

Redacted WhatsApp and Text Messages

MARCH 2021 MESSAGES

Exchanges between Fiona Hyslop (FH) and Kevin Stewart (KS) – March 2021

FH 26 March 2021 at 11:48: Kevin – spoke to Private office and they will look out for John Lewis letter and action at official level – have seen your letter and suggest it would be good to get cross party letter requesting SG support to get through any pre-election anxieties by SG Fiona.

KS (no date or time): Grand. Thank you!

Exchanges between Aileen Campbell and Private Office and Government Car Service

Text msg 10th March 2021 : Good evening Minister. There are lines to clear in your MSP box. Grateful if you could consider. Many thanks, [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Txt msg 10th March 2021 to GCS:

AC: Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], Aileen campbell here. Just to say it's not clear when decision time will be, it could be an hour later than we thought. So, I will keep you posted but don't think I will be ready for original pick up. But will keep you posted.

GCS: Hi Minister,
No problem at all thank you for letting me know. I'm in edinburgh already down at the garage so I can be at parliament within 15 minutes or so for pick up whenever that may be.

AC: That's great. I'll text you when I know more so at least your somewhere comfortable!!

AC: Hi, we should be nearly at the end...so maybe get you 9.20?

GCS: No worries Minister that's fine I will see you at the members entrance around then

Exchanges between Kate Forbes and Alyson Stafford

[09/03/2021, 21:12:17] Alyson Stafford: Congratulations on another budget!
So good to hear a more respectful and constructive exchange in Parliament too.
[Redacted – Out of Scope]
Alyson

[24/03/2021, 19:05:22] Alyson Stafford: Hello...
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[24/03/2021, 19:17:27] Kate Forbes MSP: [Redacted – section 26(a)].

[24/03/2021, 19:44:13] Alyson Stafford: Message from Health : [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[24/03/2021, 19:57:44] Kate Forbes MSP: [Redacted – section 26(a)].

[24/03/2021, 20:08:23] Alyson Stafford: 😞 Four hours to midnight....
Hopefully no further business today?!

Exchanges between Kate Forbes and Private Office

[01/03/2021, 18:17:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: And the B&B update is with you now

[01/03/2021, 22:13:48] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No Covid Cabinet paper yet will put on one note first thing tomorrow.

[02/03/2021, 08:02:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: All the Cabinet papers now on One Note.

[02/03/2021, 08:22:16] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[02/03/2021, 14:09:55] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Kate - there's a pre Budget NR in your inbox, comms are keen (if you are content with the NR) to issue at 1430. Are you able to have a look over before then?

[03/03/2021, 11:05:01] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning, I've had to leave my work phone at home as it's not working (will sort with IT tomorrow), if you need me just call or WhatsApp my personal phone.

I'm in Parliament.

[03/03/2021, 12:23:40] Kate Forbes MSP: Can you get the tv up and running for the budget?

[03/03/2021, 12:23:42] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks!

[03/03/2021, 12:24:01] Kate Forbes MSP: Callum will come down to view

[03/03/2021, 15:28:39] Kate Forbes MSP: From Willie Rennie

[03/03/2021, 15:28:41] Kate Forbes MSP: Can we shift our meeting to 6.45pm as the PO is insisting on a bureau meeting at 6.15pm?

[03/03/2021, 15:29:21] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ok I will sort that

[03/03/2021, 17:57:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'm just on the phone to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] can I be through in two mins?

[03/03/2021, 18:46:49] Kate Forbes MSP: Well have to push Murdo later

[03/03/2021, 18:46:57] Kate Forbes MSP: As Willie Rennie is going to last longer
[03/03/2021, 18:51:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Was going to answer but saw you were going to speak
[03/03/2021, 18:51:17] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll sort Murdo Fraser out now
[03/03/2021, 18:51:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: He's got a pre rec for the Nine at 1930 (same time as Mr Yousaf) but will get in touch now. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] on the Willie Rennie call with them
[03/03/2021, 18:52:14] Kate Forbes MSP: Tories aren't a priority
[03/03/2021, 18:52:20] Kate Forbes MSP: Can do tomorrow if nexesswry
[03/03/2021, 18:52:34] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: V much understood
[03/03/2021, 19:00:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Murdo Fraser fine to do tomorrow morning I'll sort
[04/03/2021, 08:15:17] Kate Forbes MSP: My emails aren't working - are you having difficulties?
[04/03/2021, 08:18:20] Kate Forbes MSP: Either way - can you send morning stories to my msp account please? Thanks
[04/03/2021, 08:22:12] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll send now
[04/03/2021, 08:22:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've sent them and a note of the Chancellor Interview
[04/03/2021, 08:23:52] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks
[04/03/2021, 08:24:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There has been something with emails/Scots the past few days but I'll check with you afte GMS and before Murdo Fraser at 9:00.
[04/03/2021, 08:25:05] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: But not affecting everyone
[04/03/2021, 11:25:14] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate - 1400 for the meeting with FM, going in the diary shortly. Likely to be just FM as they can't find a time that works for FM and DFM together.
[04/03/2021, 13:28:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Kate - on the info for the Greens it's all just about there and ready to go to you.

There's some wording being worked out between Finance and Transport Scotland at the moment on U21's, and TS think it needs to be run past Mr Matheson first.

Timings are very tight between you and MM on when you are both free. You and him are free at 1330 and then not again until your Greens meeting.

If you could phone or texting him to give him some context on what the Greens are looking for around U21's

You would need to do it right after FMQ's and before 1:45

His PS is making him aware now

[04/03/2021, 18:46:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Kate

Conscious of how much you've had on today, I've pulled out two finance requests into your main inbox where an urgent reply is requested. One on Buses and one on Police.

Based on FBP advice both are fairly straightforward.

If you are able to reply this evening that would be appreciated.

There's also a media line with you, and tomorrow morning I need to speak to you about a call I had with DFM's PO on a specific financial ask (not related to these Budget talks)

[04/03/2021, 18:46:29] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[04/03/2021, 18:46:34] Kate Forbes MSP: Appreciated

[05/03/2021, 11:52:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate - just on COSLA I'd been speaking to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: and holding off scheduling anything today because of time needed for Budget discussions, and if further chats were needed today after last night.

Do you feel a formal call is needed with COSLA now (perhaps Monday at some point) or is that enough with you discussion with Cllr McGregor last night?

[05/03/2021, 11:52:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] felt from COSLA a formal one is needed 15 mins would be enough

[05/03/2021, 11:52:51] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: "If a"

[05/03/2021, 17:02:37] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just spoken to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and it's with you now - the no greater than £95m pay proposal

[05/03/2021, 17:02:48] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[06/03/2021, 09:42:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning Kate. Two things to flag.

Callum asked me to setup another meeting with Willie Rennie for Monday AM. That's now confirmed for 8:30am on Monday

There's a new release to issue today for the Sunday's. Bearing in mind a deal being agreed Callum's view is that we should still issue that release if you are content with it. Its in your inbox from last night so will leave with you to come back this morning with a view

[06/03/2021, 09:42:53] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks on emails just now

[06/03/2021, 09:53:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 👍 thanks

[06/03/2021, 12:44:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate - Bauer radio have bid to speak to you this afternoon on the Stage 3 NR, have sent an email to you.

Just let us know what time works. Think it's with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] (will check) and is through WhatsApp audio so they can get clips.

[06/03/2021, 12:47:19] Kate Forbes MSP: Ok I'm out just now - do they have a time limit?

[06/03/2021, 12:47:52] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I double check but I think they are v flexible. It will be for tomorrow.

[06/03/2021, 12:49:37] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Yes very flexible with whenever works for you

[06/03/2021, 13:56:09] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks - late afternoon would be great

[06/03/2021, 14:12:20] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ok great have suggested 1630 and for you to call them. I'll provide a number ASAP and will update the diary.

[06/03/2021, 14:42:18] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks!

[06/03/2021, 15:01:52] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello details below and in the diary:-

Callum McQuade (Radio Clyde) - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[08/03/2021, 08:54:39] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate - just tried calling there, Callum is keen for a quick call post Lib Dem's with you and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] now,

I've sent you the MS Teams link to your MSP and Gov.scot

[08/03/2021, 08:55:13] Kate Forbes MSP: I just spoke to Callum, does it need a separate call? Thanks

[08/03/2021, 08:55:44] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Callum just mentioned, no need for a call!

[08/03/2021, 08:58:30] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate - I just spoke to Callum who has said once you have spoken to Patrick Harvie you should give Bruce Crawford a call to let him know and also on the plan for amendments ahead of Stage 3 after what has been reached with the Lib Dem's.

If you still can't get into gov.scot let me know. I'll send you on the committee stuff to your MSP as word docs.

[08/03/2021, 09:26:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Final NR on the Greens deal/LD progress is with you to your MSP account, I'm finalising the Greens letter and will let you know when its issued.

[08/03/2021, 09:33:38] Kate Forbes MSP: I see [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] has logged into blue jeans

[08/03/2021, 09:34:15] Kate Forbes MSP: He probs needs gentle guidance to watch via Scot parl TV rather than being on blue jeans where he'll be called on to speak if he's not careful!

[08/03/2021, 09:36:16] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ok thanks. He's logged out now

Have you send you a steer on amendments, it's as [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] suggested in his updated note. Amendments are good to go just need a nod from the Convener that he's aware.

If you haven't are you able to speak to B Crawford

[08/03/2021, 09:39:04] Kate Forbes MSP: I can't unless I know which ones not to move

[08/03/2021, 09:39:08] Kate Forbes MSP: Im very confused

[08/03/2021, 09:42:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'm not making this clear myself either without that, I've asked [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] to come back to you ASAP. Just finalising the Greens letter to issue.

[08/03/2021, 09:55:48] Kate Forbes MSP: I just sent you back the NR off the back of a text from Willie Rennie

[08/03/2021, 09:55:56] Kate Forbes MSP: Let me know you've got it

[08/03/2021, 10:07:25] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: All good and comms have updated 👍

[08/03/2021, 12:07:05] Kate Forbes MSP: Things are way too out of control this morning

[08/03/2021, 12:20:08] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Absolutely. It wasn't good no other way of saying it and that's v much understood.

On my part I had not fully appreciated the gravity of how what was proposed late on Sunday differed from what we had on Saturday until after I spoke to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] post Lib Dem call.

To be Frank it all blindsided me as well from what had been discussed on Saturday to seeing that note from Finance late on Sunday evening (which I saw first thing this morning). And doing that on top of your Lib Dem discussions and finalising the Greens deal.

I'll stay close to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] etc and the team this afternoon.

[08/03/2021, 15:10:18] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks for this btw

[08/03/2021, 15:10:45] Kate Forbes MSP: Im now in the car but will log on to surface the minute there's anything to engage with Lib Dems on

[08/03/2021, 15:14:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 👍 Callum's just finalising the words around the Eye Pavillion and so are the Lib Dem's, there's a few emails with you on that. Once a letter revised is with you I'll text you.

[08/03/2021, 15:36:54] Kate Forbes MSP: Willie Rennie wants to finalise and wants to see a final version letter.

[08/03/2021, 15:37:12] Kate Forbes MSP: I'm not getting through to Calum. Can you tell officials

[08/03/2021, 15:38:21] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks I will do. I'll come back to you ASAP

[08/03/2021, 15:47:32] Kate Forbes MSP: We should also issue a quote about it as the LDs will be issuing a release

[08/03/2021, 15:48:25] Kate Forbes MSP: Let me know where we are on both as libs will be getting worried about deadline for amendments

[08/03/2021, 15:48:32] Kate Forbes MSP: Which is 4 for 4:30

[08/03/2021, 16:10:48] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Letter now issued.

[08/03/2021, 16:10:58] Kate Forbes MSP: Gréât

[08/03/2021, 16:11:04] Kate Forbes MSP: And lines hopefully too

[08/03/2021, 16:11:22] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is on the case - presuming a proactive comment?

[08/03/2021, 16:11:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: BBC are asking

[08/03/2021, 16:12:05] Kate Forbes MSP: Yes

[08/03/2021, 16:12:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorting now

[08/03/2021, 16:15:13] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[08/03/2021, 17:25:21] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Lib Dem NR with you now.

[08/03/2021, 17:26:18] Kate Forbes MSP: Sorted thanks

[10/03/2021, 15:06:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Kate

I'm about to send you a submission and suggested GIQ on SpAd costs for this year. It's mostly fine but there's one point that I've discussed with Spads.

The answer splits Spads into their pay bands and salary but for any pay band where there is less than 5 it has a star next to it and no detail as disclosure may lead to individual identification (general practice).

Having discussed with Liz it's agreed that this makes it seem like there's something to hide with Spads when there isn't. I'll send onto you with a suggested reply if you are content.

The GIQ is to be lodged tomorrow so a reply this afternoon would be appreciated.
[10/03/2021, 15:07:09] Kate Forbes MSP: Ok thanks, I'm in the chamber without my laptop but will pop up once no confidence vote is over

[10/03/2021, 15:07:20] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 👍 no problem.

[10/03/2021, 18:19:54] Kate Forbes MSP: Sorry I don't know who is on call but just to say that the debate is running an hour over and were only at group 3...for the drivers benefit

[10/03/2021, 18:25:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Oh my, I'm on call. Thanks for the heads up. I've got [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] number so I'll try and give her a heads up direct as well as GCS. She's in [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] so won't have left her house yet.

I'll keep an eye on the debate.

[10/03/2021, 18:25:54] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[10/03/2021, 18:26:06] Kate Forbes MSP: Wouldn't be surprised if it doesn't run later

[10/03/2021, 18:26:21] Kate Forbes MSP: Had wondered if going up tomorrow is better but tbh probs best just to get there

[10/03/2021, 18:29:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Easier for me to say not being in Parliament today but I'm glad it's not your debate running that late!

Yes I think if there wasn't a Stage 3 tomorrow afternoon we could just get you home at a decent time tomorrow but I would agree it's best to get going tonight.

[10/03/2021, 19:21:17] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: We've had the email round saying DT is likely going to be 2100. I've texted [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and left her a voicemail so she will know and will stay in touch with her & keep an eye on the chamber

[12/03/2021, 16:52:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Kate - I know you are very busy with all the Business Support stuff this afternoon so didn't want to disturb you in the middle of that.

I know I said some of this on Tuesday in person - but just wanted to say it's been an absolute pleasure working with you. You've done about 3 years work in 12 months! But most importantly the way you are as such a nice, friendly and likeable person and the way you've worked with me and also our team makes me and us as a team want to push ourselves on even more to do the best we can for you. I've really valued working with you through all the stuff we've had to deal with as it was a lot that was thrown at us!

Your support for me was greatly appreciated this past year as well. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Exchanges between John Swinney and Humza Yousaf

02/03/2021, 13:41 – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

07/03/2021, 23:27 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

07/03/2021, 23:31 - John Swinney: Can you call me? J

08/03/2021, 00:36 - John Swinney: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/03/2021, 10:20 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/03/2021, 11:06 - John Swinney: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/03/2021, 11:07 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/03/2021, 16:14 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

08/03/2021, 16:15 - Humza: [Redacted - Out of Scope]

08/03/2021, 22:52 - John Swinney: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

08/03/2021, 22:54 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[Redacted – section 26(a)]

[Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

16/03/2021, 23:20 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

17/03/2021, 00:10 - John Swinney: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

Exchanges between Nicola Sturgeon and Liz Lloyd

[07/03/2021, 10:12:48] Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[07/03/2021, 10:23:59] Liz Lloyd: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[12/03/2021, 08:01:54] Nicola Sturgeon: This underlines my view we should shift some stuff to 5 April
Lockdown in Wales: Hairdressers to reopen but retail remains closed
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-56363367>
[13/03/2021, 21:28:40] Liz Lloyd: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[13/03/2021, 21:41:22] Nicola Sturgeon: Me too!!!
[13/03/2021, 21:43:28] Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[13/03/2021, 21:46:19] Liz Lloyd: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[13/03/2021, 21:47:34] Nicola Sturgeon: There's a long, long, long way to go
[15/03/2021, 14:26:13] Liz Lloyd: image omitted
[15/03/2021, 16:37:20] Nicola Sturgeon: I am reaching my outer limits of being able to put up with stuff.
<https://twitter.com/bbcscotlandnews/status/1371495761842700289?s=24>
[15/03/2021, 17:27:59] Nicola Sturgeon: Missed voice call
[15/03/2021, 20:17:57] Liz Lloyd: When you respond on cabinet paper - in June - could we make it 6/3 indoors - it's just much more normal!
[15/03/2021, 20:19:53] Nicola Sturgeon: That will be after 4/3 mid may I assume?
[15/03/2021, 20:21:05] Liz Lloyd: Indoors April 4/2, May 6/2....is what I currently have
[15/03/2021, 20:23:13] Nicola Sturgeon: Is that indoors in pubs etc? thought we were waiting til may for indoor households
[15/03/2021, 20:26:14] Liz Lloyd: We appear to be waiting till June for indoors at home...
[15/03/2021, 20:27:05] Liz Lloyd: So in pubs etc it's 4/2 in April, 6/2 in may ...and then in June it should go to 6/3 and we allow you to meet in your own home
[15/03/2021, 20:27:44] Liz Lloyd: Cabinet paper doesn't actually run all the way to June but my mock graphics do.
[15/03/2021, 20:28:06] Nicola Sturgeon: We should bring indoor houses to mid may
[15/03/2021, 20:28:32] Liz Lloyd: Can you make that your feedback or do you want me to do it
[15/03/2021, 20:28:38] Nicola Sturgeon: I'll do it
[15/03/2021, 20:32:48] Nicola Sturgeon: I don't have the cabinet paper yet
[15/03/2021, 20:59:46] Nicola Sturgeon: Jeane just sent me an alarmist text about vaccine supply - suggesting mid April might be in doubt 🙄
[15/03/2021, 22:04:29] Liz Lloyd: I don't buy it - england powering ahead with no hint of an issue
[15/03/2021, 22:12:04] Nicola Sturgeon: Indeed, but here's what she sent

Hi. A fuller briefing will come tomorrow when modelling is complete but we have had notice from BEIS of a reduction in expected AZ supply which in worse case scenario even accounting for slight increase in Pfizer sees a reduction of 450k doses because 1) 1 supply of 100k due in mid April failed batch test and 2) the short use date supply expected in mid March from India is delayed to mid April. We're querying some of this and I'm in touch with Hancock but this may, may delay our mid April target for 1-9. The supply is still expected but with delayed dates so that could bring forward the end July date for all adults. We should be clearer tomorrow. J

[15/03/2021, 22:16:44] Liz Lloyd: Hmm Moderna due April though too. I'm going to stay confident till we get more info than a text.

