

## **FOI Review 202300353307- Information Released- Annex**

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## 1. Email Exchanges dated 27 Jan 2023 relating to Transgender Prisoners

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 14:32

**To:** [redacted][redacted][redacted]Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; First Minister;[REDACTED]

**Cc:** Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); DG Education & Justice; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoner: Update: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE - PERSONAL

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for this update, Mr Brown has noted.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

**From:** [redacted][REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 January 2023 09:59

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; First Minister

**Cc:** Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); DG Education & Justice; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Transgender Prisoner: Update: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE - PERSONAL

**Importance:** High

(SENT ON BEHALF OF TERESA MEDHURST, SPS CHIEF EXECUTIVE)

PS/First Minister

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Veterans

[redacted under Section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted under Section 30(b)(i) – Free and frank provision of advice]

If you require any further information please do let me know.

Many thanks

Teresa

**Teresa Medhurst** Chief Executive

## 2. Email Exchange dated 29 Jan 2023 relating to SPS Operational Update

**From:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:42  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Afternoon [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

SPS had undertaken a very detailed case conference which had concluded [redacted – 38(1) (b)]  
I trust this clarifies

Many thanks

[redacted – 38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted] On Behalf Of [CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 13:20  
**To:** [redacted][firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this, Mr Brown has noted and [redacted – 38(1)(b)]

Grateful if colleagues can advise.

Thanks,  
[redacted ]

**From:** [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 12:57  
**To:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; DG Education & Justice <[dgej@gov.scot](mailto:dgej@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Subject:** IMMEDIATE: Placement of transgender prisoners- SPS operational update  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

PS/First Minister

Copy: PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

**PLACEMENT OF TRANSGENER PRISONERS- OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

On behalf of Teresa Medhurst, SPS Chief Executive, please find an operational update on the above:

- [redacted as Personal Information of Third party]

**WIDER NEXT STEPS:**

**[redacted Section 29(1)(a)]**

Many thanks

[redacted]

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### 3. Email Exchange dated 30 Jan 2023 relating to Parliamentary statement on Transgender Prisoners

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:51

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

**Cc:** Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted]> Colleagues,

[redacted under Section 29(1)(a) – Formulation/Development of Policy]

**Best wishes,**

[redacted]

**From:** Jim Kerr <Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot>

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 17:05

**To:** [redacted] Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [redacted]

**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted] – understood.

Jim

**Jim Kerr**

Deputy Chief Executive (Interim)

Scottish Prison Service,

1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh

EH12 9DF

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:58  
**To:** Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot)>; [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Cc:** [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Jim

I've left that out for the minute but I expect it will need to be covered in the statement.  
[redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

[redacted]

**From:** Jim Kerr <[Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:Jim.Kerr@prisons.gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:47  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

It probably covers the issue in Para 6, and [redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

**Jim Kerr**  
Deputy Chief Executive (Interim)  
Scottish Prison Service,  
1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh  
EH12 9DF

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:17  
**To:** [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot); [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

Attached is a clean version. I've added SPS colleagues for awareness on the, hopefully, final draft and added [redacted] for views on timing taking account of the statement.

I can put this forward to Cab Sec just now for clearance and issue tomorrow ahead of the statement. I think issuing the letter in the morning would work but views welcome.

[redacted]

**From:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 16:02  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

Thank you, a couple of tiny suggestions marked.

Neil

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 15:21  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Letter to Criminal Justice Committee - Transgender Prisoners - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

Draft letter to Criminal Justice Committee attached for comment.

[redacted] – I've not included a specific reference to the Bill but sharing for awareness. If you thought a reference should be added, please advise.

We're aiming to put this Cab Sec later today or early tomorrow as it is for issue tomorrow.

[redacted] – we want this to go before the Committee appearance. I've not mentioned amendments or anything but have acknowledged Cab Sec will be at Committee on Wednesday.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:30  
**To:** [redacted]HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted], can I suggest that we go back with:

[redacted under Sec 29(1)(a) Formulation of Policy]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:12

**To:** HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

[redacted].

