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**Subject:** RE: Return of giant pandas to China

Hi [Redacted]

I had a catch-up with David Field from Edinburgh Zoo last week (9 August). Let me know if it would be useful for us to touch base.

David also asked me to pass on that he would be happy to have a catch up directly with DEFRA.

Happy either way – just let me know.

Many thanks

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Hi [Redacted]

With many thanks to [Redacted] for looping me in. I'm also cc'ing [Redacted] in Scottish Government (though soon to move on to a new role), and [Redacted]; and [Redacted] in my team.

We are in direct touch with Edinburgh Zoo about the return of the pandas. This includes their recent discussions with [Redacted].

It would be useful to touch-base including on how we might best join-up/ coordinate including any communications with [Redacted]. We are next due a catch-up with the Zoo in the next week or two. Maybe we could set up a call after that?

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Return of giant pandas to China

Hi [Redacted], [Redacted] - good to be back in touch again after a long time!

The Scottish Government Office is in direct touch with Edinburgh Zoo on the return and will coordinate any comms/ activities with the Embassy.

Copying this to [Redacted] to ensure join up.

Best

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Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for alerting us. Please let us know if you need any assistance from us in embassy.

[Redacted].

Best

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Hello [Redacted] and [Redacted]

Just thought I'd alert you in case you are not already aware, the 2 giant pandas, Yang Guang and Tian Tian, sent to the UK in 2011 are due to return to China later this year.

They were on a 10-year exchange visit [Redacted].

There is some blurb on the Edinburgh Zoo site about this - [Giant panda Farewell | Edinburgh Zoo](#)

We've had some exchanges with [Redacted].

Cheers

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