

ANNEX B

RELEASED INFORMATION – FORECAST REDUCTION IN PATRONAGE NUMBERS AND FARE LEVELS FOR CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

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

Sent: 29 August 2022 12:58

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Cc: Sizeland B (Bettina) [redacted]; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;

Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted],

Unless [redacted] can advise otherwise, I don't think anyone is approving in Bettina's absence.

I am content for this to be included in the final submission and that the risks have been flagged. I am copying [redacted] and [redacted] for awareness too.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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

Sent: 29 August 2022 10:48

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Cc: Sizeland B (Bettina) [redacted]; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted],

Not a broken record at all; very valid and important points to keep at the forefront of discussion.

I've amended based on these comments to try to capture all the relevant points.

Please confirm you are happy for this to be included in the final submission.

Is anybody directly approving for Bettina in her absence as we have been asked for Director sign-off for these?

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

Financial Business Partner
Finance and Corporate Services Directorate

[redacted]

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

Sent: 26 August 2022 17:26

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

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

[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted],

I'm a broken record on this but always think it's worth reiterating the statutory nature of the commitment to reimburse. Would suggest adding the following:

We have a statutory requirement to pay up to the cap (£226m) for the older persons scheme and uncapped for the u22 scheme.

Are we likely to be challenged on [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted]

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

Sent: 26 August 2022 15:58

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

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

[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted],

Based on the below, the net impact is that we can offer up a net £16.9m saving in addition to the £20.7m already taken.

I've pulled that into the attached but would appreciate it if you could review and sign off before I submit ahead of the **midday deadline on Monday 29 August**.

I've tried to caveat this £16.9m given the range of forecasts and marketing campaigns about to begin, so feel free to add more on impact if you think necessary.

Hopefully that's clear but please let me know if not.

I'll collate the BAAT position on Monday morning but looks like Bettina isn't back in until Tuesday.

Please let me know if you want to discuss.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

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

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Thanks [redacted] – that's great news!

The forecasts do account for the marketing campaign (however I had included that effect one period too late). Forecasts now updated in line with the marketing dates below to show a faster increase in U22 journey numbers during [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]. Concessions Forecast 2022-23 - August 2022 update details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

2022/23 forecast reimbursement

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

Economist

Bus, Active Travel & Low Carbon Economics

Transport Scotland

[redacted]

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

Sent: 26 August 2022 14:51

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
[redacted]@gov.scot[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

All – Apologies that I was unable to make the call this morning. Delighted to add that Ms Gilruth has just confirmed her approval of marketing via email. Key dates as follows, I would appreciate if you can confirm that the dates were a consideration in generating the revised forecasts from this morning. If not, please consider any impact and update forecast accordingly:

- 13 September Digital comms/PR event to align with 50% milestone on update. We aim to keep this relatively low key and from experience this type of approach hasn't led to a massive increase in update.
- 26 September full launch of marketing and any impact on demand will be from the circa 50% who are still to apply for and importantly **use** cards for free travel

[redacted]

Head of Concessionary Travel & Integrated Ticketing Unit

[redacted]

From:

Sent: 26 August 2022 14:21

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted]

Please see [redacted]'s response to [redacted] for your information.

Thanks

[redacted]

Finance Manager

Concessionary Travel and Integrated Ticketing
Bus, Accessibility & Active Travel

[redacted]

Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF

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

Sent: 26 August 2022 13:52

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

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

Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi [redacted],

Thanks very much for sending this through so quickly, much appreciated.

The assumptions table is helpful in setting out the position in the three scenarios as I'm sure we will be asked for them too. I think they reflect the discussion, except perhaps [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]? If anybody has any suggested amendments, please speak now!

I will use this to set out the potential outturn and additional saving opportunity for the Emergency Budget Review for Bettina/[redacted]'s sign off.

Thanks again (and to [redacted]).

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

Financial Business Partner
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[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;

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

Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM - concessions forecasts

Hi all,

Thanks for the meeting this morning. Please see attached an updated set of 2022/23 budget forecasts for the concessions schemes, headlines copied below. Hopefully I have accurately reflected the assumptions in low/central/high scenarios that we agreed but do shout if anything looks off. Concessions Forecast 2022-23 - August 2022 update details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

2022/23 forecast reimbursement

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Assumptions

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

The second tab lets you play around with patronage and fare increases to see the impact on the expected reimbursement. Any adjustments for e.g. effect of marketing campaign or slower growth in winter need to be added in manually.

And massive thanks to [redacted] for doing all of the work on this.

Thanks

[redacted]

Economist

Bus, Active Travel & Low Carbon Economics

Transport Scotland

[redacted]

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Sent: 24 August 2022 17:14
To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM

Thanks both, unfortunately tomorrow is my NWD so I can't catch-up tomorrow (I'd try to come on for it but [redacted]!)