[redacted] [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:07

**To:** HQ CE Executive Secretariat <[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)

**Subject:** RE: Proposed letter to the Criminal Justice Committee updating Transgender Prisoners

[redacted]

You'll have seen Cab Sec's comments on timing. Grateful if you can advise on this in the morning,

PO have also emailed to ask: [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Any info from this you can share?

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]>

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:09

**To:** [CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot); [Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot); [Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot);



[redacted]>

**Cc:** [DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot); [redacted]> HQ CE Executive Secretariat  
<[HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot](mailto:HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

Sorry [redacted]> we need to defer to SPS colleagues (copied) for that.

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

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:04

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>

**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Many thanks

[redacted]

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

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 17:36

**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

Thanks everyone – appreciated! I know you're busy with the statement and Q&A as well.

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 17:34

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>;; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

[redacted]

We are just checking and [redacted] will confirm

Cat

**From:** [redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 17:32  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <[CabSecJV@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJV@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Fisher Q (Quentin) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice <[DirectorofJustice@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofJustice@gov.scot)>; [redacted]>  
**Subject:** Urgent: Briefing for Media Bids

All

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Grateful if you could please let me know. First interview is in a hour.

Many thanks

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 20:32  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** Statement- Q&A [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Cat

Some updates in the attached  
Apologies what was received from [redacted] and wider team wasn't useable for this purpose. Key thing for the morning is answer to number of trans women in the estate and assurance point.  
**[redacted]**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 20:45  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks Neil

I have picked up these two changes in the version I am now working with.

[redacted]

**From:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 20:36  
**To:** [redacted] Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

Thanks so much. [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Otherwise content for this to go forward. Normally, we should probably let [redacted] see first, but given the time that's probably not feasible.

Neil  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 19:40  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks everyone.

Attached is the best version of the statement. [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Neil/Cat – if content I will accept changes, fix formatting and send up with the draft Q and A we have.

[redacted]  
**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 19:18  
**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks Cat – that's helpful.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]  
Measures have been put in place which means that women in custody will be protected from any associated risk during this period.

Thanks too to [redacted] for her comments. I will pull these together now with a view to getting this up. We will have feedback tomorrow and may have a chance for further amends then.

Both of you flagged the college angle. My inclination would be to deal with as a question but happy to include lines if the consensus is that we should.

At circa 1200 words we are about right – he’s delivery speed means that 10 minutes sees us at about 1400 words without interventions.

[redacted]

**From:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 19:03  
**To:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

Thanks [redacted]

Think this is shaping up really well. Added a few things and a comment.

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Word count is about 1200 so not a million miles off but room for anything extra.

We should get this to SPAD’s too tonight,

Cheers  
Cat

Cat Dalrymple  
DD Community Justice.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 19:12  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>; Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)> [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

[redacted]

Thanks for sharing- I think this looking good and strikes the right balance in terms of tone etc. There continues to be some media around the college course aspect of this so wondered if he should say something on that front? (saw the FMQ lines).

Ive suggested a tiny tweak but not sure it the right wording (brain fried)- REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Mindful of the brief discussion we had this morning on that front and subsequent discussions Neil has had with Jim in this regard/CJB MoU etc.

[redacted]

**From:** Rennick NS (Neil) <[Neil.Rennick@gov.scot](mailto:Neil.Rennick@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 30 January 2023 18:37

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona) <[Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot](mailto:Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot)>;[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Transgender Prisoners - Parliamentary Statement - 31 January 2023

[redacted]

I've added some concluding lines, but I'm sure you'll come up with something better.

Neil

#### 4. Email Exchange between Scottish Government and SPS officials dated 02 Feb 2023

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 February 2023 18:21  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take on SPS lessons learned review - SPS UPDATE

[REDACTED]

Further to the email below, for information, SPS has provided their lines for issue on a reactive basis tomorrow, once the submission to the SPS chief executive is confirmed - and are in step with our position.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

#### **SPS LINE**

A Scottish Prison Service spokesperson said:

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]  
[REDACTED]

**From: On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Sent:** 02 February 2023 17:33  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take on SPS lessons learned review

Hi [REDACTED],

Cab Sec is content.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 February 2023 17:28  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take on SPS lessons learned review

Dear Cab Sec,

We spoke to SPS comms earlier today about lines to take ahead of the SPS lessons learned review tomorrow. The lines reflect the agreed position and have been approved by SG policy.

