

**From:** [Redacted] **Sent:** 19 December 2022 17:29  
**To:** [Redacted] **Subject:** RE: SPAD VIEW - FM LK letter - Scotsman

Issuing now & copying duty for awareness.

**From:** : [Redacted] **Sent:** 19 December 2022 17:07  
**To:** : [Redacted] **Subject:** RE: SPAD VIEW - FM LK letter - Scotsman

Hi [Redacted],

On reflection and following a discussion with management we have made a slight change to bring the response more in line with SGs tone.

If no issues, I'll proceed with this version.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] [Media Manager | First Minister, Deputy First Minister & COVID Recovery](#)

Scottish Government

**email:** : [Redacted]

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**A Scottish Government spokesperson said:**

“The First Minister corrected the record regarding energy consumption on 12 October 2022. In his letter, Mr Kerr acknowledges he was aware of this.

“The correction was also raised in the chamber of the Scottish Parliament, in the presence of the relevant business manager, on 24 November. It is therefore incorrect to suggest that anyone was unaware.”

## **Background**

The administrative error which led to Mr Kerr's Business Managers not being copied on the specific letter has now been rectified.

**From:** [Redacted] **Sent:** 19 December 2022 16:47  
**To:** [Redacted] **Subject:** RE: SPAD VIEW - FM LK letter - Scotsman

Thanks Colin. I'll issue.

*(removing the word been)*

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Scottish Government

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**From:** : [Redacted] >  
**Sent:** 19 December 2022 16:40

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: SPAD VIEW - FM LK letter - Scotsman

I would suggest:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The First Minister corrected the record regarding energy consumption on 12 October 2022 and, as Mr Kerr’s own letter acknowledges, he is fully aware of it. The correction was also been raised in the chamber, in the presence of the relevant business manager, on 24 November and as such, there can be no suggestion that anyone was unaware.”

Background

The administrative error which led to Mr Kerr’s Business Managers not being copied on the specific letter has now been rectified.”

Regards

[Redacted]



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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 19 December 2022 16:31

**To:** [Redacted] **Subject:** SPAD VIEW - FM LK letter - Scotsman

SpAds,

Please find attached a letter from Liam Kerr to FM regarding an “apparent breach of ministerial code” and a draft response below. [Redacted] has informed me the letters have now been sent.

Let me know if you’re content to proceed with the response below.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | [Media Manager](#) | [First Minister, Deputy First Minister & COVID Recovery](#)

Scottish Government

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Mr Kerr’s letter has been received by the First Minister’s Private Office.

“The First Minister corrected the record regarding energy consumption on 12 October 2022.

“The administrative error which led to Mr Kerr’s Business Managers not being informed of the correction has now been rectified.”