Is Friday possible?

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM

Hi [redacted],

The data is in, although not quite fully digested yet. Happy to chat tomorrow afternoon, it shouldn't take too long to get a sense of how things are looking for the rest of 22/23.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>>
Sent: 24 August 2022 16:55

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[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM
Importance: High

Sharing below with [redacted] and [redacted]. We're discussing concessionary trends next Tues but do you have full period data yet to have a chat this week instead?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Sent: 24 August 2022 15:41
To: Sizeland B (Bettina) [redacted]; [redacted]@gov.scot>;
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[redacted]@transport.gov.scot> [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Subject: Emergency Budget Review - Note from DFM
Importance: High

Hi all,

Apologies yet another urgent request to review budget position, this time for 2022/23.

DFM is asking for all possible saving options to be brought forward, in BAAT I'm thinking the options here may be;

- [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Apologies I missed the BAAT DMT earlier but unfortunately it is probably necessary to put some time in on Friday to discuss this and try to populate and sign-off the returns.

I'll have a look at diaries to see what may work.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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

Subject: RE: URGENT: Emergency Budget Review - 2022-23 - Further Action
Required 1/9

Adding [redacted] for awareness on the highlighted for their monitoring.

[redacted]

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

Sent: 01 September 2022 14:34

To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>

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[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Emergency Budget Review - 2022-23 - Further Action
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Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this. [redacted] provided me information in advance of a call with the
CabSec. [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Having spoken with [redacted] and team this morning, it looks like there is little scope
at this stage to withdraw from the marketing campaign without complications so on
that basis. I will put this in my return to PermSec.

On the basis of the above, if you think there may be anymore that could be offered
up then please do let me know. Apologies I haven't had a chance to go through it all
in detail (too many crazy deadlines!). Thanks as always for your help.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Net zero, energy and transport portfolio finance co-ordinator

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:34
To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
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[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
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Required 1/9

Hi [redacted],

Our 'low scenario' for the 2022/23 review exercise discussed last week assumed
[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Happy to discuss

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2022 12:22
To: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>;
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Cc: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; Sizeland B (Bettina) [redacted];
[redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
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Required 1/9
Importance: High

All,

To see below where Perm Sec has asked us for any additional savings and explicitly
asked about potential concessionary savings if u22s marketing does not proceed.

[redacted] – Are these are additional to the possible concessions savings [redacted]
had worked with us on earlier in the week? Have those made their way into the
system yet?

[redacted] – did the revised ‘LOW’ u22s scenario assume no marketing? And, if so, what would the additional savings be?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Net Zero
Sent: 01 September 2022 09:49
To: DL for DG Net Zero Directors [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted]@transport.gov.scot>
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Net Zero [redacted]
Subject: URGENT: Emergency Budget Review - 2022-23 - Further Action Required
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Directors,

Cc portfolio finance leads

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

We will circulate a formal request once received from Perm Sec’s office with details on timing but we assume this to be needed today to free up more cash ahead of next week’s PfG and Cost of Living announcements to parliament.

Thanks

[redacted]

Head of Corporate Support | DG Net Zero
5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU
[redacted]

RELEASED INFORMATION – REDUCTION IN EMPLOYABILITY SPEND AND TAKE UP OF PHASE 2 OF NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 17:23

To: DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Communities [redacted]@gov.scot>; Director, Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

[redacted]

Further to ongoing discussions, please find attached advice to feed into the wider submission to DfM on further savings options. This has focussed on [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

If you need anything, further please do let us know.

Thanks

[redacted]
Deputy Director - Employability

[redacted]

Fair Work, Employability & Skills Directorate

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 15:18

To: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Leaver E (Ellen) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: URGENT- savings advice.

[redacted], line below

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 15:04

To: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Leaver E (Ellen) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: URGENT- savings advice.

Apologies [redacted], had missed this. will get something to you shortly

[redacted]

From: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 September 2022 14:59

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

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

Subject: RE: URGENT- savings advice.

[redacted]

Are you able to share the lines mentioned below? We are under bit of pressure to get advice finalised now.

Thanks

Joanne

Joanne Farrow

Deputy Director - Employability

[redacted]

From: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 09:44

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

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

Subject: FW: URGENT- savings advice.

Importance: High

[redacted]

[redacted] and I have been in touch just now, regarding a note that we need to draft for DfM this morning setting out [redacted – section 30(b)(i)].

As you will be aware, our employability funding is channelled via LA's. [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Can you ping over to me asap please?