[16/03/2021, 10:17:54] Liz Lloyd: So for the purposes of documents etc - lift Stay at Home on 2nd April? Leave all other 5 April changes on the 5th.

[16/03/2021, 10:19:09] Nicola Sturgeon: Yes

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Nicola Sturgeon

04/03/2021, 00:16 - [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

04/03/2021, 00:16 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

04/03/2021, 00:17 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

04/03/2021, 10:02 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

04/03/2021, 10:13 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

06/03/2021, 16:53 - Humza: <Media omitted>

06/03/2021, 20:35 - Humza: <Media omitted>

07/03/2021, 19:45 - Nicola Sturgeon: Missed voice call

12/03/2021, 21:02 - Humza: Happy to update you whenever you are free - off the call with Clubs, Police Scot & GCC

18/03/2021, 23:27 - Humza: Hey Boss i was meant to msg you and discuss old firm but I know you've got other crap to deal with. Obviously happy to call or even just send you a note in the morning.

Keep your head up (as difficult as it must feel at times) you are on the side of truth and only every taken the principled stand. All of us are behind you.

18/03/2021, 23:41 - Nicola Sturgeon: Thanks. Can we speak in morning?

18/03/2021, 23:42 - Humza: Of course im up early like you no doubt, so whenever.

22/03/2021, 22:06 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Only our response to Covid [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Youll have a tonne of msgs so no need to reply!

22/03/2021, 22:52 - Nicola Sturgeon: Thank you - and for all your support! [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

22/03/2021, 22:54 - Humza: 👍👍 with you all the way

31/03/2021, 13:36 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Out of Scope]

31/03/2021, 14:57 - Humza: Thanks

31/03/2021, 16:38 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

31/03/2021, 16:40 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

31/03/2021, 16:40 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

31/03/2021, 16:41 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

31/03/2021, 17:29 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Exchanges between Angus Robertson and Humza Yousaf

09/03/2021, 10:22 - Angus Robertson: [Redaction – Out of Scope]

09/03/2021, 10:35 - Humza: [Redaction – Out of Scope]

09/03/2021, 10:38 - Angus Robertson: [Redaction – Out of Scope]

09/03/2021, 10:39 - Angus Robertson: [Redaction – Out of Scope]

09/03/2021, 10:48 - [Redaction – Out of Scope]

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Kate Forbes

[Redacted – section 26(a)]

Exchanges between Jeane Freeman and Humza Yousaf

19/03/2021, 12:19 - Humza: Morning Jeane. If you have a moment let me know ill give you a call about everyone's favourite subject - Rangers & Celtic...as i know youre doing the briefing today

19/03/2021, 12:40 - Jeane Freeman: Missed voice call

19/03/2021, 12:41 - Jeane Freeman: Just tried

29/03/2021, 18:04 - Humza: [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Out of Scope] [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

29/03/2021, 18:14 - Jeane Freeman: [Redacted – section 26(a)]

29/03/2021, 18:44 - Humza: [Redacted – section 26(a)]

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Jason Leitch

15/03/2021, 19:38 - Humza: How did it go with Celtic today?

15/03/2021, 19:39 - Jason Leitch: Fine. They listened politely. Promised appropriately etc.

15/03/2021, 19:40 - Jason Leitch: Felt a little like they had been asked to do it so did it but that's maybe the best we can hope for.....

15/03/2021, 19:40 - Humza: Okay. Police intelligence suggests little appetite from fans groups coming out.

I was relatively reassured by the messaging both Clubs put out at the weekend.

15/03/2021, 19:40 - Jason Leitch: Yep. Me too. [Redacted – section 26(a)] said his intelligence concurs.

15/03/2021, 19:41 - Humza: Undoubtedly. It's not done with any great enthusiasm. But as long as we keep the pressure on them and the message gets out there

15/03/2021, 19:41 - Jason Leitch: It does feel like we're dragging it out of them.

15/03/2021, 19:41 - Jason Leitch: But you're right. I'm reassured enough.

15/03/2021, 19:42 - Humza: Okay. Lets keep in touch the next couple of days

15/03/2021, 19:42 - Jason Leitch: 👍

19/03/2021, 11:31 - Humza: <Media omitted>

19/03/2021, 11:34 - Jason Leitch: Perfect. And good plan. I can also take some bids later....

19/03/2021, 11:35 - Jason Leitch: And well done.

19/03/2021, 11:40 - Humza: 👍

Exchanges between Jeane Freeman and Caroline Lamb

Caroline Lamb – 7 March at 15:22

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] from PHS joining at 4pm to discuss recent P1 case.

Jeane Freeman

Fine

Caroline Lamb – 16 March at 19:40

Want to make sure you are sighted on a [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Will get a full briefing from CMO.

Jeane Freeman

Thanks. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Caroline Lamb

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]



Caroline Lamb – 17 March at 17:19

I know you will have seen this. The penny has finally dropped in Whitehall.

Jeane Freeman

Duh! I've read the NHSE letter too. We need to push hard on what they are actually going to do and on some detail we got from AZ call re a BEIS 'inventory' supply to

smooth out dips – we've not heard that one so I've asked the team to pursue and also think about what should I be pressing MH on at 4N call tomorrow.

Caroline Lamb

When suits you best for a call? I can do anytime after 3pm today, or tomorrow except for between 2 & 4.30.

Jeane Freeman

After 3 is fine. Thanks Caroline – just use the home number. J

Caroline Lamb

Ok.

Caroline Lamb – 20 March at 17.11

At approx. 11.15 today at the EICC a gentleman who was in for his Covid vaccination stole an ampule.

He has been identified and Police informed. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] the CID have decided to go public due to the risk to himself/others should they use this [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

This came from [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Team is aware and a note is on its way to you.

Jeane Freeman

Thanks

Jeane Freeman – 23 March at 12.19

I have decided not to attend MRG from now on. I'm afraid some of your Directors are being exceptionally precious and causing my private office way too much grief. This is a disappointing place for me but the easiest thing is simply for me to step away. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will be in touch to advise. J

Caroline Lamb

Ok. And understood. We will make sure we can still run portfolio and other meetings.

Jeane Freeman

I fully intend to run pandemic related meetings and assume senior officials will attend, support and act. There is a great deal of game playing going on that is truly, unacceptable.

Caroline Lamb

Have you got a minute for a call?

Jeane Freeman

Is 10 minutes ok?

Caroline Lamb

Fine with me. Thanks
Free now. Call me when you can.

Caroline Lamb

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Appointment was created on 10th March and expect letter will be delivered this week. If he is looking for an earlier appointment he can reschedule through NHSInform using his [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] or can call the contact centre. Hope this helps.

Jeane Freeman

Thank you.

Exchanges between Jeane Freeman and John Connaghan

John Connaghan – 1 March at 11.52

Jeanne. Currently preparing a paper for you for discussion at hscmb and MRG on remobilisation and the strategic framework. What I am anticipating you need is the architecture of our plan vs the timescale of moving down the levels. In other words “what by when” is that right? John

Jeane Freeman – 1 March at 14.32

Spot on John. Thank you

Jeane Freeman – 5 March at 08.59

What’s Catherine’s title?

John Connaghan

National clinical director. Cfsd

John Connaghan – 5 March at 10.38

I think we can have a lot of the sitrep stuff next meeting in an annex for them to look at.

Jeane Freeman

Good idea

John Connaghan – 11 March at 13.08

Highland elective centre right now
I’ve shared an image with you:

<https://ftcontentserver.rcs.mnc015.mc-c234.pub.3gppnetwork.org/ftsf-184c3c16-f462-48d1-a3aa-188444499450>

John Connaghan

Night time concrete pour for gjnh next phase expansion

I’ve shared an image with you:

<https://ftcontentserver.rcs.mnc015.mc-c234.pub.3gppnetwork.org/ftsf-82aad08c-b65d-47c4-b013-0ee3896557b2>

Jeane Freeman

Both fantastic! Thank you!

Jeane Freeman – 18 March at 19.13

Just looked through your slides and they're fine. Suggest you send to FM in advance of meeting so she can review and then focus her questions. J

John Connaghan

Thanks (thumbs up emoji)

John Connaghan – 23 March at 11.26

Jeanne. I know that you will have lots of plaudits in the next day or so for holding together a portfolio in the most challenging of circumstances. Can I add my sincere best wishes for the future I hope we have a chance to speak before you go. On my own behalf I am thinking that now we have an operational lead advertised I will probably give 3 months notice (end June) to allow a wee handover.. best wishes
John

Exchanges between Shirley-Anne Somerville and Private Office

1 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent
Just so you know, the line (sent to Private) was separate to the Zero Tolerance quote. Thanks

SAS - Back with you - both of them as are portfolio questions. Am logging off for a while now..... 🙄

2 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Final Cabinet paper on OneNote now - didn't come in until nearly midnight

My Team's is not working. Will join Comms as soon as I can

5 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Sent regs to you for signing today at some point
Video looks great but I can't hear the audio other than very faintly. Just checking that your mic wasn't turned right down? It may be I can fix at this end. Playing about with it at moment

I just did a test video at my end and worked fine. I think the problem is possibly at your end?

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. It worked fine when I played it back. Do I need to do again?

So you played back at your end and it was fine? Strange. I had Scott from agency try fix and he can't either

I have created new project. If you are able to re-record then great but understand if you can't. I did a test and it all worked fine. Bloody IT.

SAS- Right Ive done it again. 🙄

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - It is exactly the same thing. I am not going to ask you to do again. Will just have to send apologies. I assume you are just doing the exact same as me. Recording then uploading. Very strange. Sorry to waste time. It is like your microphone on phone is not working/ turned right down

8 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Am assuming you don't want to go to Humza and Graeme Dey mtg at 5pm?

Is the tripod thing we bought in Parliament or do you have at home?

SAS - At home/

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - If you remember would you be able to bring in on Wednesday - another PO looking to use. Would get it back to you on Thursday/Friday if needed. Ta

I am logging off for a bit to go out for a walk. Any probs with IWD thing probably best to phone [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] or I

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is saying that members debate has been changed but it's still me. Now [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Yeah. Just in midst of trying to sort. It's sort of on Human Rights and a Healthy Environment. Taking view of officials. Kind of think it might be you

9 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have managed to ditch Members Business debate
SAS - Brilliant thanks.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Are you still happy to come in tomorrow?

It would be handy for giving you briefing for Committee etc

Ta. We seem to have managed to make tomorrow's diary really crap!

SAS- I don't have a link for the meeting at 4pm. Thanks.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - here now. Sorry

9 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - But I am struggling to get online

Before I log off to drive home do you need anything for this evening's Hate Crime meeting

SAS - Don't think so thanks.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay. I will be in Parliament tomorrow morning

10 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Bringing folder down now

Sent (to SG) taskforce release and social

SAS - [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]Have sent back. Am really concerned at how late these are going to go to the press at this rate. Needs very quick turnaround.

I've just realised I haven't cleared the letter to the committee. Can I still go tonight?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - So that is to issue tomorrow afternoon. For embargo until 00:01 Friday. Are you getting days mixed up?

SAS - I was in a total panic. Thought it was Thursday. Feels like we should be further in the week than this. Sorry.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Haha. I did wonder when you said about news release too.

SAS - It's been a long week/month.

10 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I am heading off now

SAS - Lucky you. We are over an hour behind.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I know. 😞 [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

11 MAR

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Sent you (both accounts) a slightly updated line on split payments for Committee

SAS - Ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Mind and sign in to Skype and I will start chat. You are probably best using Parliament device for zoom

SAS- Logged in now.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - You are showing as offline?

SAS - I've been away from computer for a bit while doing folder and that's when it plays up. Am restarting.....

11 MAR

Try now:

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Well done on Committee. Now, when you get chance, the two most urgent outstanding things are revised taskforce release and Committee letter. Comms speaking to GMS who are showing some interest.

SAS - I'm having lunch first if that's okay.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - 👍

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - GMS have gone for [Redacted – section 26(a)] on tomorrow's show (7:35)

SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Re Bauer, did you see my response about doing tomorrow AM if you wanted to?

SAS - Sorry in my head I replied.... I could do it after 630 or first thing tmrw. Also I'd like to know what to say if asked about right to food and right to a home.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]- Yep, I have asked for that. Will be tomorrow AM Skype or Zoom?

SAS - Zoom I think would be best.

DT expected to be 7.30pm

12 MARCH

SAS - Done the video. 🙏

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Fingers crossed. Another office used my account yesterday to do a video and all worked fine

I just logged on to SSS BigVu account and looked at video. No sound! Waiting on Agency confirming but basically same as last week. Problem must be whatever device you are using?? Is it your phone or iPad?

SAS - It worked fine for another video I did though. I really don't understand.

I can do again if I need to.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Which device did you use? Let me speak to Agency. Was the other video on your own BigVu account? Cos the one in mine and the one on Agency have both been same but working for other folk. Will come back to ASAP

SAS - Used my phone as usual. [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - So, spoken to Agency. They are going to raise a query with BigVu. In meantime they said if working fine in your own account record on that and email link to Cab Sec mailbox. If you can remove logo then fab but if not [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] at Agency said she can remove it.

Let me know if you need any instructions for emailing link and I can send. Assuming you don't want Agency to log in to your account and do all for you. I can email script to you - which account?

And as long as they have by Monday no massive rush

SAS- I've done a test. Can you check if you. Can hear me this time. On the Agency's account.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Am told that test video is fine. Did you do anything different?

SAS- I closed everything down. And basically tried again. Sigh! Will record another full version.

That's me tried again.

🙏

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Am told all is good! I wonder if there was some other app open that was conflicting use of microphone 😞
SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

14 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Just a reminder in case you wish to feed in any comments on [Redacted – Section 30(a)]. About half Cab Secs have (all the obvious ones like Finance, Economy, Transport etc). No obligation too though

15 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Did you not have any comments on the sub from Saturday about easing restrictions?

SAS - Nope.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Oh. Okay

16 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Final Cabinet paper on
SAS- Can you keep an eye when first vote is happening as this is going to run on.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Do you want your Committee briefing dropped off tonight or collect in Parliament tomorrow morning?

SAS - I'll collect it tmrw in parly ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Great, was hoping that was answer.

That's the voting bell - in case you are not sitting glued to screen

SAS- Ta

16 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent

SAS - Cleared.

17 MARCH

SAS - So I think I have cleared everything that needs done today. Let me know if not cause otherwise I'm concentrating on my folder for tmrw.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - That's me off home

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent

SAS - Cleared.

18 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

18 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent

SAS - Content to clear.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Both?

SAS - Sorry didn't realise there were two. Just the one on gender. I'm presuming self isolation one can wait till tmrw given it's for the Sunday herald but let me know if that's not the case.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Yes it could

19 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Put a note re Social Renewal Fund in your immediate folder. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

SAS- That's fine.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have put a couple of immediates in folder from Jeanette re Equally Safe stuff

Have moved that sub to Immediate

SAS - Can you make sure VAWG stuff gets back to me on answers today.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Yep, they have promised they would

Sent you two separate lots of social media for clearance. A fair few subs coming in today! Typical end of term 😊

SAS – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - There's not lots of pressing stuff for today but a lot to get through by next Wednesday! You could blitz a lot of it Monday and Tuesday if you can't be bothered today

SAS - I'll try and plough on. Nothing on VAWG yet though is there?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Not yet but I did check in with official who assured me it would be up this afternoon

SAS - Re FOI which Jeanette disagrees with officials on. If I knock it back and ask officials to clarify, what happens when their response comes back and it needs to be dealt with during pre election period? Do I still sign off?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Would need to check that out. But maybe don't come back on it until deadline day to avoid giving them too much time. In meantime I will get an answer

advice on Equally Safe funding in your immediate folder. Good to have response by first thing Monday. Ta

22 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Re FOI. You will need to clear regardless of pre-election. So they will continue to chase until cleared

Have out your comments back on Equally Safe. Re mtg with CoSLA are you wanting a mtg set up for Wednesday or await further response?