I have asked SPS for sight of their lines and will share once we have these.

However grateful for your consideration of the following lines which would be issued as reactive to media queries once we have had confirmation of submission to the SPS chief exec.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

### **TOPLINE**

"The Scottish Prison Service's urgent lessons learned review has been submitted to the Chief Executive of the SPS. The Justice Secretary will update the Criminal Justice Committee on the outcome next week."

### ***If asked about what it contains/actions***

Further details will be set out when the Justice Secretary updates the Criminal Justice Committee. Any subsequent actions will depend on the findings of this review, and the Prison Service's wider policy review on transgender prisoners, which is expected to be completed in the coming months.

[REDACTED]

**5. Email Exchange relating to Appearance at Criminal Justice Committee dated 03 Feb 2023**

**From:** On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Sent:** 03 February 2023 15:40  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Briefing Request RE: Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee - management of transgender prisoners

All,

Please see attached email from committee clerks. Mr Brown's committee appearance has been confirmed for Wednesday 22 February, 9.30am start. Please note the exception within the Clerks email.

I'd be grateful for a speaking note and briefing by **4pm on Friday 17 February** please. I've attached the Committee briefing template for ease. Grateful if you can also please confirm who will provide official support.

I'll pop a pre-meet in diaries for Tuesday 21 February.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 February 2023 15:21  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee - management of transgender prisoners

Sorry for the delay [REDACTED]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Sent:** 03 February 2023 09:58  
**To:** [Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee - management of transgender prisoners

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]



Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

**From:** On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
**Sent:** 03 February 2023 09:54  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee - management of transgender prisoners

Thank [REDACTED], much appreciated.

I'll respond to Committee with the form of words you have provided and let you know when I hear back.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 February 2023 08:46  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; Rennick NS (Neil); Dalrymple C (Catriona); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Director of Justice; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee - management of transgender prisoners

[REDACTED]

I understand from SPS that Teresa Medhurst is not available on Wednesday and SPS will offer to accept 22 Feb or later. This would also suit us better.

While SPS will provide a report to Ms Medhurst tomorrow, it is expected that Mr Brown will receive a letter/note from Ms Medhurst by close on Monday.

Officials would then be preparing a letter to the Committee (which we are working on in anticipation but cannot finalise until we see the review report and the note from Ms Medhurst). While we were aiming to have the materials to the Committee on Tuesday I think issue before 12, including advice and clearance from Cab Sec, will be challenging. Given we are looking to accept a Committee appearance on 22 Feb I'd suggest a reply to the Committee Clerk as below:

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

Many thanks

[Add name from PO]

I hope this helps.

[REDACTED]

**6. Email exchange relating to Urgent Case review dated 06 Feb 2023**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 06 February 2023 20:38

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans; DG Education & Justice

**Cc:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Urgent Case Review [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Attachment- Draft version REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

PS Cabinet Secretary Justice and Veterans/ PS Director General Education and Justice

Please find attached a letter from Teresa Medhurst in relation to the urgent case review undertaken by SPS.

If I can provide any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

**7. Email relating to Briefing for Cabinet Secretary for Justice Veterans for Meeting with Teresa Medhurst dated 8 February 2023**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 07 February 2023 16:23

**To:** Dalrymple C (Catriona); [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Briefing- Cabinet Secretary for Justice Veterans- Meeting with Teresa Medhurst- 8 February 2023 ([REDACTED])

**Attachment No. 2 Briefing for Cabinet Secretary Meeting with Teresa Medhurst, Scottish Prison Service Chief Executive**

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Please see link below to draft light-touch briefing for Cab Sec's meeting with Teresa tomorrow:

Briefing- Cabinet Secretary for Justice Veterans- Meeting with Teresa Medhurst- 8 February 2023

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

PO have asked for this by 10:00 tomorrow morning (Wednesday) and Teresa's office have confirmed the TG focus and flagged the other 2 items that she wishes to brief Cab Sec on.