Thanks

Joanne

Joanne Farrow

Deputy Director - Employability

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 09:17

To: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reid A (Adam) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot

All,

As flagged via Teams, the DFM has been considering the savings options overnight and is minded to take the full employability savings on offer. He's asked for some urgent advice, by close today, setting out the savings options, the impact and then thoughts on handling. We have much of this already in the excel savings sheet.

[redacted]/Jo- could you hold the pen on this in the first instance (using the new submission template).

I think we need a short note that includes:

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

I'm in meetings until 12 but can help with drafting this afternoon, I'd like to get Louise a draft mid-afternoon if possible.

Thanks all whilst I know this might be disappointing it is, I think, helpful to have some certainty with which to move forward for the remainder of the year and given wider challenges is not unexpected.

Helena

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 13:58

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: No One Left Behind

To see.

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: McCaig C (Callum) [redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 September 2022 13:57

To: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: No One Left Behind

Thanks Helena – when flagging could you put a marker down that [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

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From: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 13:44

To: McCaig C (Callum) [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: No One Left Behind

Hi Callum,

It's ring fenced grant for employability spend but sits outwith the LG block grant. I've copied Jo Farrow who can give chapter and verse. For info, we're working for a note for DFM by close today on the potential employability savings in this space which will set all of this out.

Thanks

Helena

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: McCaig C (Callum) [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:14
To: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: No One Left Behind

Hi Helena,

Am I right in thinking that the No One Left Behind budget is in your space? Colin has asked me to clarify if that funding is part of the LG settlement, either ring-fenced or unring-fenced.

Thanks,
Callum

Callum McCaig

Special Adviser to the First Minister

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Sent: 02 September 11:14

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Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Thanks Helena – think we are almost there.

@Aidan @Colin – thoughts? L

Louise Macdonald OBE | FRSE

Interim Director General Economy

[redacted]



From: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 2022 10:56

To: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot;

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[redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Ok, I've reworked the sub to reflect the below, is this more what you had in mind? If so, can [redacted]/Jo follow up with the team for a suitable stat from the recent stats publication to show the number of people that are still being supported through NOLB this year, and fill in the X in relation to [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

Helena

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: Gray H (Helena)

Sent: 02 September 2022 09:53

To: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan)

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

Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

Farrow J (Joanne) <[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

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

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Thanks, [redacted]

I'll take another look at the note now and recirculate.

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 2022 09:19

To: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Thanks Aidan – and I think I’d agree – [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] L

Louise Macdonald OBE | FRSE

Interim Director General Economy

[redacted]

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From: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 02 September 2022 08:59
To: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review
Importance: High

Helena, [redacted]

Aidan

From: Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 2022 07:54

To: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot [redacted]@gov.scot [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Louise,

I'm not quite sure I fully understand what Perm Sec is asking for here, but I think he's suggesting we [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

Helena

Helena Gray

Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills (interim)

[redacted]

From: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 21:39

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Hi folks – can we pick this up first thing with teams and produce – as a single suite of docs – the following:

- Revised advice note
- Handling advice & mitigations
- Narrative for DFM statement next week

Hugely grateful. L

Louise Macdonald OBE | FRSE
Interim Director General Economy

[redacted]

[Please note: I'm sending this email at a time convenient for me. Even if I've emailed you at an odd time, I don't expect you to respond outside of your working hours; when you are caring for others; on a non-work day or during wellbeing downtime.]



From: John-Paul Marks [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 21:34
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Ok many thanks [redacted], that's clear. Grateful therefore Louise and team if you can [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Best wishes, JP

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
Sent: 01 September 2022 21:09
To: John-Paul Marks [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Permanent Secretary, [redacted],

DFM concurs with the points you have made but if we are unable to reduce the risks you highlight then DFM approves these savings as we must take the necessary steps to reach balance.

Thanks,

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary to Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery – John Swinney

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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Cc: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Thank you Kathleen, Louise, Helena, Colin, colleagues; few questions please...

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks, JP

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 20:07

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

[redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise)

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Subject: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Restricted – Sensitive

I enclose a submission from Louise Macdonald following her conversation with Permanent Secretary earlier today regarding the Portfolio response to the EBR (attached for ease) and the need to identify further options for DFM's consideration.

Regards

[redacted]

Head of Economic Development Directorate Finance Unit

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[redacted]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 12:59

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

Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Hi folks

I know you were speaking to [redacted] at 12pm – just making sure we'll on the same page now re £29m figure?

Proposed line slightly tweaked from one below – can you confirm content? [redacted – section 29(1)(a)] I think Helena is out of office so not sure if she saw the line yesterday? The line you gave will be useful for Q&A or follow-ups or media queries but the letter itself is very factual.