SAS- I'll need to have meeting regardless.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have sent SRAB doc. Am told 1130 is very final chance for any amendments

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Judicial Review SCANCE with you now

SAS- Do I have the right link for the 2pm meeting as it looks like I'm the only one on?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Just changed on OneNote. They must have updated without telling us

SAS - Ta.

Any chance the 4pm could go to 4.15. Kinda big announcement happening around then.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Will try and move

SAS- Is it still at 4 or has it been moved?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I asked for it to be moved to 4.15 but they haven't come back. But don't worry about it at moment

SAS - Well I'm on but no one else is. Will try again at 415.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay

SAS- No one there. Am I doing something wrong. I'm in the platform but no one there.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I don't think so. Stay in for a couple of mins and I will see if I can get hold of someone

SAS - Not like there's nothing else going on just now. Ffs!

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I know

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Just leave and I will arrange a new time

SAS - They've got a few mins then I'm off. I'm just sitting pressing refresh anyway. I'm off.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] – Okay

23 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Judicial Review decision in. Petition has been dismissed. Will forward on to private

SAS – Can I say that in Cabinet? Not at my Scance yet.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I think so, that is what I said to officials would happen and they didn't say any problem with that. I think it is published vat 12pm anyway

SAS - Can you double check.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Official says is fine. Obviously we need to read fully and FWS could appeal

SAS - Excellent news!

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Did tech thing work?

SAS - Yup.

Please push my [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] until 1.30. Ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Done

You asked about chasing up stuff on VAWG but I think you already have (in your immediate folder)? Or is there something else I am forgetting?

SRAB news release finally in. With you now

Am told that note to [Redacted – section 26(a)] coming imminently. Ta

Note to KF now with you

SAS- The submission talks about a joint statement but I can't see one. Need it urgently.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Two mins

Have sent it now. Will be away from laptop for 3i mins but you can get me in here if you need anything urgent and I can arrange

24 MARCH

SAS - I'll need to get lunch after this so might be late due next meeting.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay.

29 MARCH

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Don't know if you are doing CAG mtg but all papers on OneNote. As are papers for tomorrow's staff call

Are you wanting added to the Skype group that Listen will be setting up ?

SAS - Ok.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Ok. Let me know when signed in and I can add you

SAS - I'm in now.

Exchange between Jamie Hepburn and Kate Forbes

29 March 2021

KF – I'll respond to the taxi drivers one unless you want to!

JH – I missed this. Sorry. I would have been OK to do it.

[Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

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[Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

KF – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

JH – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

15 March 2021

JH – Hello. Sorry I missed your calls. Was in a meeting and about to go into another. Free after 1.30 until 2.00.

KF – No probs! Was just about biz support.

[Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

JH – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

KF – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)]

JH – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

[Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

KF – Thanks – it's a v helpful steer.

JH – Discussed with business I mean

No problem

KF – [Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

[Redacted – section 29(1)(b)].

Exchange between Mr Hepburn and Private Office

9 March 2021

[Redacted – section 38(1)] – Hi, that's us ready for the teams meeting. Thanks

JH – Caught up on this call

[Redacted – section 38(1)] – Ok no problem – I'll pass that on

AUGUST 2021 MESSAGES

Exchange between Shona Robison and Ben Macpherson – 31 August 2021

Ben Macpherson at 18:37

Hi Shona, I'm just on this finance options call with senior officials. Appreciate that today has been a bit of a nightmare for you but, wondering if you're still joining?

Ben Macpherson at 20.42

Sorry to hear that today has been such a stress for you. If there's anything I can assist with just let me know. I hope you felt that things were looked after okay while you were on leave.

Shona Robison at time unknown

Yes meant to thank you for that Ben plus covering the interview this morning at short notice.

Ben Macpherson at time unknown

Thumbs up

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Private Office – 28 August 2021 at 17.56

Official

Good evening, I've sent on the Scottish Government statement on the Greens which Jeanette asked us to share with Ministers. It's gone to your MSP act for awareness.

Mr Macpherson

Thumbs up

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Private Office – 30 August 2021 at 16.45

Official

Good afternoon Mr Macpherson, I got your e-mail regarding the MSP account please accept my apologies I'll make sure that doesn't happen again. I have just sent on a request to pre-record an audio clip on the pre-release child payment stats which is for tomorrow if you wouldn't mind. We also have a bid this evening with LBC on the joint letter. I have sent both to your box if you wouldn't mind having a look. LBC is either live at 7pm tonight or poss pre-record.

Mr Macpherson

No worries about the email accounts. I'll have a look at the bids and respond from my Scottish Government account.

Official

Thank you.

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Private Office – 30 August 2021 at 17.56

Official

Hi there. Would you be ok if I gave LBC this number for the interview they have asked to call you if that's agreeable.

Mr MacPherson

Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] – yes that's okay.

Official

Hiya just to say Ross has now gone offline I've been chasing up for that additional info I'm trying David Hutchison as I see he is still online I'm so sorry about this.

Mr Macpherson

It's ok – I'll think of some examples myself.

Official

He's not come back to me yet so will keep you posted if he provides anything.

I've sent you an email from David I hope that it's helpful for the interview.

Mr Macpherson

Got it with thanks.

Official

The interview seemed to go really well.

Mr Macpherson

Thank you for listening – did I come over clearly? Didn't get as many questions as I anticipated.

Official

Yes you did you came across very well. The interviewer sounded like he was quite on side with the idea as well interesting comment at the end when he said he had a feeling that it may well be reversed.

Mr Macpherson

Yeah I thought so too – [Redacted – Out of Scope]. Thanks for all your help today I know it's a bit stressful just now.

Official

That's no problem at all. It was quite a surprise finding out today that [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] was leaving but, hopefully I can manage to keep everything running smoothly for you. If there's anything I do that isn't your preference please just let me know. I'll be in tomorrow early to get your Committee pack printed and sent down to the house for you ahead of the pre-brief. Have a good evening.

Mr Macpherson

Thanks. If you can get pack to me before the pre-brief that'd be great but it's ok if it's a bit later. As long as I get it sometime tomorrow in hardcopy from GCS. Printed double-sided please. Thanks v much!

Have a good evening too.

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Private Office – 31 August 2021 at 09:06

Official

How do you like committee papers tabbed eg Annex D, the D1, D2 etc or names of the actual items eg D1 Background, D2 lines to take.

Mr Macpherson

Thanks for asking. Either is grand. Depends on how many sections there are – maybe more practicable just to have D1, D2 etc rather than the actual items? I'd be very happy with that, along with an index to help me find things quickly.

Official

The car isn't coming until 11 I'm sorry I couldn't get it any earlier so it won't be there in time for pre-meet unless on off chance the driver gets there early I'll get the papers on one note so you can at least see them for the meeting.

Mr Macpherson – time unknown – text message

No worries and much appreciated.

If you get time, either when I come up or when gcs deliver papers, could I have a double-sided print out of the charter: <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/about/our-charter>

Official – text message – time unknown

Briefing on one note and sent by e-mail for this pre-meeting. Media bid we've asked for 12.30 so will keep you posted briefing also on one note and in your ebox.

Will get that printed off no problems. I got the folder back and I'll just give it to you when you get here.

Media on for 12.30 outside SAH. Thumbs up

Mr Macpherson

Good job – thanks for the briefings

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Private Office – 31 August 2021 at 14.15

Official

Hiya I think I have managed to get a car to pick up committee pack at 9am tmrw to take to you so fingers crossed but will let you know.

I emailed committee about timings for Thursday and they said you are likely to be on at 10am with the public meeting starting at 9 with the SSI then straight into evidence with the panel. Earlier than we thought.

Looking at it now we will need to make the pre-meet earlier I think you mentioned that anyway in the meeting today as you wanted to catch the panel.

We have permission to use your room for pre-meet but without officials before committee as you're remote that day. What time would you like the pre-meet. If you want to see the panel it may need to be before 9? Or could do 9-9.30 and miss a bit of the panel? Sorry for the long message!

Mr Macpherson – time unknown

Thanks for this. Surely 1 official could meet me in my room beforehand?

It's 1 official supporting me in-person and the rest of the officials will be remote.

If the 1 official accompanying me can come to my room then I suggest we meet from just after 9? And watch the panel on my tv while also discussing anything we need to. It would be good if officials could firm up how we practically operate on the day, as we discussed briefly this morning.

Hope all that makes sense? If not, then call me.

I've received a car diary invite for tomorrow but I think it's meant to be for tomorrow?

Official – time unknown

Hi sorry yes it was to show that the car will be able to drop the papers in the morning will that be ok?

You have also been invited to that Cab Sec meeting tmrw morning with Cosla as part of the DFM engagement it will touch on that and SRAB. I'll make sure and get that briefing sent over.

Do you want me to commission separate briefing for the part of the meeting relating to DFM request for engagement in terms of the adherence to the guidance

Mr Macpherson

No thanks, it's okay – I think I have enough already

Enough info I mean

Can you please update the car drop off to tomorrow and make sure that they don't arrive when I'm in the meeting with CoSLA?

Official

Great thank you very much.

Just confirming with gcs so will move it shortly.

Mr Macpherson - Thumbs Up

I didn't realise what you originally meant about the car sorry I had put in the wrong day you must think I'm so stupid sorry! I was looking ahead into next week for something else! All sorted now they be dropped off after 9.30!

Mr Macpherson - Thumbs up

No worries – thank you thumb up

Official

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Mr Macpherson

10am works for me.

Official

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Mr Macpherson

Just my MSP account for diary invites, unless you don't want my constituency team to see?

Official

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Mr Macpherson

For any e-mails(not diary invites) only I have access to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]@parliament.scot

Official

OK I'll will maybe get him to use the second as it's completely confidential.

Official

Oh that's ok I was going to text you but I got caught up. Hope they're ok never tabbed a double-sided paper in my whole time in PO!

I'm just speaking with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] about this pre-meet tmrw trying to work out logistics.

You will see we got the pre-meet in for Scorr I've just literally added the letters to one note.

On train back so will be home in time for next meeting at 11. Hope the meet with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] goes well.

Mr Macpherson

All good – thanks v much.

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Councillor Kate Campbell – 24 August 2021 at 10.35

Councillor

Hi Ben, hope things are good with you. Hoping you can help me, would really be helpful to have a conversation with Shona's SpAd re:the unsuitable accommodation order that's coming in. Temp acc in Edinburgh under so much pressure, would be good to make sure they are fully briefed. Do you know who it is? And could you provide an intro? Thanks!

Mr Macpherson

Sure – No probs. It's Jeanette Campbell. I'll just check she's happy for me to pass on her number to you.

Councillor

Thanks Ben!

Mr Macpherson

I've got a catch up call with her early this afternoon – can it wait until then or is it urgent?

Councillor

No, that's fine. Really appreciate it.

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Graeme Dey MSP, Minister for Transport – 20 August 2021 at 07:40

Mr Dey

[Redacted – Out of Scope]



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Exchanges between Ben Macpherson and Communications

18.10 – 20.44

Minister:

Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is this ok?

Voice message

I record it again if need be?

I cut the bit about SCP out as I think we should keep it focused on UKG needing to change their policy.

Official:

Top class Minister!...and good point re the SCP. I'll get this sent out with Cab Sec's statement in the morning. Thanks again. 😊

Minister:

Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Much appreciated. Apologies I didn't get it to you sooner.

Official:

[Redacted – Out of Scope]

Exchanges between Ben Macpherson and Communications

30 August 2021

17.49 – 17.53

Minister:

Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], hope you don't mind me asking directly – do you know how long the Iain Dale interview will be?

Official:

Hi, no problem! I should have said in my email to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] that it would be around 4-5 minutes. They say they just want to focus on UC. Is this the best number for me to pass on to them?

Minister:

Grand, Yes, this number would be best.

Official:

That's great, thanks. If you need anything I'll have phone on.

Minister:

Thanks very much *thumbs up*

31 August 2021

11.41 – 11.46

Minister:

Shared link – Iain Dale on LBC UK – Catch up Global Player

Interview last night went well – the refresher last week really helped me prepare.

thumbs up

Official:

Yes, I meant to email [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and say the same. Thanks for picking it up. Good to keep the pressure up. I hear you're getting thrown into another one at short notice today!!

Exchanges between Ben Macpherson and Communications
12 August 2021
9.45 – 15.00

Minister:

Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], FYI all going to plan so far – running on time to Perth. BM

Just reading the briefing and just wanted to point a minor thing out – on the version I have, I think the infographic is missing a comma after “phone”. Just wanted to flag.

Thanks.

Picture



Official:

Good Morning. We're here all set up and everything looking good. Will see you soon

Thanks you for spotting the comma! I'll let our social team know now and get them to correct it

Minister:

We're here – is everyone ready or would you like me to wait around the corner until 10.30

Official:

Can you wait a little. They have just run to the shop to get water

Minister:

thumbs up

Official:

Sorry! Thank you for being early. It would be lovely for them to meet you at the front door and just me.

Minister:

All good.

Official:

Ok we're ready for you now. Just come when you're ready I'm standing at the big sign outside, you can't miss me!

Official:
Shared pictures

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]



It was a pleasure meeting you again today. Here are some pictures from earlier. I'll see if I can get some more of you meeting the local delivery team too. Hope the next visit to Agnes Husband House went well too.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Minister:

Thanks v much [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] – for these and organising today's visit. Good to meet you and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] again, and everyone else too. Agnes Husband House visit also went well. *thumbs up*





➔ Forwarded



Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Communications

19 August 2021

16.32 – 18.26

Minister:

Shared sound file

Official:

Smashing. Sounds really good. Thanks. I'll send it on.

Minister

Thumbs up emoji sticker.

Official:

Came across well on the TV *thumbs up*

Minister:

Yeah, just saw it too. A good piece all round! Good job.

30 August 2021

17.28

Minister:

Shared sound file

Official;

Received! Sounds good. Thank you

31 August 2021

11.42 – 19.12

Official:

Morning, I can be outside St Andrews House or meet you somewhere early if you want to run over lines?

Minister:

Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. I'm just leaving shortly. Will call you on my way.

Official:

Good piece for Scottish Child payment. I think you're right we need to nail down a line on government tackling child poverty across the board

Minister:

Yeah, I thought so too. We need 3 go to lines: social security, affordable housing, early years provision but a bit tighter than how I said it. *thumbs up*

Exchange between Ben Macpherson and Colin McAllister

Colin McAllister – 25 August 2021

18.00

Minister:

Hi Colin, hope you're well. I was substituted to do a call with our ANC this afternoon on the draft agreement – what would be the best way of feeding their points in? To your SG email?

Spad:

Yes please. C

Minister:

Okay, I'll do it later tonight as I have to go out now. B

Exchanges between Ben Macpherson and Private Office

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

4 August 2021

11.51

Official

Your screen is frozen

Minister

Yeah I think my connection failed – will leave and dial back in

Official

I was going to put a note round all with your personal thanks for the delivery of the pilot and launch that ok?

Minister

Yes please

16.01

Official

We're on the comms call now when you're ready

Minister

Just joining

Official

Ok they've started with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Official

Hi Ben, DFM is holding a Covid Recovery stakeholder meeting tomorrow at 14.30 – we didn't receive the scheduler from them for some reason but DFM hopes you can attend – can you?

Minister

Yeah, I can attend *thumbs up*

Official

OK let me send you the details

5 August 2021 – 10.21

Minister

Good morning. Just to let you know, that 14.30 meeting isn't in my diary.

Official

Morning – oh don't know why have re-sent let me know if you don' receive the scheduler

Minister

Got it now, all good. I've got a call at 11 but was thinking of calling you after that for a catch up?

Official

Great – yes let's catch up – do you want to do a Teams with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] too and diary or just a catch up with me for now?

Minister

I think just with you will be grand as diary is all good.

6 August 9:32

Minister

Morning, I came back on everything pressing last night and on the correspondence so [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] can get those away (I worked late because I fell asleep 7-9pm). Let me know if anything pressing comes in and needs a response today. Otherwise I'll come back on the other things in my inbox on Sunday.

Official

Morning – will do- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] asked if she could have a word with you this afternoon at some point re winter benefits before Monday's meeting?

Minister

I'm free over lunchtime or at 4pm

Official

Sorry to interrupt you – can I just check a couple of things - for your visit to Dundee on Thursday to SS office, officials would like to do their weekly themed session which will be on Ways of Working whilst you're there then you can have a walk around of the building, that ok? David Wallace is on leave unfortunately so wont be there but there will be another opportunity to re-visit the office and do media when opened and staffed.

Minister

That sounds great. Do you know what time I'll be back in Edinburgh?

Official

Good – will get [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] to sort out your diary – shouldn't be too late back, we'll organise GCS if ok.

Minister

Do you think I'll be back for lunch or early afternoon? I've had to cancel a lunch on Monday (because of the Winter benefits meeting) and am looking for rearrange for Thursday as either lunch or coffee in the afternoon.

