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Document 1

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>

Sent: 30 November 2022 19:17

To: [redacted]< [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Thanks [redacted]

Im just back from a long meeting at Polmont this afternoon so only seeing this now. Prison policy colleagues- I know how frenzied last min FMQ asks are especially when the horrid task of amalgamating the general prisons FMQ and DIC together come in but grateful if we/SPS could be copied into final FMQs/updates when submitted so we can catch any asks like this sooner rather than later.

[redacted as Out of Scope].

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>

Sent: 30 November 2022 18:04

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Just picking up. Content with these lines from SPS perspective. many thanks

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 5:50 pm

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Thanks [redacted]

While I am not the authority on these strategies, what you have accords with my understanding.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 17:39
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

I'll need to print this now.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 17:10
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Thanks [redacted]
I am adding health leads for their interests and also SPS colleagues so they can respond directly where relevant.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 17:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Thanks all – final version of DiC attached. Can I just check on the various strategies ref'd in the first bank of lines? Is the separation I've given to SG strategies vs. SPS correct?

[Redacted as Out of Scope]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 11:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: URGENT RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts
Attachments: Prisons.docx

Hi

Although there's nothing for prison HC team in these questions, just picking up that the question on the SPS strategy should go to SPS – copying to them for this one.

Nothing I can pick up from prison healthcare, sorry

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 November 2022 11:04

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FW: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Good morning colleagues,

We have received a tweaked prisons FMQ from FMQ team (attached) with questions/requests for updates regarding mental health in prisons as well as Action 15 lines.

Would be extremely grateful if you could take a look at these questions/requests. We are working on a v tight deadline so if you have the capacity to do so by lunchtime today that would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 November 2022 10:44

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Thanks. I've trimmed the Prisons FMQ back a bit, in anticipation of adding more to it once DiC comes through, but have kept in lines on MH, drugs and mobile phones (given focus of Glasgow Uni report). Grateful if Prisons colleagues could take a look.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 November 2022 10:02

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Good morning,

Please see the requested transcript attached.

Thanks,
[redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 08:48
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts

Morning [redacted]- we will get this over shortly

Thanks [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 08:47
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Deaths in Custody & Prisons FMQs & transcripts
Importance: High

Morning all

Following the Glasgow Uni report published today and reporting on BBC ([Deaths in Scottish prisons at record high - BBC News](#)) we will be giving the FM a combo brief covering both Prisons and Deaths in Custody.

[redacted]- we hadn't commissioned the DiC brief this week (as we weren't aware of the report coming out, despite BBC stating SG had been approach for comment) so **will need this updated and sent over by 11am**. Grateful if you could confirm this request has been picked up.

[redacted]- please could we have transcripts of the Glasgow University academic and the parents of Katie Allan from GMS this morning (circa. 7am and 8am respectively)?

[redacted]- I am separately going to go through the Prisons FMQ now and weed out bits I think we can drop. Once [redacted]send their brief, I will combine and circulate for views and Spad clearance ([redacted]to note).

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 11:25
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]
We will make sure we have included (if not already there) the highlighted elements.
The problem I suppose is that we don't know what the rates would have looked like if we hadn't introduced TTM.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 11:13
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

This is what we have on stocks at moment so given timing sending this on;

- Talk to Me is an evidence-based strategy developed in partnership with experts in suicide prevention which aims to care for those 'at risk' of suicide by providing a person-centred care pathway based on an individual's needs.
 - It promotes a supportive environment where people in our custody can ask for help.
 - SPS are actively ensuring that it continues to reflect the recently published SG National Suicide Prevention Strategy actions.
- [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 10:47
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Sorry
Another thought. Just read the GMS transcript and picked up this comment "What's going wrong in terms of suicides we believe is the, the failure of the, the current Talk To Me strategy. Since Katie's death have been 50 more suicides across the prison estate. So despite promises way back in 2019, it's shockingly bad. A 42% increase in suicide since Talk To Me was introduced." Do we have any defensive lines on TTM?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 10:40
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [redacted]

We're mainly just looking for confirmation that what we have is still accurate/ current/ relevant from your perspective. While not presented in quite the same words I think I recognise most of the substance of the lines below as being in the FMQ. The one exception as far as I can see is highlighted below. We can add this.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 10:27
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Deaths in Custody FMQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

We listened to GMS etc this morning too. Do you need anything specific from SPS? Our line in response to requests on this is the following:

We recognise the profound emotional distress experienced by families when a loved one dies in custody.

“Our vision is for people within our care to have the best possible health and wellbeing and, where mental health problems do occur, that they get the respect, support, treatment, and care they require.

“We work closely with NHS partners to develop individualised plans, and provide contact with Samaritans, where trained Listeners provide additional support.

“We are working with partner agencies to deliver overdose awareness activities, recovery cafes, and wider support services.

