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED]

Email address for all pay policy correspondence: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot [or for internal users: **Finance Pay Policy** on the global folder]

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/>



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 14:00

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED] – [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 11:58

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Tax Policy Officer | Directorate for Tax and Revenues | Scottish Government | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 11:38

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 11:33

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 11:23

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 10:26

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretariat inbox
Sent: 08 November 2022 09:55
To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [Scottish Government | Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division](#) | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information
Sent: 07 November 2022 10:10
To: Cabinet Secretariat inbox <CabinetSecretariat3@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Good morning,

[REDACTED].

Thanks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2022 09:38
To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ministerial Private Offices I [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information

Sent: 07 November 2022 09:16

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie)

<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 November 2022 09:07

To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie)

<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 November 2022 09:00

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending

<Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie)

<Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

[REDACTED].

Thanks. Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 November 2022 08:17

To: MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Good morning,

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information

Sent: 07 November 2022 07:41

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | FOI Adviser (TRS) | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

[Yammer: @FOI - Community](#)

From: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 November 2022 16:53

To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI - C - TRIAGE - budget meetings - Niall Christie - MiCase 328721

From: Niall Christie <niallchristie11@gmail.com>

Sent: 04 November 2022 16:37

To: Niall Christie <niallchristie11@gmail.com>

Subject: FOI requests

Hi there,

Please find attached FOIs to be responded to by yourselves.

Cheers,

Niall

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Niall Christie (he/him)

Journalist

07527 236 088

niallchristie11@gmail.com

Twitter: @NiallChristie1



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Document 7a

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 16:42

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Thanks [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 16:23

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Thanks [REDACTED]

As you know I am taking the lead on this one so it would be helpful if you could forward the email you sent out to me so I can consider if there is further information required. It also means I can piggyback on it to ask colleagues to respond to me to enable me to process the FOI.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government | 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 16:14

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hello all

A quick note to let you know that I circulated this to our SMT and senior team for initial inputs. It looks like to date it has been DGSE colleagues who attended the Green meetings- mostly Andrew Watson as these were usually wider meetings on the budget rather than being in-year specific.

Hopefully that makes the process of searching/ collating more straightforward but please let me know if there are searches that you would like us to undertake.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

All emails below this are covered in document 7.

Document 7b

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 16:28

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED]

Here you go. I also spoke to [REDACTED] in the office and he didn't have anything further beyond the below.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: Black E (Elise) <Elise.Black@gov.scot>

Sent: 08 November 2022 15:08

To: Wright AG (Aileen) <Aileen.Wright@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] **Cc:** Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi [REDACTED],
[REDACTED].

Elise

From: Wright AG (Aileen) <Aileen.Wright@gov.scot>

Sent: 08 November 2022 15:06

To: [REDACTED]; Black E (Elise) <Elise.Black@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Thanks, [REDACTED]. Just to confirm – nothing from me beyond anything [REDACTED] may identify.

Aileen

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 14:50

To: Black E (Elise) <Elise.Black@gov.scot>; Wright AG (Aileen) <Aileen.Wright@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: FOI - Triage - Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22 - 202200328721

Hi everyone

I mentioned this FOI to some of you earlier. Exchequer are going to coordinate this, most likely via [REDACTED] in their pay policy team.

The request relates to “*Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet were present since January 1, 2022*”

[REDACTED].

To advise DGSE who best to coordinate relevant information searches with, I am working on the basis that you would be able to identify anything relevant involving your areas, but let me know any issues or if there are others more relevant for Exchequer to liaise with.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

All emails below this are covered in document 7

Document 8 - FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet (deadline 9 December)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 November 2022 10:26

To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet (deadline 9 December)

Thanks both for coming back so quickly – much appreciated.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 14 November 2022 10:25
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet (deadline 9 December)

Thanks [REDACTED], Dougie
That clarification really does help us focus.
Agree with Dougie's highlight and yes, do include capital.