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 2022 08:31

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

Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Hi all,

Just to add my own thoughts to the, the latest budget monitoring had forecast expenditure for CP [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Finance Manager

**Directorate Support Team
Fair Work Employability & Skills Division**

[redacted]

Scottish Government | Atlantic Quay (6th floor), Glasgow, G2 8LU



From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 18:10

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

Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Will need to pick this up tomorrow when people are back – looks like there's some sort of confusion along the way.

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

The team are sure the saving at this stage is £24m as £29m has gone – will pick up tomorrow. Either way, it probably doesn't make too much of a difference as we're not spending any of it. So I'm ok to go with the line if it needs to go.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 17:55

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

Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Thanks [redacted] that was my understanding as well – [redacted]

[redacted] – has this changed or are we using £29m?

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:53
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:45
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

No, it's £24m.

- BSBF committed investment of £81m in 2022-23 to increase parental earnings from employment as part of a wider investment to deliver against Scotland's statutory child poverty targets.
- £81m reflected elements of existing No One Left Behind funding already dedicated to supporting parental employability, but committed up to an additional £53m for new activity This £53m was subsequently revised down to £24m in most recent savings exercise due to a shortening in the delivery window, [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:38
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for the line which I think will may well be used in follow-ups and particularly in comms – for the letter and statement we do need a factual line though of what funding has been diverted to support the EBR. I've proposed this line – is this factually accurate and do you see any issue with including this in the letter and statement?

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:22
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Will do – just confirming the saving now is £24m, not £29m. It has already reduced by 29 and we have 24 left?

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:19
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Thanks [redacted].

Can you check with the PfG lead if any of the wording on the employability funding should be amended given the £29m savings are now to be taken.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 17:05
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Hi [redacted],

Pulled together line below but flagging that you'll probably need to pull in social security contacts – [redacted] – so can't map across to using the money to increase wages – two different cohorts.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 September 2022 15:53
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option

Sorry [redacted], just picked this up and spoke with [redacted] – will work something up asap now I know the background.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot;
Sent: 01 September 15:22
To: [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: DFM Statement on Emergency Budget Review - Child poverty savings option
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

Hope you are both well.

Apologies for the urgent request but I'm hoping you can provide a line for inclusion in the DFM's statement on the EBR which reflects the recent decision to take the £29m employability red savings option. I understand you may be pulling together briefing on wider employability implications but DFM's office need an updated draft of the statement ASAP today and (given this will be one of the biggest impacts) DFM will expect this to be included.

Do you have a line which could be used to confirm the activity is not going ahead and reconfirms the policy objectives, the links to the business/cost of living crisis etc.? From speaking with DG's office, I think [redacted] also expects to see a line which strongly links the two.

Happy to discuss if helpful

Thanks

[redacted]

Senior Finance Business Partner
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[redacted]



From: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 17:12

To: Hedge L (Lewis) [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

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

Thanks All, I've not heard from Employability colleagues but am assuming OK given earlier circulation. On that basis, Louise I think you can go with the following:

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Louise

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 02 September 2022 15:04

To: Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review

Aiden

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Lewis Hedge – DD Fair Work and Labour Market Strategy

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot; on behalf of; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 05 September 11:47

To: DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; John-Paul Marks [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Macdonald L (Louise) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Economic Development [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Dobson L (Leanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; Matheson C (Catriona) [redacted]@gov.scot; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; McCaig C (Callum) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review and PFG - IMMEDIATE

Good morning

DFM has read the note below. DFM discussed the first of these issues with Callum McCaig this morning (who I am copying here). DFM said it is essential that [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

DFM has also asked that Liz Lloyd ensures that [redacted – section 29(1)(a)].

I have spoken to Callum who confirmed that he is speaking with SGP later today and will cover these actions off.

Many thanks

[redacted]

Private Secretary/DFM

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** DG Economy
Sent: 02 September 2022 17:21
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; John-Paul Marks
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Subject: RE: DG Economy - Further Saving Options - Emergency Budget Review
and PFG - IMMEDIATE

Sending on behalf of DG Economy

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

From: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 15:49
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot

Thanks [redacted] that's really helpful

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2022 15:46
To: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement brief

Aidan,

This is the FMQ brief that went forward this morning.

I've also included lines that we used in the handling plan, albeit DFM didn't specifically reference that the reduction in employability funding [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Please let me know if you need anything else.

[redacted]

From: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2022 15:34
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement brief

Thanks [redacted], doesn't cover cuts in employability funding cuts. [redacted], have you a Q and A/FMQ brief on this.

[redacted], do we have full PfG briefing pack too? Keen to see rent freeze lines in particular – business orgs might raise I think

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2022 15:18
To: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: DFM Statement brief

Hello, this is the only one that we've seen.

