

## **EMAIL EXCHANGE 4**

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**Subject:** RE: L&D finance - update for FM

For those submitting the AO form, grateful if myself, Ministers office and FMPO can be cc'd. This is not just a senior officials decision. I would think there is considerable international reputational damage here if we were to become like other countries and renege on our commitments. I also think Emma's point that spending the money well over the parliament, as we have committed to, involves having the time to spend it, is a very valid one.

With that in mind – if DG and CFO are still minded to reject on receipt of AO form, I would recommend the minister assures herself that DFM and FM are on board with that decision given the impact it would have.

This all requires to be resolved by Weds/Thursday given attendance at COP and the critical role Scotland is expected to play in supporting global south countries on loss and damage during the discussions and the example Scotland has set internationally on this issue.

Cc'ing Callum <redacted> for finance spad purposes

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