Official

It'll be afternoon – your Perth visit finishes at 11.15, then on to Dundee, an hour for your presentation and an hour for tour of building then home

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] has confirmed the call with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] for 16.00 today

Hi Ben, here's [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] number. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Cabinet on Tues has been changed to a hold for possible negotiations with the Greens. You should be able to access OneNote can update further next week. Hope you're feeling better. Have a good weekend, catch up next week

Minister

Thank you. I'll be working on Saturday to come back on other things. I saw Alison's PA [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] came back saying that doing the session in Dundee might be an issue in terms of officials attending. I'm happy just to visit and tour and do the briefing session another time if that's better for everyone. Whatever works. Have a good weekend too. *smiley* *thumbs up*

Official

Ok, good. Yeah sorry you shouldn't have been copied into that – I had a catch up with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and her colleague this afternoon and she asked us to move that meeting so it could be done in person whilst you're in Dundee before the walk around but maybe there's been crossed wires, will check.

10 August 11.58

Minister

Hi M, I have a meeting with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] at 2pm – presuming this is on stuff that I haven't already discussed with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] I remember I confused things a bit with my requests in July.

Official

Let me check back

You may have covered what you wanted to talk about in your previous catch up with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] on the life of a carer but if you wanted to speak about wider SG policy they can brief you and you to speak to policy officials in other areas – but you also have a meeting in the diary with SR and officials on 18 Aug with the Disability and Carer Benefits Expert Advisory group.

Minister

Okay – lets keep it in the diary and we can see how it goes.

Official

Ok thanks.

10 August 14.02

Official

We're on the call now when you're ready

I actually just chased Ian Davidson this morning for an update on your core brief so that's good they've made progress although sounds lengthy

Minister

It's all good – I'm probably going to hack at it anyways as I need to make it my own. So better they get me something in draft to work with and feed back on.

Official

OK – can we put fortnightly catch-ups in the diary with you and JC, think would be helpful.

Minister

Yeah, please, good idea. Then cab sec and join too if need be. I'm just going to come back on outstanding emails / papers now, so call me if there's anything you want to discuss.

Official

Thanks – that's good.

10 August 16.18

Minister

That should be all the submissions etc done. [Redacted – Out of Scope] and then come back on the PQs etc tonight.

Official

Ok thanks – I'll check what you come back on later and do an audit of the box

10 August 20.40

Official

Hi Ben, sorry can I just check are you not going to Dundee after Perth on Thursday now?

Minister

No – I am going.

Sorry there was a typo in my email – I types "not" instead of "now". I am still going on Thursday. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Official

laugh emojis

11 August 10.34

Official

Not keen for them to have your number *emoji*

They can email Ministers rather than texting

Hi Ben have sent you lines with a tight noon deadline

Minister

Thanks I have cleared.

Can you please move Stephen Kerr to 12.15 as Shona is late for this meeting so we'll need more time.

Official

Will do

Minister

I think it might be prudent to move the Stephen Kerr meeting as this one is still going on. Is there an alternative time that works next week?

Thanks for moving it to 16.30 [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Official

No worries

Minister

Just as some constructive feedback, the way the papers have been put into one note for this 12:45-14.15 current meeting isn't helpful. There's no point [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] putting files in there that I then need to open. The rest of the entries for today's meetings are grand. I know [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is still getting used to using one note so hopefully this I helpful feedback.

Official

OK thank you

Have sent you the child winter heating submission you were expecting

Minister

I'll do it when I can but that might have to be this evening with all the back to back meetings

Official

Of course, no worries – they've asked for a response by Friday

13 August 9:47

Official

Morning Ben can we move the meeting with officials this morning to 11.15 start as they have a clash?

Minister

Yeah that's grand

Official

Sorry 10.45? that ok?

Minister

Yeah that's fine

Official

Thank you

JC cant join the call she's on another meeting

Oh she's text back she'll join in 5 mins

JC on the call now

13 August 16.18

Official

Hi Ben, have sent you lines

16 August 2021 10.14

Minister

Morning M, hope you had a good weekend? Can I call you briefly about some diary questions.

Official

Morning – will call you if ok just at dentist

16 August 18.50

Official

Hi Ben my laptop has 'died' and the charger isn't working – it's either both or one of them – I'll need to nip into SAH tomorrow to get it sorted. I've asked [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] to tidy up OneNote for you so hopefully he'll pick up. I've arranged for you to join tomorrow morning's session at 11.40 to around 12.40 rather than 9.30 so you'll hear the group discussing their scenarios and feedback and have the opportunity to interact with the group – think there's around 12 and a facilitator.

Minister

Ah, sorry to hear about the technical issues Thanks for all that and agreeing that I join the call at 11.40.

17 August 2021 9.45

Minister

Morning, note I'm doing the round table later on my own – I'm presuming Shona didn't want to / couldn't attend?

Official

Morning – you had 2 round tables on your own this is one of them and 2 other round tables with SR on policy advice

Minister

Just checking *smiley face*

Official

*smiley face**emoji*

17 August 2021 12.43

Minister

Can you give me a quick call when you're free?

I meant to say, could you please send me the emails with my papers for this mornings meeting and for my 14.00 meeting?

Official

No worries have sent them too you

17 August 15.35

Official

It's in OneNote

Minister

Sorry there were two entries for that meeting and I was looking at the wrong one.

Official

No need to apologise – I'm sorting out OneNote for tomorrow so all should be updated later

You have your 2nd round table tomorrow afternoon at 14.30 do you want a pre-meet for it at 14.15?

Minister

Yes please, thanks

Official

Have sent you 2 sets of lines one has a 18.09 deadline

Minister

Are you on holiday from tomorrow? Just saw your email.

Official

Yes just off for a few days but back Tues – [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will look after things and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is around if any issues or just text me

Minister

Okay, enjoy *smiley face*

Official

Can I check if you said you were content to meet with Paul Johnston every 8 weeks? If so I will get them in

Minister

Yes please, thanks

Official

For the joint Ministerial WG with the UKG you and SR are chairing, their Minister will physically be in Edin on the 15 September – they've offered to hold it in one of their buildings (I'd never heard of it actually, Queen Elizabeth House), but given we're chairing it should be in our building Parly or SAH, do we can sort with them.

Minister

I think that's their new building near Waverley. I'm relaxed about where to have it tbh (if it helps to build a working relationship) but I'm sure cab sec may agree with you. Can we ask cab sec to decide?

Official

That's right I googled it. I checked with our lead official and SR's office, they agree to have it in our offices

24 August 12.52

Official

Sorry can I just check did you say you wanted to speak to officials on Thursday about the fiscal sub rather than Friday?

Minister

Yes please but ideally that will be my only SG meeting on Thursday – unless something urgent comes up.

Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], sorry to Jeanette but I don't think this meeting with DFM will be finished at 13.45, and then I have to get up to SAH for media training refresh (14.30-16.30). Could the JC meeting be at 16.45 instead?

Just spoken to Jc so no worries

Official

All ok – take your time – they'll see you when you get there.

Minister
Thanks – I'm about 3 mins away

25 August 10.04

Official
We can stay on the line after this call for a quick catch up on the Scottish Welfare fund if ok

Just on the 13.00 call now with officials when you're ready

Minister
Will just be 2 mins

25 August 16.33

Official
Hi Ben have sent you lines to clear on behalf of SR – the deadline is 17.00 – sorry.

Minister
[Redacted – Out of Scope] but will be as quick as I can

Official
Don't worry I'll just go back and ask them to go on spads' clearance – they're SG lines

Thanks for coming back on those lines – have sent you a further set of lines, social media and reactive lines for your consideration.

26 August 12.27

Official
Have sent you social content on the YCG interim evaluation to clear on behalf of SE please.

26 August 19.18

Official
You've been invited to attend a meeting tomorrow with DFM and Cab Secs on behalf of SR on covid at 9.45 – sorry don't know how this fits with your constituency diary.

Minister
Okay – that's fine I just have an internal meeting then.

27 August 2021 9.39

Official

Morning – I've sent you light briefing for this morning's meeting and put in OneNote – I emailed you the dial details to your MSP bow, any problems let me know.

Minister

Thank you, much appreciated.

The briefing isn't in OneNote – it's just the email. Could you forward to my SG email

Official

Oh not sure why – I'd sent it to your SG box too you got it?

official

Hi Ben when you get 5 mins could you give me a call please.

Minister

Will do – is 5 pm ok?

Official

Great

30 August 10.12

Official

Morning Ben – hope you had a good weekend. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is off sick today. I still don't know what's happening, I'm in SAH. Will keep in touch.

30 August 14.50

Official

Hi Ben, [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] in [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] office is looking after your box for now – [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is around this week and next then apparently will be off for 6 weeks but not common knowledge yet.

30 August 22.17

Official

Hi Ben – sorry I never had a chance to text – hope all has been ok with your box this afternoon. My new Minister is Lorna – I keep forgetting the Ministerial title that's not a good start *face emojis* busy few days ahead

Minister

I hope it's been okay. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] Her roles looks like somewhere between Ivan's remit and Mairi's: <https://www.gov.scot/news/new-ministers-to-be-appointed/>

Will be interesting in the next days. I thought you would have been Patrick's PS as he's in our portfolio. But I think working with Lorna will be good. She's lucky to have you.

Official

Thank you. it will be, hope so *hand emoji* - I thought I would have stayed in our portfolio and the split would have taken more off [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. I think she's portfolio heavy and with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] going off there will be a lot to pick up. Will catch up next time we're at Parly together *smiley face*

Exchanges between Ash Regan and Private Office

[16/08/2021] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi - hope you are good and enjoyed your holiday. That's me back as well if you need anything. Some stuff in onenote for cabinet tomorrow but few still to come in and the SFRS briefing also in there too. I've also just sent over a comms tweet to your msp for your clearance pls in CSJ absence, thanks.

[16/08/2021] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent another comms line to your msp pls for clearance re fireworks

[16/08/2021] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Another line in for clearance pls and passed to your msp

[17/08/2021] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning - the couple things mentioned on the call are in your main inbox. There's also an email there about signing an SSI tomorrow in CSJ absence.

[17/08/2021, 08:48:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll double check for you, don't think this is the final document and isn't being signed off today so maybe it's still being worked on.

[17/08/2021, 08:49:29] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: The email in your box includes the excluded areas

[17/08/2021, 08:56:46] Ash Regan: Got it

[17/08/2021, 10:34:55] Ash Regan: On excluded areas, will greens abstain or can they vote against ?

[17/08/2021, 10:58:58] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll ask officials and let you know.

[17/08/2021, 11:01:12] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've got an appt at 11:30 today so I'll be offline for an hour or so but team are around if you need anything. Your car is at 12pm and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will be at the briefing event supporting you. You may have already seen the briefing but if not maybe best taking your laptop, [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] has a hard copy of the briefing if you need it on arrival too.

[17/08/2021, 12:18:41] Ash Regan: Ok

[17/08/2021, 12:19:01] Ash Regan: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[17/08/2021, 16:05:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hope your briefing went ok today. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[17/08/2021, 16:07:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: To flag I've sent a comms line to your msp at 15:55 for clearance. There's also a couple things needing cleared in your main inbox. One is re an SSI that's needing signed tomorrow and if you're content to do so. Happy to chat if easier, there's a few things on tomorrow too.

[17/08/2021, 17:46:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent a comms line to your msp pls

[18/08/2021, 09:23:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning - I'm in getting your box stuff printed out just now. You all ok for 9:30 event?

[18/08/2021, 09:23:26] Ash Regan: Think so

[18/08/2021, 09:23:46] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Good stuff, officials will be on the event as well

[18/08/2021, 09:27:14] Ash Regan: Can't get in on laptop

[18/08/2021, 09:27:57] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry I should have said SG laptops don't allow zoom. You'll need to use your msp to do it.

[18/08/2021, 09:28:16] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Or do you mean you just can't get in to your laptop?

[18/08/2021, 09:29:34] Ash Regan: Can't get in on phone either
[18/08/2021, 09:29:42] Ash Regan: It's saying join using link
[18/08/2021, 09:29:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: And is the link not working that's in the calendar?
[18/08/2021, 09:30:24] Ash Regan: No
[18/08/2021, 09:30:39] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll call officials
[18/08/2021, 09:31:27] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've updated calendar with another link, see if that one works. It's below the other link that's there
[18/08/2021, 09:32:10] Ash Regan: Can u paste it here
[18/08/2021, 09:32:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll try
[18/08/2021, 09:33:18] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: It won't let me paste it here I'm afraid
[18/08/2021, 09:33:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Has it appeared in your calendar?
[18/08/2021, 09:36:29] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: You in yet? Seems officials were also having difficulties
[18/08/2021, 09:54:23] Ash Regan: That was so stressful getting in
[18/08/2021, 09:54:33] Ash Regan: Had to do it on my phone
[18/08/2021, 09:55:24] Ash Regan: Also that seems to happen all the time that the link in diary doesn't work (the second one did) can you investigate?
[18/08/2021, 10:12:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry about that, it's been a while since zoom was used. Think officials tried getting it on teams but organisers were using that platform. I'll investigate, I suspect it's two different links that come from officials and organisers.
[18/08/2021, 10:13:43] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Box is with the driver, he should be there about 11:00. There's today's briefing, tomorrow's briefing and next Tues briefing in the box along the with SSI that needs signed today. If you can send a pic of the signed/dated page as well. Thanks.
[18/08/2021, 10:14:20] Ash Regan: 👍
[18/08/2021, 10:14:40] Ash Regan: I'm just letting the Adrenalin drain slowly from my system!
[18/08/2021, 10:15:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Also there's a handful of things in your main inbox for clearance/to note.
[18/08/2021, 10:15:15] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[18/08/2021, 12:09:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've sent a comms line to your msp please for clearance. Did you manage to record that video ok and the box arrive fine?
[18/08/2021, 12:12:43] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thank you, got the video. I'll cut the ending off when you say 'where's the video' 😊 before passing to officials
[18/08/2021, 12:13:06] Ash Regan: lol! Yes please
[18/08/2021, 13:43:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Another comms line to your msp, sent at 13:20. Have you managed to look at that SSI for today yet?
[18/08/2021, 13:53:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks.
[18/08/2021, 13:53:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There's also another sub in your inbox in CSJ absence, officials looking for response today if possible. Thanks!
[18/08/2021, 17:18:25] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just to finish what I was saying on teams, no media are at either visit tomorrow. Officials will be supporting you at both and you'll be provided with PPE at the Female custody units so flagging in case there's anything you particularly want to wear for it. It'll be safety boots and

high viz vest. Some supp briefing for 2nd visit has just come in so I've put in your onenote but you've the hard copies too. Any problems just message me.

[18/08/2021, 17:21:30] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Time has also been factored in for you to pick up some lunch between the two visits so just let the driver know.

[18/08/2021, 17:33:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms line also sent to your msp at 17:32, thanks

[18/08/2021, 18:36:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've just resent comms line as [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] now suggesting it be in your name rather than SG spokesperson. Comms asking for it to go out tonight, thanks

[19/08/2021, 10:37:32] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi - Jennie (new Spad) been in touch looking to set up intro meeting with you. do you want to try have it tomorrow/Mon or happy for this to go into sometime next week? Hope the visits go well today!

[19/08/2021, 10:45:40] Ash Regan: Next week

[19/08/2021, 12:09:37] Ash Regan: I've left bit earlier than planned. Will be able to get to next visit earlier. Could they accommodate me half an hour or so early?

[19/08/2021, 12:17:08] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've just spoken to officials and they are away to contact SPS to check that's ok to arrive around 30mins earlier. I'll keep you posted.

[19/08/2021, 12:17:35] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There is a cabinet meeting gone in for tomorrow morning 9:30-10:30, I don't know what it's about yet but are you ok to cover?

[19/08/2021, 12:18:17] Ash Regan: It's prob green deal

[19/08/2021, 12:18:42] Ash Regan: Will [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] want to go?

[19/08/2021, 12:42:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's what I thought too. I've spoken to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] in CSJ team we're going to find out what it is and check with cab sec. I'll keep you posted. I'm still waiting to hear back about this visit and arriving earlier

[19/08/2021, 12:55:14] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: They can accommodate you arriving earlier at 2pm today, due to change the interim chief exec won't be able to make it but she'll be at the visit next week so can meet then.

[19/08/2021, 13:08:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent a comms line to your msp pls and thanks

[19/08/2021, 16:13:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: How did your visit go? CSJ has asked if you can cover cabinet tomorrow, so we'll update the diary and put papers into one note. Do you want a pre-cabinet call with officials?

[19/08/2021, 16:15:16] Ash Regan: What's cab about?

[19/08/2021, 16:15:42] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: The green deal

[19/08/2021, 16:15:50] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: It's 9:30-10:30

[19/08/2021, 16:16:39] Ash Regan: Surprised Keith doesn't want to attend it

[19/08/2021, 16:22:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I thought he might have done too. We've asked for him to be slipped but thought better get it sorted for you attending.

[19/08/2021, 16:22:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Will you want to chat to officials prior or just wait and see?

[19/08/2021, 16:24:35] Ash Regan: No I doubt there will be much in it for justice

[19/08/2021, 16:25:30] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's fine, still nothing in for it yet. Will get it in your diary. Did visits go ok today?