[redacted]

From: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 September 2022 15:10
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: DFM Statement brief
Importance: High

Hi [redacted], was there a Q and A brief for this that you were sighted on? Would be good to have before bus orgs meeting if possible, in particular any questions re spend on employability.

Aidan

Aidan Grisewood
Interim Director
Economic Policy
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RE: update on resource position for DG Economy

Should the child poverty number not be £29m actually? I'm sure the previous budget monitoring included a £24m reduction from £53m down to £29m, so there's £29m of spend in that DGE position that now needs to come out. And yes agree the other FWES savings are demand driven, whilst we expect underspends, we don't have enough to quantify them yet!

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 16 September 2022 14:24
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: RE: update on resource position for DG Economy

Brilliant thanks [redacted],

Appreciate the caveats – there is so much moving!

I know [redacted] is OOO this afternoon – so just checking whether you think the FWES numbers below are ok? I think this is the agreed position and any other FWES movements are [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 16 September 2022 14:19

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

Subject: RE: RE: update on resource position for DG Economy

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for pulling this together – really appreciate it. I had our monthly finance catch-up with [redacted] earlier this morning and we spoke about this in passing. All looks good. I think the only thing I would add, possibly more in the covering note/e-mail [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Appreciate this might seem overkill by way of caveats but with everything moving at this point, I'm reluctant to give Louise any firm assurance midway through the monitoring month. Hope that makes sense!

Thanks again

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 16 September 2022 12:46

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: update on resource position for DG Economy

Hello all ☐

Aidan Grisewood has asked for an updated position for Louise on DG Economy resource. This request was linked to the various emails/conversations going on about the ERDF AO template.

I didn't see what Lousie got as an update last month but [redacted] shared the below June update which I have updated for July using the July Corporate Board Report.

[redacted] – would appreciate if you could give this a quick review and if you're happy I'll send on to [redacted]?

[redacted] – I haven't changed the figure in the table for the reduction in employability in child poverty expenditure – is there an updated agreed figure I should slot in here?

[redacted] – I don't think I need to say anything on ERDF here [redacted] Note also the corporate board report noted [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]?

Anything else obvious that should be in the table as an update from the July reported position?

As at July:

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | **Finance Business Partner** | **Financial Management Directorate**

Following recent guidance I am working from home, available on Teams and email **E:** [redacted]



From: [redacted]@gov.scot

To: [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Grisewood A (Aidan) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Farrow J (Joanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: URGENT - 2022-23 EMERGENCY BUDGET REVIEW AND NEW COMMISSION ON 2023-24 Budgets

Importance: High

Good afternoon [redacted],

I can confirm that the F&E portfolio Public Spending Division commission link has been updated for FWES interests (with approval of our Director Helena Gray):

- Public Spending Division Commission - F&E - Aug 2022
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A40368525/details>

For future reference (primarily for FWES colleagues included in the email), please see below a link to the locally saved FWES response for the F&E portfolio:

- Public Spending Division Commission - 20223-24 Budget Planning - F&E Portfolio - Aug 2022 - FWES (RECOVERED - USE THIS VERSION) (A40453321)

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Cc: DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Corporate [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Communities [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Dobson L (Leanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; Matheson C (Catriona) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: URGENT - 2022-23 EMERGENCY BUDGET REVIEW AND NEW COMMISSION ON 2023-24 Budgets

Importance: High

Official Sensitive

Dear all

This email brings into one place a consolidated ask covering 2022-23 and 2023-24 Budgets.

Ask/Issue(s)

The main elements of information relate to:

- Emergency Budget Review 2022-23;
- A review of 2023-24 Budgets - this email commissions savings and reprioritisation options and updated financial information from portfolios to inform the Budget 2023-24 and consideration of old and new savings options; and
- [redacted]

EMERGENCY BUDGET REVIEW 2022-23

The Scottish Government Executive Team (ET) met on Tuesday 23rd of August and endorsed a commission from DFM to Cabinet Secretaries on an Emergency Budget Review, to assess any and all opportunities to redirect additional resources to those most in need, reduce burden on businesses and stimulate the Scottish economy.

For 2022-23, a budget review was undertaken in June, with all available options at that time put forward to support a move to a balanced budget. [redacted]

Action

A line by line analysis of spend was conducted in June, therefore the ask is that this emergency review builds on that work to assess:

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Deadline

Please completed the attached 2022-23 Savings template by **close Monday 29 August** to allow sign off by DGs in advance of consideration by SpAds and DFM.