“During the Covid pandemic we implemented a “Prison 2 Rehab” pathway, giving people access to rehabilitation programmes directly from the point of liberation.

“And the introduction of photocopying of mail has led to a significant fall in both incidents of drug-taking, and emergency ambulance calls related to substance misuse.

“We also have an ageing population, with the same health and care needs as seen in the community.”

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 November 2022 09:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Deaths in Custody FMQ
Importance: High
Sorry
Copying in [redacted]too.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 November 2022 09:40
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Deaths in Custody FMQ

Importance: High

Morning all

Unsurprisingly we have been asked to update our DiC FMQ in light of the GU report. I haven't read it in detail yet but, as it is due up at 11, thought it best to share what we do have and ask for any additions.

[redacted] if you have the objective link it might be an idea to circulate that please.

[redacted]

Document 2

From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 December 2022 16:14

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Urgent PQ- Deaths in custody [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Attachments:



Death in Custody-
FMQ 1 Dec



Death in Custody-
Urgent Question- Q&



Death in Custody-
Urgent Question- Ans

Hi [redacted],

Apologies we missed sending this on, here is all you need.
Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 December 2022 16:08

To: [redacted]

Subject: Urgent PQ- Deaths in custody

Hi both

Grateful if you could send on a copy of the background note etc used on the Urgent PQ yesterday from Jamie Greene. I sent on the video on the deliberations but [redacted] has asked if we could see the note put up incase helpful for a meeting she is having with [redacted].

Thanks as ever and great to be in [redacted] today.

[redacted]

Document 3

From: Lord Advocate Sent: 29 November 2022 18:13

To: [redacted];
[redacted]@copfs.gov.uk) Lord Advocate; Solicitor General
Subject: RE: LORD ADVOCATE CLEARANCE PLEASE: FAI in Prisons

Hi [redacted],

The Lord Advocate is content with the lines for her interests.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2022 18:08
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: LORD ADVOCATE CLEARANCE PLEASE: FAI in Prisons

copying in [redacted] who is on duty this evening

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[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2022 17:10
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Lord Advocate <LordAdvocate@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: LORD ADVOCATE & CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: FAI in Prisons

Dear Lord Avocate,

Grateful for your consideration of the following response to a query from the BBC about FAI's in Prison research.

GMS have approached Cab Sec for a Bid on this subject which we will **decline** – having declined BBC colleagues yesterday, however I am keen to have a written response to issue to them at the same time as we decline,

I have included the proposed response below. This is with Cab Sec for approval and has already been approved by policy colleagues and Spads

Many thanks

[redacted]

Issue: Glasgow University are set to publish on Tuesday a 12-month follow up report from academics into the rate of deaths in prison in Scotland [No finding in nine out of 10 prison death FAIs - BBC News](#),

The report shows that suicides have increased in Scottish Prisons and that drug deaths have also increased. The figures are higher in Scotland than in England and Wales – and criticises a lack of progress with improving FAIs into deaths in custody. Key issues show:

- Record number of deaths in prison in the past three years.
- Increase in deaths not from pre-existing medical conditions nor covid but “from distress and loss of hope”.
- Higher rate of deaths in prison than in England and Wales – particularly in relation to suicide and drug deaths.
- A big increase in suicides in the past six years since the prison service introduced its suicide prevention strategy called Talk To Me, compared to the six previous years.
- On average the Fatal Accident Inquiries done into the cause of death and whether it could have been avoided take two years. Most only offer cause of death which is available on a death certificate after 8 days anyway. Almost none provide learnings points.

Suggested comment (instead of BID)

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: “The safe treatment and mental health of all those in custody is a key priority for Scotland’s prisons, which care for people with higher levels of risk and vulnerability than the general population as a whole.

“The Crown Office has significantly reformed its processes to reduce the time taken to investigate deaths and to bring FAIs to court more quickly. It is for the presiding Sheriff who has heard all the evidence, to determine what recommendations, if any, should be made.”

Background

- The independent review of the response to deaths in prison custody made recommendations on areas of improvement in the immediate aftermath of a death. As the Justice Secretary explained to Parliament in June 2022, Scottish Government and key partners are actively taking forward improvements to the ways that deaths of loved ones in prison custody are experienced by bereaved families.
- Work is progressing on all recommendations of the Review and an external chair has been appointed to oversee the work on implementation, including the key recommendation of an independent investigation into every death in custody.
- Suicide prevention and self-harm policy are key areas of focus for the Scottish Prison Service in developing its Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Our Mental Health Transition & Recovery Plan published in October 2020, backed by our £120m Recovery and Renewal Fund, made clear our commitment to continue to work with partners to seek better support for those with mental ill health within the criminal justice system, including prisons.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2022 13:07
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: BBC BID - FAI's in prisons

Yes we will. For awareness we have declined the bid around this.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@copfs.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 November 2022 12:45
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: BBC BID - FAI's in prisons

Hi [redacted]

I am – hopefully – close to a COPFS line for this and will share when I can. Just checking if you'll do the same?