[19/08/2021, 16:26:10] Ash Regan: Visits good. Said to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] from cornton vale that I'd visit the old facility

[19/08/2021, 16:27:12] Ash Regan: Just tried to call might be easier to chat

[19/08/2021, 17:03:33] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms line sent over to you for clearance, thanks

[19/08/2021, 17:18:46] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: And another line just in

[19/08/2021, 18:33:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Another comms line sent over to you, thank

[19/08/2021, 21:37:58] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi - sorry for late message, we've just got agenda in for tomorrow but still waiting on main paper which is expected this evening.

[20/08/2021, 08:26:43] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning - all the papers are now in onenote as well as the link for cabinet meeting.

[20/08/2021, 09:09:46] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There's a couple things in your main inbox when you get a chance to look.

[20/08/2021, 10:02:53] Ash Regan: I've got bad internet connection

[20/08/2021, 10:09:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's not good, was cabinet still going?

[20/08/2021, 10:09:46] Ash Regan: Yes

[20/08/2021, 10:09:58] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hopefully you get back in. I'll message to say you've got bad connection.

[20/08/2021, 10:10:16] Ash Regan: Tried to dial in and they put me on hold and then cut me off

[20/08/2021, 10:12:29] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've emailed them so hopefully they'll let you in. I'd try to get in via teams and if not dial in. I've said it's you who is dialling in so they'll hopefully admit you. Unfortunately only a number appears on the screen so they've maybe declined if they didn't know who it was

[20/08/2021, 10:13:10] Ash Regan: Ah ok makes sense. It might be finished now

[20/08/2021, 10:13:50] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: dial in is strange, you only find out who it is when you have admitted them.

[20/08/2021, 10:14:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: They've said to try again now and they'll admit you.

[20/08/2021, 10:29:46] Ash Regan: Yes got back in

[20/08/2021, 10:30:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's good, they messaged to say you were in ok.

[20/08/2021, 10:30:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: So far there isn't anything needing looked at other than a diary invite for Tues next week, recommendation is to decline - it's in your main inbox. If you can let me know you're happy with the recommendation to decline. Thanks.

[20/08/2021, 11:05:55] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent comms line to your msp please, comms deadline is noon today. Thanks

[20/08/2021, 14:01:24] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Another comes line sent to your msp, thanks

[20/08/2021, 17:44:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: And another comms line to your box, thanks

[20/08/2021, 22:47:31] Ash Regan: Decline is fine

[20/08/2021, 19:13:35] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms are chasing the line, I've said if there's a deadline to put on spad clearance

[21/08/2021, 15:09:08] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks. Have sent another comms line for clearance pls

[23/08/2021, 17:12:24] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi - just letting you know most things for cabinet are now in onenote (still the Covid paper due to come in) visit

confirmed for 12:30 tomorrow and you've got hard copy briefing at home for it. I'll bring along the briefing for the other visits this week, there is also an SSI needing signed tomorrow (CSJ cleared it) so I'll bring that too, hope that's ok. There's a few things in your main inbox when you get chance to see.Thanks.

[23/08/2021, 17:22:51] Ash Regan: Slight problem. I've left my Gov laptop at the flat. I can pick it up Tom but meanwhile need cab papers

[23/08/2021, 17:25:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'm not sure how I can get the papers to you at this late stage, we aren't allowed to email them out and not to msp address. Is there anyway you can get your laptop from flat or do cabinet from flat?

[23/08/2021, 17:26:14] Ash Regan: No

[23/08/2021, 17:27:19] Ash Regan: I don't need all the papers. Just any justice scance

[23/08/2021, 17:29:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There's no justice scance, it's still just any urgent oral updates.

[23/08/2021, 17:29:36] Ash Regan: Should be fine then

[23/08/2021, 17:30:33] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There's pre cabinet call tomorrow too where officials run through it all. I can speak to cabinet secreriet to see if there's a platform to get you access to the papers. Might be objective connect.

[23/08/2021, 17:31:05] Ash Regan: Yes, can go thru on pre cab call. Ok

[23/08/2021, 18:08:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: So Cabinet have sent a link to your msp. it should say objective connect. You should be able to click on the link, create a password and all the papers will be on that site. Just checking your cars are to and from [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] tomorrow, is that ok? Are you wanting the car to swing past the flat to get laptop? I've just sent a comms line to your msp as well.

[23/08/2021, 18:55:46] Ash Regan: Ok. Site is asking for email Address. I've used my msp one

[23/08/2021, 18:56:24] Ash Regan: When I put in a password it's saying invalid. Do I create an account?

[23/08/2021, 18:57:18] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Yeah that's fine to use your msp as that's the one they've put on that site. Think you have to create an account and password

[23/08/2021, 18:57:34] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Once you've done that it should just let you click the link, enter the password and you should see the papers

[24/08/2021, 08:20:08] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi - did you manage to get access to the papers via that link? Officials have sent over a note for cabinet I'll send to your msp but please delete straight after. Thanks.

[24/08/2021, 08:21:00] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's it sent

[24/08/2021, 08:51:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: cabinet have asked if you'll be dialling in or via teams today?

[24/08/2021, 09:02:08] Ash Regan: Teams

[24/08/2021, 12:14:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]:Comms just called to say stv now coming today and want to take a quick clip

[24/08/2021, 12:14:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just tried to call

[24/08/2021, 12:28:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'm outside with everyone and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] now here too!

[24/08/2021, 12:29:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Tell [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] there's plenty place to stop outside

[24/08/2021, 13:13:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry another line just sent over

[24/08/2021, 13:14:51] Ash Regan: Done. Any pics from today that I can share on socials?

[24/08/2021, 13:33:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks. So SGF will have lots of good pics.. I took a couple but most were ruined with people getting in the way.

[24/08/2021, 15:30:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've sent things over to your box, have left the more urgent things in the main inbox though

[24/08/2021, 16:54:04] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: another comms line sent over at 16:16, thanks

[25/08/2021, 09:20:25] Ash Regan: Not on STV after all. Any idea why not?

[25/08/2021, 09:52:34] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I was looking out for it too. I'll ask comms, I'd have thought it would have been picked up as well.

[25/08/2021, 12:12:20] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hope your visit this morning went well. For your 1200 car I've factored in extra time for you to get some lunch before the next visit at 1pm.

[25/08/2021, 16:25:09] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hope the visits were good today? I've just sent over a comms line for clearance please

[25/08/2021, 17:00:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've just sent over an immediate sub for your consideration please, it's at top of your main inbox, it's to clear in CSJ absence. I've also put tomorrow's briefing in onenote, due to the short notice of visit we've only just got briefing in and were unable to get a hard copy to you.

[25/08/2021, 17:13:47] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: The sub has been recalled, and another one coming in ASAP. I'll let you know when it's sent over to your box. Its to do with an SSI

[25/08/2021, 17:37:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's the immediate sub now at top of your box

[25/08/2021, 20:59:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No probs, thanks

[25/08/2021, 21:26:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks for coming back on the sub, it's actual the other submission at the top of your box that is the immediate one.

[25/08/2021, 21:34:45] Ash Regan: Oh thought that was the one. I think we may get stick over sps retaining these powers.

[26/08/2021, 09:33:00] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning - you free for a chat in the car? Just wanted to ask about a few things

[26/08/2021, 12:51:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent a comms line over, thanks

[26/08/2021, 13:10:20] Ash Regan: Could you cut and paste on here or to msp suggested tweets for visits yesterday and today pls

[26/08/2021, 13:10:49] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No probs, will look them out and email to your msp

[26/08/2021, 13:18:39] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent over the suggested tweet for the visit to Scottish crime campus yesterday. No suggested tweets have been provided for polmont or Corton Vale, do you want me to ask officials/comms to provide some?

[26/08/2021, 13:18:49] Ash Regan: Please

[26/08/2021, 13:19:08] Ash Regan: Think it's good to show I've been out doing stuff

[26/08/2021, 13:19:09] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Will do. I'll email over once they've given me t

[26/08/2021, 13:19:14] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Definitely

[26/08/2021, 14:47:12] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: As mentioned earlier that's the immediate pfg stuff in your main inbox for consideration. We need to give a response to pfg team by 9am tomorrow.

[26/08/2021, 14:50:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hopefully your box has arrived. There's 3 separate folders for things to be signed. Two are SSIs for dating and signing today and one is a BRIA to date and sign also today (you cleared this BRIA last night). If you can take a separate picture of each signed page pls and pass it on so can send it to relevant people. Thanks. Ps, There are spare copies of them all in case you make any mistakes.

[26/08/2021, 15:09:42] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thank you

[26/08/2021, 15:31:41] Ash Regan: 3:30 not in one note

[26/08/2021, 15:31:49] Ash Regan: Or diary on laptop

[26/08/2021, 15:32:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Oh sorry I didn't put in there, assumed you'd do through msp. I'll add to one note right now.

[26/08/2021, 15:34:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: In onenote but in case it doesn't load I've emailed it to your main inbox as well

[26/08/2021, 16:08:30] Ash Regan: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] 😬

[26/08/2021, 16:09:20] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 😬 [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[26/08/2021, 16:13:22] Ash Regan: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[26/08/2021, 16:19:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: It is a bit. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[26/08/2021, 16:19:33] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have just sent over a line to your msp

[26/08/2021, 16:22:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Also had a good chat with Parly business PS. You're fine to come in for committee next week but aren't allowed to stay much longer in Parliament but they understand if certain things need to be done before you leave. Given you've a general q they've now changed it that you can be in all day Thurs. They will the work it better that people are in when they need to be but unfortunately they won't be able to accommodate short notice requests such as being in for topicals. I'll arrange cars to/from home on wed and Thurs next week.

[26/08/2021, 16:23:20] Ash Regan: Ok thanks

[27/08/2021, 10:03:12] Ash Regan: I see the meeting today has changed time

[27/08/2021, 10:07:43] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Yes now 11:15, hope that's ok. CSJ was asked to attend an urgent Covid meeting that clashed with the previous time.

[27/08/2021, 14:51:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent some lines over for clearance pls

[27/08/2021, 15:46:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: another comms line in - It's a first person piece and some social media for your two prison visits this week.

[27/08/2021, 17:14:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Another two comms lines sent over to you just now

[27/08/2021, 17:49:27] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry just to say comms are chasing for the 3 comms things. I sent at 15:46, 17:13 and 17:14 if that helps to find in your emails

[27/08/2021, 18:08:48] Ash Regan: The first person piece needs work

[27/08/2021, 18:08:54] Ash Regan: What's the deadline

[27/08/2021, 18:11:18] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've just asked comms, he's 'typing a response'...

[27/08/2021, 18:11:35] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms have also just sent another line directly to your msp

[27/08/2021, 18:14:34] Ash Regan: All other lines to go out on Spad clearance pls now. I'm out at an family event.

[27/08/2021, 18:14:50] Ash Regan: Article not to go out until I've sent back changes.

[27/08/2021, 18:19:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No problem, will let comms know.

[27/08/2021, 18:20:33] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just spoken to comms, said you'd like changes and that they are to wait until they've heard back from you/PO. No deadline as such, they'll pass to papers once you've properly considered it.

[30/08/2021, 09:22:44] Ash Regan: Can you send to relevant officials and the Spad pls

[30/08/2021, 09:40:28] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Will do. There's two urgent submissions in your main inbox and that prison first person piece is still with you for comment/changes, thanks

[30/08/2021, 12:43:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry was on a portfolio prep meeting, have got all your asks typed and passed to comms. Will let you know when redraft is in

[30/08/2021, 12:46:11] Ash Regan: Thanks

[30/08/2021, 16:00:57] Ash Regan: Do we have updated briefing for committee yet?

[30/08/2021, 16:53:20] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just been speaking with officials, new pack up tomorrow morning. I've organised a car and should be with you around lunchtime. I've also sent over the updated first person piece to your msp.

[31/08/2021, 11:50:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'm checking with officials, will let you know.

[31/08/2021, 12:37:30] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: The questions are in your pack, it's just now been made obvious. They're in the section that starts with Covid backlog. I didn't do your folder this morning but think that team tabbed it 'briefing topics' then throughout that it's q&a

[31/08/2021, 12:39:30] Ash Regan: Ok will look further

[31/08/2021, 12:46:44] Ash Regan: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

[31/08/2021, 13:00:01] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll check with officials/team and we can get in touch with committee to see about you participating virtually if that's what is required. I think you might be right though.

[31/08/2021, 13:25:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've asked officials and you are correct, advice is to self isolate until the results of PCR are known.

[31/08/2021, 13:27:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]:
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection>

[31/08/2021, 13:29:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I've asked for them to discuss with you at senior staff at 13:40

[31/08/2021, 13:39:59] Ash Regan: Might be late. Went to get a test

[31/08/2021, 13:40:30] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I'll let them know you're running late.

[31/08/2021, 13:51:44] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Do you know when you might join senior staff? They're just asking.

[31/08/2021, 14:12:08] Ash Regan: So I'll do committee virtually?

[31/08/2021, 14:13:00] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I missed the start but I think officials have been in touch asking for you to be virtual and they're looking into it. Seems [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will also be virtual.

[31/08/2021, 15:04:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: There's two extra pages of briefing for tomorrow on VAWG - it's in your onenote

[31/08/2021, 15:33:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: The blue jeans link to join virtually is now in your calendar, they've asked you to onboard at 09:30. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] also joining remotely. I think you'll need to use blue jeans on your msp surface as don't think it works on SG devices.

[31/08/2021, 16:10:06] Ash Regan: Holyrood magazine have been in touch about an interview on prostitution this week. Can you or Comms set up a time pls? Maybe Thursday pm?

[31/08/2021, 16:11:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Will do

[31/08/2021, 16:34:25] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms have asked if you can pass on the contact details for the person at Holyrood magazine so they can get in touch with them.

[31/08/2021, 16:34:37] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: If you can let me know I'll pass them on, thanks

[31/08/2021, 16:41:09] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Got your email, thanks

[31/08/2021, 17:37:04] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Have sent a comms line on prostitution to your msp for clearance, rhanks

[31/08/2021, 17:37:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: *thanks

Exchanges between Keith Brown and Angus Robertson

12 August 2021 at 08:45

AR: [Why is Police Scotland training Sri Lankan forces accused of executions and torture? | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)](#) FYI

Exchanges between Keith Brown and John Swinney

JS 04 August 2021 at 12:10:

Could you give me a call when you get a chance. Free till 1. Thanks. J

KB 04 August 2021 at 13:32:

Sorry John, just saw this. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], where we are now. When suits for a call?

JS 04 August 2021 (no time):

Free now till 2.15. J

Exchanges between Ivan McKee and Communications

1 August 2021 at 16:28

Hi Minister, it's [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] on Comms duty. Just sent you some lines for a query about business confidence from the Sun. Grateful if you could review when you get the chance.

1 August 2021 at 18:01

Official

Hello Mr McKee just to flag some lines for clearance
Thanks

6 August 2021 at 17:15

Official

Just confirming you seen the message that the SGP meeting was scheduled for 17:10.

27 August 2021 at 10:55

Official

Hi Mr McKee, it's [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] here. Texting so you can save my number but also Ms Forbes has asked if you can do a catch up today at 4.45 following yesterday's council meeting?

Mr McKee – 11:00

Yes. Can do 4.45

Exchanges between Jamie Hepburn and Private Office

1 August 2021 at 20:07

Official

Hi Me Hepburn, it's [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] from Ms Somerville's office. Sorry to bother you so late on a Sunday – comms have sent you some lines and are chasing them, grateful you can clear them when you get a chance. Thanks

Mr Hepburn

Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. That's me cleared them now.

Official

Got them thanks

Exchange between Humza Yousaf and Maree Todd

18/08/2021, 22:08:16] Maree Todd: Hi Humza – [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[18/08/2021, 22:10:07] Humza Yousaf I haven't seen the submission forgive me im behind on papers (story of my life) - [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

Can you ask your office to resend me the submission. You around tmrw for a call? And we can talk through the politics

[18/08/2021, 22:10:32] Maree Todd: Will do - thanks Humza.

[18/08/2021, 22:11:31] Maree Todd: [Redacted – Section 38(1)] so driving a lot but have hands free. Talk tomorrow.

[18/08/2021, 22:11:53] Humza Yusaf: 👍👍

Exchanges between Kate Forbes and Alyson Stafford

[16/08/2021, 14:55:37] Kate Forbes MSP: [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[17/08/2021, 14:08:34] Kate Forbes MSP: Hi Alyson, I've asked my PO to arrange a meeting with you and perm sec in person to discuss the budget position. I'm in Edinburgh tomorrow if that works.

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and John Swinney

02/08/2021, 18:02 - John Swinney: [Redacted – section 26(a)]. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. [Redacted – section 26(a)]

02/08/2021, 22:02 - Humza: [Redacted – section 26(a)]. [Redacted – out of scope]

03/08/2021, 12:21 - Humza: IMG-20210803-WA0001.jpg (file attached)

03/08/2021, 12:21 - Humza: Fyi

03/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: I can mention this or you can highlight during your presentation of the Paper

03/08/2021, 12:22 - John Swinney: If you mention. Thanks

03/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: 👍

04/08/2021, 23:10 - John Swinney: Are you free for a word tonight? Nothing urgent - just a catch up if you have time. J

04/08/2021, 23:11 - Humza: Yeah free now

05/08/2021, 17:25 - John Swinney: I will come to you after [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

05/08/2021, 17:28 - Humza: No problem

05/08/2021, 18:35 - Humza: I'll need to head off at 4pm sharp as I have the Covid 19 Advisory Group. I'll just slip off the call at 4pm, dont think there's any need for me to come back in

05/08/2021, 18:36 - John Swinney: Ok. Thanks for giving so much time to this.