2023/24 (RSR) Budget

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Deadline

Completed returns are due by **close Thursday 1 September** to allow sufficient time for DG sign off and consideration by SpAds and DFM.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

For any queries or issues on this please contact [redacted] or I in the first instance. The deadlines above are tight and are aligned to allow for Director and DG review of these returns within the wider SG timeframes.

My thanks as always for your continued support.

Regards

[redacted]

Head of Economic Development Directorate Finance Unit

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[redacted]

My work pattern is Monday – Thursday. Outwith this time please send work related e-mails to <mailto:dedfinanceunit@gov.scot>

RELEASED INFORMATION – THE LOWER CAP ON STEM BURSARY AWARDS AND THE FORECAST REDUCTION IN APPLICANTS

From: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 21 June 2022 16:50
To: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUIRED BY CLOSE 21 JUNE - **Further resource savings options required**

Thanks [redacted] – content. Graeme.

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Director of Learning
Sent: 21 June 2022 15:55
To: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUIRED BY CLOSE 21 JUNE - **Further resource savings options required**
Importance: High

Graeme,

Per the emails below and following our discussion earlier, we have been asked to model resource savings of [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

I will send a further email to you and Clare tomorrow as the deadline for submitting the proposals to [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] is COP tomorrow but I am sending this to you early as you are out of office for the next two days. I also attach our tracker which provides further comments on some of the proposals.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] | **Business and Finance Officer | Directorate for Learning: Business Support Unit | Area 2B North - Victoria Quay, The Shore, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ |**
[redacted]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Director of Learning

Sent: 16 June 2022 12:44

To: Murdoch L (Laura) (Educ) [redacted]@gov.scot; Anson S (Sam) [redacted]@gov.scot; Taylor A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot; Bradley J (Jennifer) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot; Murdoch L (Laura) (Educ) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; **Head SFIO** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: ACTION REQUIRED BY CLOSE 21 JUNE - **Further resource savings options required**

Importance: High

DDs, FMMG

As part of the ongoing [redacted – section 29(1)(a)] work, please see ask below of directorates to model savings of [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Directorate for Learning Savings:

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)] - Savings Tracker - Learning Directorate - 16 June 2022 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Directorate for Education Reform Savings:

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)] - Savings Tracker - Education Reform - 16 June 2022 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

With apologies for short timescales, grateful if updates can be made by COP 21st June to give [redacted] and [redacted] time to review. We have been told there is absolutely no flex to deadlines. I am on leave next week so grateful if queries can be sent to Director of Learning mailbox, or for advice on options or the commission please speak to [redacted] or our FBPs ([redacted]).

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 15 June 2022 14:35

To: Director of Advanced Learning and Science [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Children and Families [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; Cumming A (Alison) Early Learning & Childcare [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Children and Families Directorate Support <[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED BY CLOSE 23 JUNE - **Further resource savings options required**

Importance: High

Directors (copied to Portfolio Finance leads)

Thank you for all your support earlier this month regarding the [redacted -section 29(1)(a)] and identifying [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

I would be grateful if you could return the completed template for your Directorate by close 23 June. There is **no flexibility** in this deadline. Advice needs to go to Joe on 27 June to allow him to have discussions with you that week before finalising advice to Cab Sec for the 4 July so that she can clear before she and Joe both go on leave.

Thanks and happy to speak

[redacted]

[redacted] - Education and Skills Budget/RSR Co-ordination- Blackberry [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 27 June 2022 15:44

To: DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; Griffin J (Joe) [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Cumming A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of

Advanced Learning and Science [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Children and Families [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: 2022-23 Savings Options

G/H/L - Awareness

Joe

Please find attached the excel spreadsheet containing the proposed E&S savings options in response to CFO and Perm Sec's commission to find [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Directorates have also provided information on [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Happy to speak

[redacted]

[redacted] Education and Skills Budget Co-ordination- Blackberry [redacted]

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 02 August 2022 12:18
To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; Griffin J (Joe) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Advanced Learning and Science [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Children and Families [redacted]@gov.scot; Cumming A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: IMMEDIATE - Education and Skills savings option and **pause/proceed spend**

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

As you are aware Ms Forbes and the Permanent Secretary have asked officials to develop [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)] SG has made a public commitment to investing £50 million in 2022-23. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

With regards to [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted] - Education and Skills Budget Co-ordination- Blackberry [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 02 August 2022 12:18
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Urgent- 22-23 savings - learning and education reform

[redacted]

I mentioned over Teams but we have finally received the note from DFM on the 22-23 savings exercise- but it's on a tight distribution list so not able to send on as is. DFM is seeking confirmation from Cab Sec that [redacted – section 29(1)(a)] savings will be delivered. For learning/ER these are:

- [redacted – section 29(1)(a)] Learning - Teacher Training (STEM bursary) - £1m

The list from DFM has [redacted – section 29(1)(a)].