Grateful for any amendments/clearance ahead of the deadline,

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

## 8. Email Exchange relating to Urgent Case Review Recommendations dated 08 Feb 2023

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 08 February 2023 18:07

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

**Cc:** Minister for Community Safety; DG Education & Justice; Teresa Medhurst; Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** IMMEDIATE- UPDATED Letter: Urgent Case Review Recommendations- Transgender- Final Letter from Scottish Prison Service- 8 Feb- Updated [SEC=OFFICIAL]

PS/Cabinet Secretary

- [REDACTED under Section 30(b)(i) – Free and frank provision of advise]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 08 February 2023 15:29

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

**Cc:** Minister for Community Safety; DG Education & Justice; Teresa Medhurst; Dalrymple C (Catriona); Rennick NS (Neil); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** IMMEDIATE- Urgent Case Review Recommendations- Transgender- Final Letter from Scottish Prison Service- 8 Feb [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Attachment- Already published available at: [Transgender prisoner management: urgent case review correspondence - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/urgent-case-review-correspondence-2023-02-08/summary/)

PS/Cabinet Secretary,

Urgent Case Review Recommendations

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views] on behalf of Teresa Medhurst, SPS CEO, please find attached a final draft of the letter with additional details for your reference.

Teresa anticipates discussing this at your routine catch-up.

[REDACTED]

## Attachments

### 1. Letter from Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

#### Criminal Justice Committee

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1 February 2023

Dear Cabinet Secretary

#### **Management of transgender prisoners**

At its meeting today, the Committee discussed recent developments on the issue of transgender prisoners being held on the Scottish prison estate, including the lessons learned review by the Scottish Prison Service of the management of trans prisoners which will report by Friday 3 February.

We noted your intention to provide a written update to the Committee next week following the outcome of that review.

The Committee agreed to invite you to attend a committee meeting once that update is received in order to answer Members' questions. The Committee also agreed to invite Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive of the Scottish Prison Service, to give evidence at the same meeting alongside you.

I would be grateful if your officials could liaise with the Committee Clerks regarding the arrangements for the meeting.

Best wishes,

Audrey N: 

Audrey Nicoll MSP  
Convener, Criminal Justice Committee

## **2. Briefing for Cabinet Secretary Meeting with Teresa Medhurst, Scottish Prison Service Chief Executive**

**[redacted]**

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans Meeting with Teresa Medhurst, Scottish Prison Service Chief Executive on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 16:00-16:45

Microsoft Teams meeting [redacted]

Routine meeting with SPS to engage on key priorities and operational issues.

### **Official support**

[redacted] Prisons & Parole Unit

### **Agenda**

The primary focus of this meeting will be SPS's urgent lessons learned review in relation to the case of [redacted] and looking ahead to the Criminal Justice Committee session that both yourself and Teresa will be attending on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Main objective**

To discuss current priorities for SPS and matters of operational importance.

## **ITEM 1**

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **Issue/ background for awareness**

[redacted as out of Scope]

Since your last meeting, there has been significant activity around the management of transgender prisoners following high profile cases.

### **AGENDA**

No formal agenda has been agreed for this meeting, [ REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

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[redacted as out of Scope]

### **Suggested question(s)/points of discussion**

Open the discussion and invite discussion. In your opening remarks

### **You may wish to:**

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]



## **ITEM 2**

### **Transgender Prisoner: SPS Lessons Learned Review of Individual Case Issue/ background/for awareness**

The review was reported to Chief Executive of SPS on Friday 3 January and Ms Medhurst is writing to you imminently outlining some key points and sharing the recommendations of the report.

You are writing to the Criminal Justice Committee later this week to update on the outcome of the review. At this stage – the final report has not as yet been received but it is anticipated that you will have this before the meeting - so helpful to discuss with Teresa her conclusions.

### **Suggested question(s)/points to raise**

[REDACTED under Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]

### **Contact point**

[redacted]