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 November 2022 12:17
To: <[redacted]@copfs.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: BBC BID - FAI's in prisons

Dear [redacted],

[redacted]

Hope all's well. Wanted to flag with you that we have been approached by the BBC for an interview with the Cab Sec on a number of issues – but one of them includes COPFS. Summary of the BID below.

Policy colleagues have strongly advised that we decline the overall BID based on this part of the request and we will send this advice up to Cab Sec for consideration. However I wanted to make sure you were aware of that this and the fact that the report is due out on Wednesday.

I have approached Glasgow university and asked for sight of the report ahead of publication. I will share once I receive this.

Many thanks
[redacted]

Subject #3: Deaths in Custody

Issue: Glasgow University are set to publish on Wednesday a 12-month follow up report from academics into the rate of deaths in prison in Scotland No finding in nine out of 10 prison death FAIs - BBC News, The report shows that suicides have increased in Scottish Prisons and that drug deaths have also increased. The figures are higher in Scotland than in England and Wales – and criticises a lack of progress with improving FAIs into deaths in custody

NB: we will be given an exec summary of the report so we can more accurately respond on Monday. Key issues from the journalist are

- Record number of deaths in prison in the past three years.
- Increase in deaths not from pre-existing medical conditions nor covid but “from distress and loss of hope”.
- Higher rate of deaths in prison than in England and Wales – particularly in relation to suicide and drug deaths.
- A big increase in suicides in the past six years since the prison service introduced its suicide prevention strategy called Talk To Me, compared to the six previous years.
- On average the Fatal Accident Inquiries done into the cause of death and whether it could have been avoided take two years. Most only offer cause of death which is available on a death certificate after 8 days anyway. Almost none provide learnings points.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]<[redacted]@copfs.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 November 2022 20:04

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prison FAI's Exec Summary

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Thanks [redacted]

I have had sight and we are preparing lines. I have raised the same points as you and made the same suggestion re: improvements etc.

To my knowledge there has been no engagement with COPFS but [redacted]and I will be able to confirm that.

We will come back to you tomorrow with our proposed lines.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 November 2022 19:53

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FW: Prison FAI's Exec Summary

Attachments: Executive Summary.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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[redacted]

This may have reached you via [redacted] but we'll need to agree lines by close tomorrow in anticipation of queries Wednesday. Starting point will that whether or not a recommendation is made will be a matter for the presiding Sheriff who has heard all the evidence. We don't comment on the decisions of an independent judiciary.

Be good to weave in what we can regarding improvements in train e.g. dedicated deaths in custody unit within COPFS.

[redacted]– can you see what you can gather from existing lines?

(Btw – if we think the if we think the research is sub-standard and they haven't sought to engage with the Crown Office I'd be tempted to say so)

[redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 28 November 2022 17:31
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prison FAI's Exec Summary

Thanks [redacted]

Based on the ES, there's a real focus on FAIs so copying in [redacted] who leads on these as well as JAS colleagues.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 November 2022 15:30
To: [redacted]
Subject: Prison FAI's Exec Summary

Attachment- **Information already in public domain**

Dear all,
Please find a copy of the exec summary of research by Glasgow University on FAI's in prisons which is due for publication on Wednesday

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2022 12:30
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Lines - FAI Exec Summary

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Hi both

I've copied some lines below as a starting point to any query that might come in about this. We can obviously tailor it accordingly and join it up with your response. We will also send the final draft response to the Lord Advocate for clearance.

Thanks

[redacted]

The Lord Advocate is constitutionally responsible for the investigation of sudden, unexpected and suspicious deaths in Scotland. These functions are exercised independently of government.

We keep matters under review in consultation with the Crown Office and continually consider and evaluate whether there are ways in which the system can be improved further.

The Crown Office has significantly reformed its processes to reduce the time taken to investigate deaths and to bring FAIs to court more quickly. These reforms have already resulted in reductions in the duration of death investigations and it is expected that they will continue to do so. We also welcome the recent establishment of the Deaths in Custody Unit.

Most death investigations are concluded expeditiously, once a medical cause of death has been established. Unfortunately, there will always be a small number of deaths that will need a prolonged period of investigation due to their complexity. Whether a recommendation is made at the conclusion of an FAI will be a matter for the presiding Sheriff acting independently.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 December 2022 09:38

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Lines - FAI Exec Summary Follow Up

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[redacted]

Just in case you missed it, there was an urgent question on deaths in prisons yesterday Official Report - Parliamentary Business : Scottish Parliament Bit most relevant to us copied below ([redacted]– also to note legal aid focus):

- Liam McArthur (Orkney Islands) (LD): Given what has been highlighted in this new report, can the cabinet secretary confirm whether he is looking at tightening up the

deadlines for commencing reviews into deaths in custody as well as improving access to legal aid for families who are navigating what is a very challenging process at the most difficult of times?