DFM's note also requests that [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Grateful if you could confirm that there are no changes to these savings and that they can be confirmed with DFM

Thanks

[redacted]

Education and Skills Budget Co-ordination- Blackberry [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 05 August 2022 11:38

To: Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Anson S (Sam) [redacted]@gov.scot; Bradley J (Jennifer) [redacted]@gov.scot;
Taylor A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: 22-23 savings - Learning and Education Reform

Hi [redacted]

Noted, and I can confirm that [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

There may be scope for further savings on STEM bursaries as the £1m saving is based on only 100 bursaries being awarded (originally budgeted for 150), and we are below that number at the moment. The scheme closes for applications at the end of the month.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Head of the Education Workforce Unit | Learning Directorate | Scottish Government

Tel: [redacted] | Email: [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Director of Learning

Sent: 05 August 2022 11:05

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

Cc: Anson S (Sam) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot;
Bradley J (Jennifer) [redacted]@gov.scot; Taylor A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot;
Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: 22-23 savings - Learning and Education Reform

Hi all

DFM has asked Cab Sec for confirmation that [redacted – section 29(1)(b)]

The budget monitoring commission is due to issue today.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot; on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 09 August 2022 18:59

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training [redacted]@gov.scot;
Minister for Children & Young People [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary
[redacted]@gov.scot; DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; Griffin J (Joe)
[redacted]@gov.scot; Cumming A (Alison) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of
Advanced Learning and Science [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning
[redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Children and Families [redacted]@gov.scot;
Director for Education Reform [redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena)
[redacted]@gov.scot; Livey D (David) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE - : 22-23 Budget Update and Savings Requirement from
the Deputy First Minister to Ms Somerville

G/H/L - Awareness

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

Hi [redacted]

Ms Somerville has seen your advice and, given timescales for responding, is content for the note to DFM to issue. I will do that shortly. Cab Sec was content with [redacted – section 29(1)(a)] but does not wish to [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Cab Sec did also comment that [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks. Happy to discuss.

[redacted]

Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 04 August 2022 14:43

To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training [redacted]@gov.scot;

Minister for Children & Young People [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; Griffin J (Joe)

[redacted]@gov.scot; Cumming A (Alison) Early Learning & Childcare

[redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Advanced Learning and Science

[redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Learning [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Children and Families [redacted]@gov.scot; Director for Education Reform

[redacted]@gov.scot; Gray H (Helena) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: IMMEDIATE - : 22-23 Budget Update and Savings Requirement from the Deputy First Minister to Ms Somerville

Importance: High

[redacted]

Please find attached IMMEDIATE advice to Ms Somerville and a draft reply from her to DFM for consideration/comment. It is flagged as IMMEDIATE as DFM has requested a reply by 10 August and Cab Sec will wish time to consider. I have copied Portfolio Directors in to the draft response. **Directors-** grateful if this could be kept to a restricted copy list and not shared widely given the sensitivities.

I am on leave after Friday but Alison is back on Monday and Joe has cleared the drafts so is aware of the contents.

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 02 August 2022 09:52
To: Cumming A (Alison) Early Learning & Childcare [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted]@gov.scot; Griffin J (Joe) [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: 22-23 Budget Update and Savings Requirement from the Deputy First Minister to Ms Somerville

Hi [redacted],

Aware Alison is off until next Monday, but please see note from the DFM with a request to agree by the 10th of August. I have shared with Ms Somerville but I would be grateful if you could please provide advice/draft reply for her to consider.

I have kept this copy list to the bare minimum at the request of DFMPPO, so if you do need to share this with anyone could you please ensure it stays to quite a tight copy list?

Happy to discuss, thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills |
[redacted] | The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road,
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From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
Sent: 01 August 2022 17:04
To: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Education & Justice [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Budget and Public Spending [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: 22-23 Budget Update and Savings Requirement from the Deputy First Minister to Ms Somerville

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Please find attached a note from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery.

This note has been sent with a **restricted copy list** and therefore should only be shared with those who absolutely need to have sight.