05/08/2021, 18:36 - Humza: Always a good discussion. Just need to translate it into action...!

05/08/2021, 18:55 - John Swinney: Yup

17/08/2021, 22:23 - John Swinney: Tried to call. Give me a shout if you have a moment. Nothing urgent. J

17/08/2021, 22:28 - Humza: Ok. Will call in abt 10mins?

17/08/2021, 22:36 - John Swinney: Ok

17/08/2021, 22:41 - Humza: Sorry to be a pain John can it wait until around 815/830pm? [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

17/08/2021, 22:51 - John Swinney: Don't worry. Call me tomorrow. J

19/08/2021, 13:45 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

20/08/2021, 00:12 - John Swinney: Sorry just got home and had missed your message. Can we catch up tomorrow? J

20/08/2021, 00:13 - Humza: No rush i know how busy today would have been and tmrw may well be so just whenever next week is fine.

20/08/2021, 00:14 - John Swinney: Just getting some food so will try tomorrow

20/08/2021, 00:19 - Humza: 👍

22/08/2021, 23:26 - Humza: So sorry i missed you John was driving then completely forgot to call back when I got home.

Shall we try each other tmrw night or tuesday first thing also suits me

28/08/2021, 00:59 - John Swinney: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

28/08/2021, 01:21 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Nicola Sturgeon

02/08/2021, 10:33 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

02/08/2021, 10:58 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

02/08/2021, 11:04 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

03/08/2021, 15:50 - Humza: <Media omitted>

03/08/2021, 15:51 - Humza: Also not a tenable position if you are asked about JCVI advice but unable to reference the response.

03/08/2021, 15:51 - Humza: That said, the little info they share with us might become more difficult

04/08/2021, 00:53 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

04/08/2021, 00:55 - Humza: <Media omitted>

04/08/2021, 00:56 - Nicola Sturgeon: Indeed...tho I suspect they'd hurriedly briefed so as not to seem gazzumped by us, given how my comments interpreted

04/08/2021, 00:59 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

Statement has gone down well, other than those ([Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]) that you'll never please

04/08/2021, 01:01 - Nicola Sturgeon: Devastated!

Yes landed quite well

04/08/2021, 18:37 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

04/08/2021, 18:39 - Nicola Sturgeon: No probs. Nothing problematic

04/08/2021, 19:04 - Humza: Ive got a few bids on jcvI advice and then internal meetings with officials so feel free to call back whenever i can nip out of calls

04/08/2021, 19:08 - Nicola Sturgeon: Missed voice call

05/08/2021, 20:21 - Humza: Just as an update on vaccinating 16-17yr olds. Been on calls throughout yday & today to move this along.

Short version: self-registration portal should launch tmrw, drop-ins should open Tuesday for 16-17yr olds. That's later than I would like so still pushing for the weekend or Monday, will see where I get to.

I have stressed to Clincians and Vaccines team that I want us out the traps as quickly as possible. They think Wales and NI will all go Tuesday next week but England may end up later [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

If you want the longer version let me know...

09/08/2021, 23:41 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

10/08/2021, 12:28 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[Redacted – section 26(a)]

10/08/2021, 12:48 - Humza: I'm taking a few days leave am just about to leave for [Redacted – section 26(a)] but more than happy to take a call, let me know when suits

10/08/2021, 12:51 - Nicola Sturgeon: It's ok - it can wait. Enjoy the break

10/08/2021, 12:53 - Humza: Ok but as i say happy to take the call. Back on Friday.

16/08/2021, 10:57 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

16/08/2021, 12:10 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
17/08/2021, 14:02 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
17/08/2021, 14:31 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
17/08/2021, 14:48 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
17/08/2021, 14:51 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
18/08/2021, 22:09 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
18/08/2021, 22:19 - Nicola Sturgeon: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
19/08/2021, 12:58 - Humza: You'll have seen today's figures no doubt. Im having a session later with Gregor, Jason and Richard Foggo to discuss the trajectory we're on, and what we put up to you in terms of advice on measure to control transmission and at what thresholds. I know some of this work is already underway from [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].
26/08/2021, 19:53 - Nicola Sturgeon: You're right to suggest getting options for certification drawn up. Can you take that forward ASAP. [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]
26/08/2021, 19:57 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]. I am doing some of [Redacted – section 26(a)] but can do tmrw after 6pm. I am about over the weekend, in Glasgow if you are wanting a face to face or obviously can just do a call/video call.
26/08/2021, 19:59 - Nicola Sturgeon: Ok. I'm tied up tomorrow night but will give you a shout over w/e. Face to face probs best so maybe early in week - it's not so urgent that has to be in next day or so
26/08/2021, 20:00 - Humza: Okay well I'm in Parliament all week next week so will move things around to suit you obviously
26/08/2021, 20:02 - Nicola Sturgeon: 👍

Exchange between Humza Yousaf and David Hutchison

18/08/2021, 11:30 - Humza: Davie, [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

Ive spoken to Caroline and the team know what they have to do.

[Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

18/08/2021, 13:20 - Davie Hutchison Spad: Should be getting my hands on their latest version after FM comments this afternoon

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and UK Government

02/08/2021, 18:27 - Sajid Javid: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
02/08/2021, 18:47 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
03/08/2021, 15:40 - Sajid Javid: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]
Thanks. Saj.
03/08/2021, 15:47 - Humza: If you're free I'll call you just now, probably best to speak about it one-to-one in the first instance
04/08/2021, 15:18 - Sajid Javid: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]
Thanks.
23/08/2021, 17:07 - Sajid Javid: Hi there.
[Redacted – Out of Scope]. Very best. Saj
23/08/2021, 19:17 – Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
23/08/2021, 19:38 - Sajid Javid: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
23/08/2021, 19:38 - Sajid Javid: Look forward
23/08/2021, 19:42 - Humza: 🍌 I'll feed it in through PO
24/08/2021, 20:47 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]. Many thanks.
24/08/2021, 23:52 - Sajid Javid: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]
24/08/2021, 23:55 - Humza: Many thanks. [Redacted – Section 28(1)].
Thanks for getting back to me
27/08/2021, 00:32 - Sajid Javid: Hi Humza, [Redacted – Section 28(1)] Best, Saj
27/08/2021, 00:35 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 28(1)] Tricky situation up here with the surge in cases, will no doubt chat about it tmrw. Look forward to catching up –
[Redaction – Out of Scope]
27/08/2021, 12:00 - Sajid Javid: [Redaction – Out of Scope].
Look forward
27/08/2021, 12:10 - Humza: [Redaction – Out of Scope]
27/08/2021, 16:11 - Sajid Javid: [Redaction – Out of Scope]
27/08/2021, 16:17 - Humza: [Redaction – Out of Scope]

Exchanges between Angus Robertson and Humza Yousaf

01/08/2021, 16:36 - Angus Robertson: Can I send you my draft newspaper column for this week....which involves the issue of vaccinating young people. Would be really grateful if you could have a look. Don't want to stray on your turf.
01/08/2021, 16:36 - Angus Robertson: So much of 'normality' in Edinburgh is dependent on the summer festivals, events and the general milling around of crowds exploring the nooks and crannies of the city.
Doing so in future—as part of the 'new normal'—will require all those who run such events to create an expansive set of safeguards to minimise risk of transmission. Having been in extensive dialogue with organisations in the events and festival industry, I have been hugely encouraged to see them engage fully in efforts to do so. One such events company I spoke to last week, FLY Events, is a prime example of this. FLY is Scotland's largest youth music brand which, in normal times, runs events for over 75,000 people, with an average age of 22.
Tom Ketley—FLY's CEO—has researched and explored the many ways his organisation can ensure the smooth running of events with the requisite protections against COVID transmission. Among other things, they will be sending Coronavirus tests to all attendees prior to FLY events.

However, FLY, and other organisations like it, have the potential not only to create safe environments for their events that prevent transmission but to play an active role in the vaccination rollout among those least likely to get their vaccines – young people.

Indeed, this week on BBC Radio Scotland's Good Morning Scotland, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Humza Yousef MSP, discussed how mobile vaccination stations may be the key to improving take up rates among young people.

By bringing the vaccines to them rather than waiting for them to bring themselves to vaccine centres, young people can continue their lives with minimal interruption.

FLY's Tom Ketley proposes to go one step further. Last week, he wrote to the Health Secretary to suggest they explore bringing mobile vaccination stations to upcoming FLY events.

In September, FLY will be hosting 4,000 young people across 3 days in Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens under Edinburgh Castle. While the practicalities still need to be ironed out, to me it seems ideal to be able to bring vaccine centres to young people where they are going to coalesce and catch up with their friends. It would be indicative of the proactive vaccine rollout the Health Secretary is leading.

If possible and successful, we could see vaccine centres at a multitude of festivals and events going forward.

Having met and been in continual dialogue with events and festival organisers in Edinburgh and beyond, I am acutely aware of the difficulties of not being able to run events as they have been previously. I understand that, to many, it is an existential threat to their continued existence.

However, when we have tried and tested methods of running safe events, even making them central to rolling out the vaccine; the events and festival industry may not only return to our city in full flow, but become necessary for the protection of young people and beyond.

As an Edinburgh MSP, and as Culture Secretary, I am fully committed to exploring all options to support the industry to being as successful as it has been in the past. I look forward to continuing to work with the many organisations within the events and festival sector to do so.

01/08/2021, 16:47 - Humza: Cool will take a look. Whats your deadline?

01/08/2021, 16:48 - Angus Robertson: Tomorrow morning. Just needing to make sure it is not an unwelcome suggestion to potentially see vaccination at events attended by young people.

01/08/2021, 16:53 - Humza: Looks fine to me mate. Taking vaccination units to events is definitely something we want to do. Just wary of covid passport entry into events (though I wouldnt rule it out)

01/08/2021, 16:53 - Angus Robertson: Perfect. Really appreciate it.

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Caroline Lamb

03/08/2021, 11:19 - Caroline Lamb: Do you need any further discussion on the paper going to Cabinet? Clinicians seem broadly content, I understand FM still not fully decided.

03/08/2021, 11:39 - Humza: Im okay there is still a question mark over physical distancing but clinicians and i have put our case to the FM really for her to make the final call

16/08/2021, 17:53 - Caroline Lamb: We've a 1-1 later on so can discuss fully, but to give you a heads up that Amanda Croft had decided [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] that she needs to resign the CNO post. This is not yet known widely amongst Directors. I have an interim option which I will discuss with you later, but clearly very disappointing for us, and for Amanda.

16/08/2021, 18:23 - Humza: That is a shame but understandable [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Can chat after portfolios

17/08/2021, 12:58 - Caroline Lamb: Re Interim CNO appointment: Alex McMahon worked for RCN for nearly 7 years in the past. He's been on a different side of the fence more recently but he has good relationships with key people, and a strong understanding of the organisation.

18/08/2021, 11:21 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

18/08/2021, 11:26 - Caroline Lamb: Yes. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

18/08/2021, 11:27 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

18/08/2021, 11:28 - Caroline Lamb: Thanks. That would be hugely helpful.

29/08/2021, 21:36 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 21:39 - Humza: How unfortunate. What is the advice for me in terms of my visit tmrw morning where I am opening the MTU in Edinburgh (FM was due to open the Glasgow one tmrw)

29/08/2021, 21:39 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 21:40 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 21:40 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 21:40 - Humza: Okay.

29/08/2021, 21:42 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 21:57 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

29/08/2021, 22:12 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

29/08/2021, 22:15 - Humza: Thanks

30/08/2021, 00:03 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30/08/2021, 00:07 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30/08/2021, 00:07 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30/08/2021, 00:11 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30/08/2021, 00:11 - Humza: Ministers and Cab Secs should just be given a few pcrs to take home

30/08/2021, 00:11 - Caroline Lamb: Definitely.

30/08/2021, 01:00 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30/08/2021, 01:00 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:21 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:25 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:30 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:31 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:51 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 10:57 - Caroline Lamb: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Exchange between Humza Yousaf and with Sir Gregor Smith

02/08/2021, 18:57 - Humza: Hear the FM a bit more relaxed than last weekend (damn weekend figures...)

My main concern remains Nightclubs and the unvaccinated population.

Seeing anything from English figures around Nightclubs?

02/08/2021, 18:59 - Gregor Smith CMO: Not yet - I'm more cautious than she is. Esp around PCR for contacts.

12/08/2021, 23:25 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Out of Scope]. [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

12/08/2021, 23:42 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

12/08/2021, 23:43 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

12/08/2021, 23:45 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

18/08/2021, 12:55 - Gregor Smith CMO: You'll see today's figures - 2538 new cases. When I saw the weekend figures I thought we'd touch 2000 by midweek, this is a jump beyond that. Pulling some people together to look at the data closely - have asked PHS to do trend data on raw numbers of fully vaccinated by age group as a start. My hypothesis is VE with delta even poorer than evidence suggests and it's the basket of measures alongside this that's more likely to control transmission.

18/08/2021, 12:58 - Humza: Yes was just about to msg you.

Stating the obvious but openings were always going to see cases rise. Im keen to know the breakdown of ages and vaccinated vs unvaccinated.

VE = vaccine efficacy?

I know we shouldn't make decisions based on one day's data but worth giving thought now to what restrictions may be necessary in the coming week/s to help control transmission

18/08/2021, 12:59 - Gregor Smith CMO: That thinking is already underway with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] pulling it together.

18/08/2021, 13:00 - Gregor Smith CMO: In terms of breakdown, even the fully vaccinated cases are generally younger age groups - so this appears more a factor of behaviour than waning VE.

18/08/2021, 13:25 - Humza: Yeah the young more likely to socially interact and be less cautious in those interactions.

Are we seeing similar rises in England and Wales. Also what is accounting for NI being in such a challenging position?

18/08/2021, 13:31 - Gregor Smith CMO: All three nations have risen, albeit E and NI from higher baseline. What we're seeing, looking at sample dates (16/8), begins to suggest that it's at least partly a response to last week's opening. NI have slower vaccination that's contributing but really they're just experiencing what we saw 6w ago

18/08/2021, 13:37 - Humza: Thanks that's helpful

19/08/2021, 11:56 - Gregor Smith CMO: 3367 cases. Quite a detailed analysis. 74% under 40. We can pick up in our call later.

19/08/2021, 12:55 - Humza: Jeez that is some jump in 48 hours.

19/08/2021, 12:55 - Humza: Yes will pick up later

19/08/2021, 12:57 - Gregor Smith CMO: It is. Much more rapid than I expected. Data raises more questions than answers just now but we'll keep digging.

23/08/2021, 16:17 - Gregor Smith CMO: Quick rundown from NIMT; case data incomplete today, trend rising, doubling time 7days, steep inc in 18-19, 16-17, 20-24 ages. No one locus of transmission. Weddings and funerals common. Still mainly young people under 40.

23/08/2021, 16:24 - Humza: Okay thanks. All unsurprising given behaviours and i think the wedding point is an important one. Even anecdotally i am seeing a lot of weddings that are now happening, given the postponements of the year before i suppose is understandable

24/08/2021, 13:32 - Humza: Was there any particular feedback from NIMT about the situation in D&G...? Looking at the outbreaks and their social care sector is taking a hammering

24/08/2021, 13:55 - Gregor Smith CMO: DG been one of the hardest hit areas - no particular driver, just very diffuse community transmission. May have originally been fuelled by night time industry cross border or supporters buses from NI but very speculative

24/08/2021, 14:04 - Humza: Okay thanks

25/08/2021, 11:35 - Gregor Smith CMO: We'll break 5000 cases today. 5021. 71% under 40. 11% positivity

25/08/2021, 11:55 - Humza: Thought it wouldnt be long until we did. Feels like its only going one way

30/08/2021, 14:13 - Humza: Case numbers interesting. Do we know of there is significant lag in the system, also appreciate weekend numbers take a dip, just quite a noticeable decline in 24hours

30/08/2021, 14:15 - Gregor Smith CMO: Yeah - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is on it and investigating. Doesn't seem to be at the processing stage but may be an issue of data flow from UK system. [Redacted – Out of Scope]

30/08/2021, 14:50 - Gregor Smith CMO: Unbelievable. Shows you what we're dealing with

30/08/2021, 15:58 - Gregor Smith CMO: Just saw the submission on marketing. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is a great choice, but much as I love JG and get on with her really well, she's terribly divisive and won't reach the people beyond where we already reach. It's like using an echo chamber.

30/08/2021, 16:01 - Humza: I said exactly the same

30/08/2021, 16:01 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 11:03 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 11:03 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 11:38 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 11:41 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 14:09 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 14:18 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 14:18 - Gregor Smith CMO: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 14:22 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

31/08/2021, 14:23 - Humza: I wouldnt mind giving you a call one to one some point today/tmrw just about the Pandemic and our response. Also want your take on how to deal with our GP colleagues too

31/08/2021, 14:24 - Gregor Smith CMO: When are you free- let me know a good time?