- Keith Brown: I am not sure whether I caught all of that question, but I think that part of it was about the timetables in relation to fatal accident inquiries. As the member knows, the FAI system is independently run by the Crown Office, and in 2016 the Parliament voted unanimously on the way that it was to be changed. Substantial additional resources have been given to the Crown Office to address that, and there have been substantial successes. However, one way in which we can address this issue is through the deaths in custody review. For example, instead of duplicating certain processes, we might be able to reach a faster conclusion in cases where there is no evidence of criminality. As for Liam McArthur's point about families, what we have taken forward as part of the review is a much more consistent approach to informing families at the right time. That sort of thing was not done in the past; indeed, we have had very good engagement from families who had been affected by that very issue. I now understand that, in the past three to four months, every single death in custody has been followed up by a phone call from the governor or an officer in the prison to the family or next of kin to ensure that they are advised as soon as possible.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 02 December 2022 16:25
To: [redacted]

Main Subject: RE: Lines - FAI Exec Summary

Thanks very much

[redacted]

Document 4

From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 December 2022 16:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: PQ: S6W-12822 for 12/12/22
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon

Thanks for sight of the draft version.

I have attached a contribution from COPFS. It was prepared prior to sight of the draft so there may be some overlap with what you already have.

“COPFS is committed to reducing the timescale for commencing FAIs, including those arising from deaths in custody, whilst ensuring that the circumstances surrounding each death are thoroughly investigated. COPFS has introduced a number of measures since the implementation of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents

and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 to reduce the average time taken to complete FAIs.

Specifically in relation to deaths in custody, a dedicated Crown Office team was piloted from November 2021 under the umbrella of the Health and Safety Investigation unit to consolidate how we investigate deaths in custody and to make improvements to these processes. During the pilot period, the unit investigated deaths in custody with common underlying themes, namely drug deaths and deaths by suicide. Following a successful Pilot, the Custody Death Unit was established in August 2022 with a remit to investigate all deaths in legal custody occurring in Scotland after that date. It is anticipated that this holistic approach will streamline the approach to investigations resulting overall in a reduction to the journey time of cases whilst still ensuring a robust and thorough investigation. In addition, it is anticipated that the streamlined approach will allow for accelerated processes for particular categories of death and greater scope for conjoining FAIs which will further reduce the time taken to conclude these investigations”

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 December 2022 09:41
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: PQ: S6W-12822 for 12/12/22

Morning [redacted]
Here is a copy of the draft as requested.

Kind regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 December 2022 14:48
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: PQ: S6W-12822 for 12/12/22

Good afternoon [redacted]
Just to confirm, we are working on COPFS contributions to this PQ.
Do you have any draft versions of the background note and answer that you would be able to share so we can focus on what you have not already covered and what is of most relevance to COPFS rather than SG?

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 06 December 2022 12:12
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: PQ: S6W-12822 for 12/12/22
Afternoon all

We have been allocated the below PQ and would be grateful for a contribution from you on both the answer and the background note if possible. We would suggest that we have separate paragraphs on the FAI and the deaths in custody aspects. We can base our answer on the recent urgent question on FAIs and deaths in custody from Jamie Greene. The answer is due on Monday 12th December so if contributions could be with me by the end of the week that would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 December 2022 10:04
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: PQ: S6W-12822 for 12/12/22

Hi Both,
We have received the below PQ we think might be for your area.
If it is for your area could you please provide a name for allocation on the PQ tracker? If not, any suggestions (please copy into chain) as to where this PQ may sit would be much appreciated.

It is due with Private Office for 12/12/22.

S6W-12822 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research report, Still Nothing to See Here? One year update on prison deaths and FAI outcomes in Scotland.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

Document 5

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 December 2022 13:06
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FAI
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Objective: -1
Thanks [redacted]

Bringing in [redacted] as our newly appointed lead for this work. To note that [redacted] is deputy lead.

The first meeting on the board is in Jan when we will discuss this particular issue with the DCA. We will then come back to you [redacted] following the meeting.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 December 2022 09:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FAI
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Morning

I just wanted to follow up on our meeting a few weeks ago.

As I said when we met, hugely encouraged by the positive steps that have now been agreed. I think we left matters that you were going to speak to the DCA regarding how it could all be communicated to Ministers, Parliament and beyond. Any progress on that? I'm just very conscious that interest in FAI never goes away and has been somewhat heightened by the latest Glasgow Uni report and the Gill Imery follow-up report that was published last week.

I'm on leave from after tomorrow and away most of January but [redacted] around as contact points.

Regards
[redacted]