The Deputy First Minister would be grateful for response back confirming agreement to this note by 10th August.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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

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[redacted – section 29)(1)(b)]

RELEASED INFORMATION – INCOME INTO THE SCOTTISH CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR FURTHER SCOTWIND REVENUES FROM THE SCOTWIND CLEARING PROCESS

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy

Sent: 07 July 2022 18:22

To: First Minister [redacted]@gov.scot; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Budget and Public Spending [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot; McCallum R (Richard) [redacted]@gov.scot; Dobson L (Leanne) [redacted]@gov.scot; McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]@gov.scot; Hutchison D (David) (Special Adviser) [redacted]@gov.scot; McCaig C (Callum) [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; Wright AG (Aileen) [redacted]@gov.scot; Spads Admin [redacted]@gov.scot; Executive Team [redacted]@gov.scot; Gillespie G (Gary) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: 2022-23 Budget Flightpath Update - Note from Ms Forbes

PS/ First Minister

PS/Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Please find attached a note from Ms Forbes providing an update on the 2022-23 Budget Flightpath.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy – Kate Forbes

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[redacted – section 29(1)(b)]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
Sent: 01 August 2022 17:04
To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery [redacted]@gov.scot; Permanent Secretary [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Net Zero [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Budget and Public Spending [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Financial Officer [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: 22-23 Budget Update and Savings Requirement from the Deputy First Minister to Mr Matheson

[redacted – section 29(1)(b)]

Kind regards,

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

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[redacted – section 29(1)(b)]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 September 2022 15:29

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; Berge K (Kersti) [redacted]@gov.scot; Turpie A (Annabel) [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; Palmer MR (Mike) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Urgent please - Emergency Budget Review DFM Speech - use of Scotwind clearing revenues to support budget

Hi again – keeping it as simple as we can, we will just say that (in the context of the EBR) we are utilising funding of £56m generated by the Scotwind clearing process.

Hopefully this reduces concerns.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 September 2022 14:26

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; Berge K (Kersti) [redacted]@gov.scot; Turpie A (Annabel) [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; Palmer MR (Mike) <Mike.Palmer@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Urgent please - Emergency Budget Review DFM Speech - use of Scotwind clearing revenues to support budget

Thanks for views. To clarify, the £56m is on top of the £700m. To my knowledge we have made no public statement on how this £56m will be used – the CES press release said “A total of £56m will be paid by the successful applicants in option fees and passed to the Scottish Government for public spending”.

We’d hadn’t built this funding into future plans so it doesn’t directly impact on NZ planned spending as you say – however there is an opportunity cost from it not being available to support unfunded pressures in the net zero space in the future.

We could change the wording to more on the lines of “we are utilising £56m of Scotwind clearing revenues for [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Would that be preferable?

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 14:10

To: Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; Berge K (Kersti) [redacted]@gov.scot; Turpie A (Annabel) [redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Urgent please - Emergency Budget Review DFM Speech - use of Scotwind clearing revenues to support budget

Appreciate I am only in copy here – but looking for a bit of clarity around this as [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

[redacted]

Head of Strategy and Governance

Climate Change Division

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From: Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 13:56

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; Berge K (Kersti) [redacted]@gov.scot; Turpie A (Annabel) [redacted]@gov.scot

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

Subject: RE: Urgent please - Emergency Budget Review DFM Speech - use of Scotwind clearing revenues to support budget

[redacted],

Given that my understanding is that this was additional revenue and therefore not included in current 22/23 NZET budgets, then I have no problem with the wording proposed below. Clearly the issue is more from a policy point of view rather than purely financial. [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Kerry

Kerry Twyman
Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Transport Scotland



Transport Scotland, the national transport agency

Còmhdhail Alba, buidheann nàiseanta na còmhdhail

From: [redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 September 2022 13:52

To: Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox [redacted]@gov.scot; Berge K (Kersti) [redacted]@gov.scot; Turpie A (Annabel) [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: Urgent please - Emergency Budget Review DFM Speech - use of Scotwind clearing revenues to support budget

Hi Annabel, Kerry, Kersti,

Finance are pulling together input for DFM's upcoming speech to Parliament on the Emergency Budget Review. DFM is keen to highlight some of the hard decisions we are taking to find resources to tackle the cost crisis. Re Scotwind, we had included £41m of Scotwind revenues (from the £700m total) in 22-23 Budget as you know. Scotwind clearing process has since generated a further £56m of revenues, and Finance are building this into the central position as additional funding to mitigate new pressures such as higher public sector pay rises than planned given the cost of living crisis. This hadn't been the intention – the Scottish Budget 22-23 had indicated that Scotwind revenues this year would be invested in projects supporting our transition to net zero.

Can I check please that you're content that one of the examples of difficult decisions for DFM's speech will reference this, to be phrased as something similar to: we are utilising the £56m Scotwind clearing revenues for [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] [NB the value of £56m is already in the public domain via Crown Estate Scotland press release]

Grateful if you can confirm you are OK with this please as we need to finalise the speech afternoon – apologies for tight timeline. Happy to discuss on Teams if helpful.

Thanks,
[redacted]

Senior Finance Business Partner
Financial Management Directorate
The Scottish Government
[redacted]