31/08/2021, 14:34 - Humza: Does 1.45pm suit you today? Or around 5pm?

31/08/2021, 14:38 - Gregor Smith CMO: 1.45 is ideal - I'll be driving home and free until 230. Have UK senior clinicians group at 5. Just call my mobile.

31/08/2021, 14:41 - Humza: 👍

Exchanges between Humza Yousaf and Kevin Stewart

06/08/2021, 22:20 - Kevin Stewart: My personal email is:- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]@gmail.com

07/08/2021, 14:35 - Humza: Email sent let me know your thoughts im suggesting some limited changes to the Scope section

07/08/2021, 23:48 - Humza: Hi have you looked at the suggested changes?

07/08/2021, 23:54 - Kevin Stewart: I don't have them.

07/08/2021, 23:56 - Humza: I emailed this morning ill resend?

07/08/2021, 23:57 - Humza: It was just the initial email i sent you which you responded to

07/08/2021, 23:57 - Kevin Stewart: Nothing in any of my inboxes

07/08/2021, 23:57 - Humza: Then we obviously spoke.

07/08/2021, 23:58 - Humza: Hi Kevin

[Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Humza

07/08/2021, 23:58 - Kevin Stewart: Yes, I've seen that. I thought you meant the finished article.

07/08/2021, 23:59 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

07/08/2021, 23:59 - Kevin Stewart: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/08/2021, 00:00 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/08/2021, 00:01 - Kevin Stewart: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/08/2021, 00:02 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/08/2021, 00:03 - Kevin Stewart: Grand

08/08/2021, 10:41 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(b)]

08/08/2021, 14:27 - Kevin Stewart: Sorry, for taking so long to get back to you, [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

[Redacted – Section 29(1)(d)]

Thank you again.

Exchange between Humza Yousaf and Nicola Steedman

04/08/2021, 20:23 – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

04/08/2021, 20:23 - Humza: Hi Nicola. Humza Yousaf here. Are you on leave?

Was looking for a quick chat about vaccinating 16-17yr olds (assume you lead on vaccination piece for DCMOs)

04/08/2021, 20:26 - Nicola Steedman DCMO: Hi Cab Sec. I do indeed lead on vaccination. More than happy to chat. Just on a 4 CMOs call right now but I should be done by 630 at the latest I hope? N.

04/08/2021, 20:28 - Humza: No probs am on a call until 630pm so will call you once im done

04/08/2021, 20:38 - Nicola Steedman DCMO: 👍

05/08/2021, 19:24 - Nicola Steedman DCMO: Cab Sec, Nicola (DCMO here), just updating briefly as promised on timescales for vaccination of 16-17 year olds. Herculean efforts on all sides today mean we remain on track as per chat last night. Leaflet finalised, workforce training materials done, PGD and protocol amended and PGD gone to Boards for local approval processes. Delivery colleagues currently thinking self reg portal launch tomorrow I believe and walk ins from Tues next week.

05/08/2021, 20:10 - Humza: That's positive Nicola, I really appreciate the effort and focus you are bringing to this. If you can continue to keep me updated and also pass my thanks to all the teams working so hard, it does not go unappreciated or unnoticed!

Do you think 4 Nations (or 3 out of 4) will move at the same time?

(Also you dont need to introduce yourself on whatsapp I have you saved on my phone 🗨️)

05/08/2021, 20:22 - Nicola Steedman DCMO: Lol... good to know... 🗨️ will absolutely keep you up to date and also pass on those much appreciated thanks. Welsh are quiet on timescales and England not near as you know. I'll check with ops colleagues as I don't think NI were ready today either. So if we get comms out tomorrow we will either be first or possibly joint first.

05/08/2021, 20:25 - Humza: Got to keep an eye on the Welsh, they (rightly) pride themselves on their vaccination effort and want to keep it going.

Are we looking to say that we intend on drop-ins starting on Tuesday in tmrws comms? Or is that risky?

05/08/2021, 20:26 - Nicola Steedman DCMO: Karen Duffy Callumspeaking to our comms this pm and I'd expect a formal update to come to you after that. I've asked policy colleagues to check the Welsh and NI timescales again if they can. 😊

05/08/2021, 20:27 - Humza: Many thanks 👍

Exchange between Humza Yousaf and Jason Leitch

02/08/2021, 18:54 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:54 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:54 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:54 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:55 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:56 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:57 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
02/08/2021, 18:58 - Humza: English data telling us anything?
02/08/2021, 18:58 - Jason Leitch: Nothing. Well, nothing granular enough. They're falling still. Slowly.
02/08/2021, 22:16 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
03/08/2021, 17:19 - Jason Leitch: All well? Happy? Or content at least? [Redacted – section 26(a)]. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
03/08/2021, 17:32 - Humza: It'll be interesting to see where we end up at the end of the month. All bets are off given what has happened in England.
03/08/2021, 17:33 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 36(1)]
03/08/2021, 17:33 - Jason Leitch: And yep...it'll be an interesting few weeks.
03/08/2021, 17:33 - Jason Leitch: Are you doing bids? DFM? I have a couple.
03/08/2021, 17:35 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
03/08/2021, 17:35 - Humza: Not that i have seen DFM is doing them but I'm sure a few will come in
03/08/2021, 17:35 - Jason Leitch: Nice.
03/08/2021, 17:35 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
03/08/2021, 17:36 - Jason Leitch: 👍
08/08/2021, 13:35 - Jason Leitch: Good job. 👍👍
08/08/2021, 14:20 - Humza: Ta. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] wasnt too bad.
08/08/2021, 14:20 - Humza: You doing bids tmrw
08/08/2021, 15:02 - Jason Leitch: I think so. A couple in the diary...more expected.
09/08/2021, 20:02 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
18/08/2021, 12:06 - Humza: That's some jump in cases today 🤔
18/08/2021, 12:43 - Jason Leitch: Yep. It's not great. Emotional reaction to one day of course but still....
18/08/2021, 12:43 - Jason Leitch: It's the openings...not to state the obvious.
18/08/2021, 12:44 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
18/08/2021, 12:53 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Think this is 9th August or more likely to be 19th July openings?

Also have school reopening to feed through in the next few weeks...

18/08/2021, 13:22 - Jason Leitch: More 19th. I think.
18/08/2021, 13:23 - Jason Leitch: Maybe the 9th but they all moved faster after we announced.
18/08/2021, 13:26 - Humza: Yeah suspect data will show younger age groups disproportionately represented with young ppl more likely to socially interact, less likely to be cautious etc.
18/08/2021, 13:26 - Jason Leitch: Yep. <30s apparently.
18/08/2021, 17:13 - Humza: [Redacted - Section 30(b)(ii)]. A 7% increase he describes as stable...

[Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

18/08/2021, 17:21 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 28(1)]

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18/08/2021, 17:47 - Jason Leitch: I will.

20/08/2021, 12:35 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)].

20/08/2021, 12:37 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)].

20/08/2021, 12:42 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)].

20/08/2021, 12:43 - Jason Leitch: 👍👍

20/08/2021, 12:44 - Jason Leitch: Your first point is a good one. Have you done this before? 😊

20/08/2021, 12:46 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

20/08/2021, 13:14 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)].

20/08/2021, 13:14 - Jason Leitch: 👍

20/08/2021, 20:32 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

20/08/2021, 21:01 - Jason Leitch: You'll get an official answer but my understanding is England counts minor injuries and Emergency Departments. We count EDs. So it's 76 v 67.7. I think.

20/08/2021, 21:02 - Jason Leitch: Of course...76 is bad.

20/08/2021, 21:04 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

20/08/2021, 21:06 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of scope]

20/08/2021, 21:06 - Humza: Okay thanks

20/08/2021, 21:06 - Jason Leitch: Glasgow or Edinburgh?

20/08/2021, 21:07 - Humza: Edinburgh

20/08/2021, 21:07 - Jason Leitch: 👍

20/08/2021, 21:07 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

20/08/2021, 21:08 - Jason Leitch: Again, instincts probably right.

[Redacted – section 26(a)]

23/08/2021, 17:44 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

25/08/2021, 13:00 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

25/08/2021, 13:01 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

25/08/2021, 13:01 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

25/08/2021, 13:01 - Jason Leitch: "not true, as dentistry recovers, dentists agree their PPE needs for NHS patients with their Board"?

25/08/2021, 14:07 - Humza: You can respond if you like. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

25/08/2021, 14:16 - Jason Leitch: That may be best.

25/08/2021, 14:16 - Jason Leitch: How was Jubilee?

29/08/2021, 22:54 - Jason Leitch: <Media omitted>

29/08/2021, 23:50 - Humza: <Media omitted>

29/08/2021, 23:51 - Jason Leitch: Yep. It's good. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

29/08/2021, 23:52 - Humza: Aye have msged him

29/08/2021, 23:52 - Jason Leitch: 👍👍

29/08/2021, 23:52 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
29/08/2021, 23:53 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
29/08/2021, 23:59 - Humza: True
30/08/2021, 00:59 - Humza: <Media omitted>
30/08/2021, 01:00 - Humza: Just fyi
30/08/2021, 01:00 - Jason Leitch: So far so good
30/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: <Media omitted>
30/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: <Media omitted>
30/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: <Media omitted>
30/08/2021, 12:22 - Humza: <Media omitted>
30/08/2021, 12:22 - Jason Leitch: 👍👍
30/08/2021, 12:23 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 12:23 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:42 - Jason Leitch: I missed the end. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
30/08/2021, 20:52 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Just despair at the Opposition. Not that anyone listens to them but they are so predictable. Labour saying i dont trust my own rules - all for being extra cautious!

30/08/2021, 20:52 - Jason Leitch: I saw that. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)] In the same few days when they again asked us to go against JCVI
30/08/2021, 20:53 - Jason Leitch: And excellent news!!
30/08/2021, 20:53 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:53 - Humza: Pretty concerned about where we are. This week hugely critical. Can't see any easing of case numbers though. Just wonder given everything we know whether easing self isolation requirements for the double vaccinated is the right thing to do
30/08/2021, 20:53 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:53 - Jason Leitch: I know. But remember the pingdemic and every kid at home.
30/08/2021, 20:54 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:54 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:54 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:55 - Humza: Not so much kids but adults. Though of course still a major impact.

Can't understand England's number. [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

30/08/2021, 20:55 - Humza: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
30/08/2021, 20:55 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
30/08/2021, 20:56 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
30/08/2021, 21:00 - Humza: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
30/08/2021, 21:06 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]
30/08/2021, 21:07 - Jason Leitch: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

Exchanges between Shona Robison and Private Office

[04/08/2021, 10:38:44] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello Ms Robison, I am so sorry to get in touch during this difficult time. Jeanette has asked that I flag something for you to look at urgently (today when/if possible) from the UKG. It is in your ebox urgent folder and is flagged. Thanks

[04/08/2021, 10:42:31] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok

[04/08/2021, 10:59:19] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I have just chatted to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and he has flagged the urgency of another paper, which I have just added to urgent papers folder. This is a draft response from you to the Financial Position Update Cabinet Minute - response due 6th August. Apologies again for disturbing you.

[04/08/2021, 19:12:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, sorry to disturb but Jeanette thought your clearance was required for the response to news release from resignees of the short term lease working group. I have popped this in your urgent folder (flagged red) and sent to your MSP account. If any issues with you clearing tonight let me know and Jeanette can clear instead.

[04/08/2021, 19:16:14] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thank you

[05/08/2021, 11:44:44] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Cab Sec, the response from officials on the UKG letter is now in your urgent papers folder. I have flagged red this email and the related FOI which you discussed with Jeanette.

[05/08/2021, 11:55:37] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks

[05/08/2021, 12:11:22] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: We have also received a draft cooperation agreement with SGP, this is at the top of your urgent folder for your consideration.

[05/08/2021, 12:27:32] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok will have a look thanks

[05/08/2021, 13:17:55] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: You may have spotted we have received another email on the SGP agreement, in urgent box

[05/08/2021, 13:46:19] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes I'm looking at that right now

[05/08/2021, 14:34:51] Shona Robison (Shona): Hi, can we avoid 2-3pm for the meeting on Monday? Any other time that afternoon is fine thanks

[05/08/2021, 14:35:56] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No problem, thanks

[05/08/2021, 15:05:17] Shona Robison (Shona): Think I've cleared my box of most of the stuff due next week

[05/08/2021, 15:06:17] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks, I will let you know if there is anything else urgent but hopefully won't have to disturb you again.

[05/08/2021, 15:07:03] Shona Robison (Shona): That's ok

[05/08/2021, 16:34:29] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, Jeanette wants to make sure you have seen the FOI which is related to the UKG letter and our response (in your urgent folder). Mr Macpherson has already cleared but due to sensitivity want to ensure you are content?

[05/08/2021, 16:42:20] Shona Robison (Shona): Thought we were holding this, I'll check with JC

[05/08/2021, 16:43:33] Shona Robison (Shona): It's not due until Monday?

[05/08/2021, 17:04:01] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Apologies, you are right, JC just updated me on the FOI situation

[05/08/2021, 17:04:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks

[05/08/2021, 17:16:43] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[06/08/2021, 17:16:23] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, just to update you the draft response to UKG letter is in your urgent box (nothing needed from you, just

there for ease of finding ahead of Monday). I have made officials aware of your request for comprehensive briefing, this is underway and they will likely finalise after the meeting on Monday. Thanks

[06/08/2021, 17:46:14] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks

[09/08/2021, 10:42:15] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning, the PFG portfolio response has come in and is in your urgent folder. Also, OneNote has been updated with relevant documents ahead of your meeting at 13:00 - thanks

[09/08/2021, 10:56:09] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[09/08/2021, 12:01:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: To highlight, there is an urgent update re Scottish Child Payment in your urgent folder

[09/08/2021, 12:13:32] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, I have resent the FOI to your ebox (top of urgent folder) and it is in OneNote if that is easier. Thanks

[09/08/2021, 14:30:00] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ahead of your meeting with DFM, legal advice re winter evictions ban have come in. This along with some lines are in your urgent folder. Thank you

[09/08/2021, 14:30:18] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[09/08/2021, 14:35:31] Shona Robison (Shona): Can they be popped over to my MSP account as I'm out & about just now?

[09/08/2021, 14:42:25] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I have sent the lines over to your MSP account. Unfortunately I can't send the legal advice to the MSP for security reasons (sorry) but this advice is just for you to consider before your meeting at 16:30 with DFM (he has also been sent the advice)

[09/08/2021, 14:42:37] Shona Robison (Shona): No that's fine

[11/08/2021, 11:40:12] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello Cab Sec, just a reminder about your political meeting with Jeanette and Ministers at 11:30

[11/08/2021, 11:42:06] Shona Robison (Shona): Sorry yes joining now

[12/08/2021, 14:38:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello Cab Sec, just to flag there are 4 items in your urgent folder. Thanks

[12/08/2021, 14:38:18] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok

[12/08/2021, 16:28:49] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, when able please could you read the item top of your urgent box re SGP note to DFM

[12/08/2021, 16:29:24] Shona Robison (Shona): Just gone back on this

[12/08/2021, 16:29:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Okay thank you

[13/08/2021, 11:06:22] Shona Robison (Shona): Hi, is the Blackness fire station visit confirmed for Monday?

[13/08/2021, 11:08:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, it is confirmed, comms are attending

[13/08/2021, 11:09:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Briefing in your OneNote, don't think it will take the full 45 mins

[13/08/2021, 11:23:11] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[13/08/2021, 14:06:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, you have been invited to a meeting with DFM and SGP on Sunday 18:30 to 20:30 (in your urgent folder), please let me know if you would like/are able to attend?

[13/08/2021, 14:07:21] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes that should be fine

[13/08/2021, 14:09:08] Shona Robison (Shona): I'm out & about this afternoon so you may need to send anything urgent on to my MSP account

[13/08/2021, 14:09:39] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Okay, I will reply to say you are happy to attend. No worries, will do

[13/08/2021, 16:31:57] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, You requested a meeting with DFM in advance of cabinet on Tuesday re SGP agreement and funding

for affordable housing. I just wondered if you would like me to try to get that meeting in the diary for before the Sunday meeting with DFM and SGP? Jeanette has said she doesn't think it needs to be before Sunday meeting but could be beneficial.

[13/08/2021, 16:34:33] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Also, there are two news releases in your urgent folder which need cleared before Monday (they are embargoed so I couldn't send to your MSP) - thanks

[13/08/2021, 16:41:52] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok can I clear those on Sunday?

[13/08/2021, 16:42:25] Shona Robison (Shona): I think if Jeanette bus ok to leave the meeting until after Sunday then let's do that

[13/08/2021, 16:44:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: One is for release on Monday and the other on Tuesday, so will be fine to clear on Sunday. I will leave them flagged in your urgent box for ease

[13/08/2021, 16:45:04] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Okay, I will get something set up with DFM on Monday, would you like officials present?