Nuala

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Sent: 14 November 2022 10:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet (deadline 9 December)

Thanks, [REDACTED] that should simplify and reduce things (and prob no need for two-phase approach). [REDACTED].

Suggest going out to teams highlighted below – subject to Nuala's view.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2022 09:42
To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet (deadline 9 December)
Importance: High

Morning Dougie and Nuala

I have now had a response back to my request for clarification in which the requester has confirmed that: "The questions relates specifically to the budget process for financial year 23/24." I assume that this is now sufficiently clear to go out to ask for input from the respective areas as agreed previously:

- Private Offices: All Cabinet Secretaries noting that DFM (will include Ms Forbes' interests)

- Director of Budget & Public Spending – Andrew Watson/Alison Cumming – [REDACTED]
- Capital – Kat White/[REDACTED]
- Budget team – Dougie McLaren, [REDACTED], **Jamie M**
- Resource Spending Review/Emergency Budget review – Nuala Gormley/[REDACTED]
- Financial Management Division – [REDACTED] (– maybe [REDACTED])
- Cabinet Secretariat – [REDACTED]

Do we still need to include Capital colleagues?

Also I assume that it would still be helpful to take a staged approach or do you think the clarification will reduce the number of meetings.

Can I please ask that you get back to me by 12 today so that I can send out the searches email before I finish at 1.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 November 2022 10:54

To: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Thanks Dougie for providing this – I'll go back to the requester on that basis.

[REDACTED]

Ps hope you feel better soon.

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 November 2022 09:53

To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Deputy Director Infrastructure and Investment <DeputyDirectorInfrastructureAndInvestment@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Hi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].
Thanks,
Dougie.

Douglas McLaren | Deputy Director, Public-Sector Pay & Workforce | The Scottish Government | 3C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | 0785 496 7018 | douglas.mclaren@gov.scot

From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 November 2022 12:55
To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

[REDACTED].

Nuala

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2022 12:34
To: [REDACTED]; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2022 12:19
To: [REDACTED]; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

[REDACTED] and James Hynd – who co-ordinate liaison with the Green group (I think!).

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Public Spending** | **Scottish Government**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 November 2022 12:14

To: [REDACTED]; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

Sorry - can I also check which [REDACTED] and James you mean to get in touch with.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Public Sector Pay Policy | The Scottish Government 3-C (North) Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | email: FinancePayPolicy@gov.scot

Link to the Scottish Government Public Sector Pay webpage: www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-pay/

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 November 2022 12:00

To: [REDACTED]; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Hi all,

[REDACTED].

It may also be that [REDACTED] and / or James have a view on this (or received similar FOIs re engagement with Greens) that would be worth hearing before sharing the ask?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **Public Spending** | **Scottish Government**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 November 2022 10:31

To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Importance: High

Thanks Nuala for getting back to me so quickly – hugely appreciated.

[REDACTED].

3. The date of receipt will 4th November so I will make that clear when I issue my request that it is all relevant docs between 1 Jan 2022 and 4 Nov 2022.

And thanks for the additional contacts.

[REDACTED]

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From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Sent: 09 November 2022 10:25

To: [REDACTED] McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

[REDACTED]

And copying in Dougie for his view

[REDACTED].

Nuala

Nuala Gormley | Public Spending | Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 November 2022 10:04

To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI - Information relating to all meetings on the Scottish budget with Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet

Importance: High

Nuala

I have been allocated an FOI request “***Information relating to all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government’s cabinet were present since January 1, 2022, including, dates, times, locations, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament.***”.

Therefore searches for the relevant documents now require to be undertaken. I propose to send this request to the named individual in the following areas [REDACTED].

Could you please get back to me this morning as I need to issue the request as soon as possible to provide enough time for people to undertake the searches at what I appreciate is an extremely busy time in the division.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Document 9 - FOI - 202200328721- Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 17:08

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. I will keep you in the loop as requested.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 November 2022 16:59

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI - 202200328721- Scottish budget meetings which Green MSPs and cabinet where in attendance since Jan 22

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

m: [REDACTED]