[13/08/2021, 17:02:11] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes probably officials but definitely Jeanette

[13/08/2021, 17:02:29] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Okay thanks

[16/08/2021, 17:03:57] Shona Robison (Shona): Hi, I've noticed that the urgent and to note file have become one file, I think it's better separated so I can prioritise better

[16/08/2021, 17:09:21] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi, thanks for flagging. I will look at this with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] today and we can check in tomorrow to ensure they are how you like them

[16/08/2021, 19:39:05] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, I have popped the papers we have so far for Cabinet tomorrow in your Cabinet folder in your ebox. We are still waiting for one paper of Education. Also, popping in your meeting with Paul Johnston in for 9:00am

[16/08/2021, 20:40:56] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks

[17/08/2021, 10:49:40] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I have sent you over some more information on the MIG meeting (in immediate folder) and have reworked your OneNote so it is in order of each agenda item

[17/08/2021, 10:49:53] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks

[17/08/2021, 10:52:33] Shona Robison (Shona): Can I get a note on the remaining 100 days commitments to be met by 25th August

[17/08/2021, 10:52:54] Shona Robison (Shona): Within our portfolio interests

[17/08/2021, 10:53:17] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I will commission now, do you need by certain time or just ASAP?

[17/08/2021, 10:53:37] Shona Robison (Shona): Tomorrow please, just an update

[17/08/2021, 10:53:43] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Will do

[17/08/2021, 11:18:52] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: We received a update on 100 days across all areas yesterday, I have moved this to your immediate folder in case you haven't seen it yet. If you have and would like the further update, please let me know?

[17/08/2021, 11:28:55] Shona Robison (Shona): I'll look later thanks

[17/08/2021, 12:48:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just to flag in case you haven't seen/in advance of MIG meeting, I responded to your questions on the remit document etc. (top of you immediate folder)

[19/08/2021, 14:26:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Jeanette doesn't like the wording either, she has suggested slightly different wording. This is in immediate folder or pic below for ease - are you content with JC wording?

[19/08/2021, 14:26:39] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Section 30(b)(ii)]

[19/08/2021, 15:09:02] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just for info, the convener letter issued by deadline - thanks

[19/08/2021, 19:26:44] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Cab Sec, just to flag the FMQ brief re SGP agreement and reactive lines re short term lets are in your immediate folder to clear this evening. We are expecting one paper up ahead of Cabinet tomorrow, I will flag when it comes in

[19/08/2021, 19:27:21] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes will clear when I get home later

[19/08/2021, 19:28:15] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks

[19/08/2021, 22:29:51] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi Cab Sec, sorry to bother so late just wanted to let you know the conclusion from last cabinet and agenda are in (in OneNote and cabinet folder) but still waiting for substantive paper. I am heading to bed but will get this to you early morning (assuming it is in by then).

[19/08/2021, 22:30:20] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] !

[20/08/2021, 12:07:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Cab Sec just a reminder about your pre-brief now

[20/08/2021, 12:29:54] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Exchange between Shona Robison and Private Office

[06/08/2021, 14:48:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Out of Scope]
[06/08/2021, 14:48:51] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Sorry to bother you with this, but below is a photo of your diary for next Wednesday. I've removed the ministerial induction meeting and rescheduled any meetings after 15:30. I've also blocked off time to keep clear - as I'm aware you have family up until Thursday.

Let me know if that sounds ok? Or if not please flag if there are any other meetings you'd like postponed?

[06/08/2021, 14:49:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Section 29(1)(d)]

[06/08/2021, 14:50:34] Shona Robison (Shona): Thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], Yes that looks fine to me

[06/08/2021, 14:55:07] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 👍 By all means if there is anything else you'd like removed, come next week, just flag to me or the team and we can postpone.

[06/08/2021, 14:57:45] Shona Robison (Shona): 🙏

[16/08/2021, 09:06:17] Shona Robison (Shona): <attached: 00000108-AUDIO-2021-08-16-09-06-17.m4a>



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21-08-16-09-06-17.m

[16/08/2021, 09:06:55] Shona Robison (Shona): Had to send by voice memo as can't open lines & whatapp at same time!

[16/08/2021, 09:09:08] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: That's perfect, I'll get that sent to comms

Exchange between Shona Robison and Private Office

[03/08/2021, 09:28:53] Shona Robison (Shona): [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. If diary can be kept clear that day, thanks again for your help and support, Shona

[03/08/2021, 09:51:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi, of course. We have cleared your diary this week and Monday and Tuesday next week too. P

[03/08/2021, 09:52:33] Shona Robison (Shona): Thank you

[06/08/2021, 10:22:35] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hey Cabinet on Tuesday now put back to 17th August. They said that time may be used for more negotiations with Greens if needed and then Green agreement discussed at 17th Cabinet

[06/08/2021, 10:51:42] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[06/08/2021, 10:55:21] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: If you get a chance over the weekend, have a look at your diary for Wednesday, we are happy to reschedule things if you think its too heavy or want it cleared

[06/08/2021, 12:31:58] Shona Robison (Shona): [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] so would be good if there were no meetings after the one with Steve Grimmond on the Wednesday if that's ok.

[06/08/2021, 12:41:42] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Of course

[06/08/2021, 12:45:31] Shona Robison (Shona): 🙏

[06/08/2021, 18:29:55] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hey, we have sent an urgent note for clearance for you to send to DFM re Greens. DFM will want a chat with you prob on Monday before he negotiates with them on Tuesday

[06/08/2021, 18:46:35] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] , Can I clear over the weekend or does it need cleared tonight?

[06/08/2021, 18:50:16] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hey tomorrow would be ideal as dfm needs to see it before he meets greens on monday

[06/08/2021, 18:53:17] Shona Robison (Shona): 🙏

[07/08/2021, 09:16:33] Shona Robison (Shona): Hi [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)], poor internet access here, any chance the DFM paper could be sent to my MSP email?

[07/08/2021, 09:18:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Of course, I will paste it into email and send in the next few mins. Should I do that with other urgents too, though they aren't as urgent as the dfm one?

[07/08/2021, 09:18:24] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes probably thanks

[07/08/2021, 09:26:37] Shona Robison (Shona): Have finally just come through on my laptop!

[07/08/2021, 09:28:05] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Haha well better twice than not at all 😊

[07/08/2021, 11:02:56] Shona Robison (Shona): I've gone back on DFM note plus the winter benefits draft letter

[07/08/2021, 11:04:50] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Thanks! I think there will be pfg stuff but hoping thats monday...

[07/08/2021, 11:07:58] Shona Robison (Shona): 🙏

[08/08/2021, 09:37:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Morning. DFM will want a meeting/chat with you tomorrow before he negotiates further with Greens, they are provisionally setting up for 1630 tomorrow...does that suit? I think his availability is limited because he is in lots of Green meets tomorrow

[08/08/2021, 09:42:42] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes that's fine with me thanks

[08/08/2021, 09:43:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ta

[09/08/2021, 19:12:48] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi, revised letter in urgents in ebox and comms lines to msp account

[09/08/2021, 20:14:22] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[11/08/2021, 10:28:05] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hello, DFM doing more Green negotiations tomorrow 11 to 1. He doesn't want to be disrespectful by not inviting you but Jeanette will be at it anyhow. You content i decline it?

[11/08/2021, 10:53:37] Shona Robison (Shona): Hi, I have meetings for part of that time but happy to engage in part if that would be helpful

[11/08/2021, 11:16:55] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hey Jeanette said no need, her and Colin are it and will cover all portfolios so will be 2hrs you can spend better elsewhere 😊

[11/08/2021, 11:42:25] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks

[11/08/2021, 12:46:09] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi the 1245 meeting has started

[11/08/2021, 12:46:22] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Not sure if you're there as 53 folk!

[11/08/2021, 12:46:48] Shona Robison (Shona): I'm just about to log on, finishing a phone call first

[11/08/2021, 12:47:03] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: No probs

[11/08/2021, 12:48:51] Shona Robison (Shona): On now

[11/08/2021, 12:49:17] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: 👍

[11/08/2021, 17:15:13] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hey, are you ok if we issue the Teresa Coffey letter or want to still consider?

[11/08/2021, 17:23:21] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes should be good to go once you've checked with JC that this is the correct final version?

[11/08/2021, 17:23:50] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Cool thanks and we will hold off the convenor letter until you say so

[11/08/2021, 17:24:26] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes will need to have another look over

[12/08/2021, 11:33:00] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi that's all officials on line for sex for rent call

[12/08/2021, 15:03:11] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[12/08/2021, 15:03:43] Shona Robison (Shona): Yikes

[16/08/2021, 12:56:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[16/08/2021, 12:57:10] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I have a pen picture [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[16/08/2021, 18:44:36] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok thanks [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] , just not had a moment today, can you factor in a call tomorrow at some point?

[16/08/2021, 18:45:26] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Of course

[17/08/2021, 22:08:06] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Comms don't think it's an issue if no Cab Sec appears as GMS will get SG statement but he's going to speak to Jeanette now and let us know

[17/08/2021, 22:08:56] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok that's fine

[17/08/2021, 22:09:31] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Also, Kate Forbes can't do the 0830 meeting and says can still go ahead without her. It was Ivan McKee who asked for it. Assuming you don't have GMS do you still want to meet Ivan at 830 with no Kate?

[17/08/2021, 22:11:48] Shona Robison (Shona): Was the meeting mainly for Kate? Would be good to cancel if possible so I can spend more time on my box

[17/08/2021, 22:13:24] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: I think it was Ivan who asked for it with kate and you but you know the issues inside out, i will suggest that he can still meet officials ?

[17/08/2021, 22:14:00] Shona Robison (Shona): If he really wants to still meet I'm happy to do so

[17/08/2021, 22:19:36] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Ive said reschedule. KF office gave that get out 🙏

[17/08/2021, 22:21:52] Shona Robison (Shona): 🙏

[17/08/2021, 22:32:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: JC has declined it and said look forward ro receiving more briefing tomorrow and will consider bids but also Jenny gilruth could do too!

[17/08/2021, 22:32:52] Shona Robison (Shona): Ok

[17/08/2021, 22:32:58] Shona Robison (Shona): Thank you

[18/08/2021, 10:23:41] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Stay on call when officials leave as Jeanette wants a chat rw Afghanistan

[18/08/2021, 17:21:38] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Heard on 'vine there may be a Cabinet on Friday morning....

[18/08/2021, 17:22:58] Shona Robison (Shona): Ah ok

[18/08/2021, 17:23:40] Shona Robison (Shona): May be worth having a hold in diary just in case

[18/08/2021, 17:23:59] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Just volunteering round table in at mo anyhow

[18/08/2021, 17:25:16] Shona Robison (Shona): At 12.30 which should still be ok, I've got some constituency meetings but they will just have to be rearranged

[18/08/2021, 17:26:24] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: If there is a green argreement i think there will be an expectation that Ministers discuss with stakeholders. Given you are off, content that [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] takes that forward?

[18/08/2021, 17:27:24] Shona Robison (Shona): Yes that's fine

[19/08/2021, 09:47:45] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Hi thats all officials on for the 945 pre meet

[20/08/2021, 10:17:52] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: [Redacted – Out of Scope]

Exchanges between Shona Robison and Jeanette Campbell

(9 Aug 2021 at 16:09)

SR – You free for a quick call before DFM meeting?

JC – Sorry. In meeting with save children till 4.30 whilst they tell me we need to double SCP tomorrow.... (nervous emoji)

SR – No worries

(12 Aug 2021 at 9:06)

SR – Are we meeting this morning?

JC – Yes [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and I on teams. Do you have link?

SR – Yes will come on now

(17 Aug 2021 at 13:43)

JC – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

JC – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

JC – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

SR – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

JC – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

JC – Hope MIG going well. [Redacted – Out of Scope]

SR – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

JC – [Redacted – Out of Scope]

[Redacted – Section 36(1)]

Exchange between Jenny Gilruth, Angus Robertson and Jeanette Campbell

20 August 2021 – 09:15

Jeanette

If Scottish Government going to write to FCO or HO or UKG in general can you start ball rolling today please so we can get it done – I know this may come from your scance today Angus.

Issues would be four nation summit as PM and Raab agreed to under pressure from SNP and plaid at Westminster. Also pressing for detail of settlement scheme. You may want to pick up on other issues. You may have already started this of course. We have letter ready to go re human rights but I've asked for coordinated response from SG as don't want lots of different letters from different ministers as just looks messy!.

Angus Robertson

I probs. Will raise under SCANCE at Cabinet shortly

Jeanette Campbell

Thanks! Officials squabbling not helping coordination so could do with some ministerial direction. [Redacted - Section 38(1)(b)]

20 August – 10:30

Angus Robertson

Apols. FM just ended the Cabinet abruptly without SCANCE I will speak to officials about letter.

Jeanette

Yes saw that. Though scance wasn't on agenda so did cab secretariat know?

Jenny Gilruth

[Redacted – Section 30(a)]

Angus Robertson

[Redacted – Section 30(a)]

[Redacted - Section 36(1)]

Exchange between Shirley-Anne Somerville and Private Office

10 AUG

SAS- Am I due to be seeing another press release this am? Thought it was getting redrafted? But it's due for release in 30mins!

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Indeed. Already been about 50 emails this morning on it. I have just said we need ASAP. Think just about there - [Redacted – section 26(a)] just commented on a version. Will text when in

Just sent you revised narrative

Content with new note to Ministers.

Release with you now

Social media with you now.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] One wee query about visit - are we expecting media at it. Wasn't sure as we have time blocked out for media bids later too.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Visit has open call to media so almost certainly will be some there. Will provide update from Comms when I get. We held afternoon slot just in case - really to avoid anything else getting put in diary that wasn't vital. There may of course be an additional bid or two

SAS - Ok ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - BBC/Stv/sky here plus various photographers and journalists

Give me a few mins heads up if you can

SAS- ust coming off dual carriageway .

We'll park up so we get there for 12.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Perfect

There is wee drop off bit just past where everyone is standing at school entrance.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will meet you there. It is pretty busy

SAS- There in a minute.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - GIQ. I had tentatively said to Parly Clerk that it might be asked by Kaukab. Am sure it can be easily changed to [Redacted – section 26(a)] but would it a huge issue if it ended up being Kaukab?

SAS - No that would be fine.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - You okay with GIQ being answered tomorrow as planned. And me just sending the note to FM saying that is what we are doing? That is way note has been written but just checking

SAS - Fine yeah.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - STa

You joining chat with [Redacted – section 26(a)]

SAS - Sorry forgot. Joining now.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]: Think you have a li e outstanding that I sent at 17.01 re play parks?

Another line

Just checking that you have what you need for GMS

SAS- Yeah think I'm fine ta.

Just in case it's not clear - my catch up with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] doesn't need PO.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Tomorrow's diary a bit of a [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. If you have a look and need me to change anything let me know
SAS - Can't see anything that can be moved unfortunately. Sigh....
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Sent a bid for later this afternoon to you
On call now with Cllr McCabe
SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
Line sent
And another

12 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Hopefully you can join the ADES mtg okay. My device doesn't allow me to join on Zoom
SAS- Just realised it's on zoom and am trying to start up other computer.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I have sent link there. I only just realised too
My fault, I never thought to double check that part
For CERG, do you wish a side Teams chat with officials?
SAS - Yes.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Done, hopefully you have received
Have lost connection to everything- having to do a full router reboot! 😡
Still can't get connected, sorry. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] will be on Child Poverty call whilst I wait for IT folk phoning back.
[Redacted – section 26(a)] sent and bid sent
All extra stuff on OneNote
Line sent

13 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent
I have new Surface Pro for you. When you in over this evening/weekend.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
Let me know about dropping off Surface at some point
I have emailed draft Cabinet paper but there is still an additional note to be read alongside it to come in
SAS- Thanks. Will try and have a look at the paper early tmrw morning. No need for surface in a rush. Maybe get it on Monday before a week of meetings. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

14 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] aiming to get me the revised paper back about 4. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
SAS - Ok ta.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Paper back with you now.
SAS -The paper is fine now. Much better. I'm happy for it to go up.

15 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent and two bids (for tomorrow). Ta
Just checking you have seen above re bids - just in case I need to try get briefing for GMS tomorrow

SAS- Sorry just got phoned charged again. Been out all pm and it died. Will email back just now.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Were you content with line?

SAS Yea sorry.

Will i get those briefings I asked for soon? Ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - I am just in the door this minute. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. Just about to fire up laptop

SAS- Of course sure. No bother.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - GMS will be audio and video on Facetime

GMS stuff all on OneNote. Just sorting other BBC interview now

16 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - BBC have asked if they can change 1030 interview to 1230 (or half past any hour this afternoon). I know you have stuff on this afternoon

SAS - I can't do this pm. Am is fine but I'm out and about this pm.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - BBC now pulled - they are devoting that slot to Afghanistan

SAS- Fair enough. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)].

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] Was going to drop off laptop today. I can either do now or this evening?

SAS- Now is fine.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Be round in 10 mins

16 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Waiting on details but think FM thinks that Cabinet paper doesn't address her concerns. Will let you know more as soon as I hear.

SAS - Bloody brilliant.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Messaged you

Sorry, to be clear - emailed you re Cabinet paper

Think I will set up mtg for tomorrow morning pre-Cabinet can easily cancel tonight/in morning if not needed.

SAS- Yes that would be great thanks make sure [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is on it unless he is on annual leave. I think I'm in for a torrid time regardless to be honest.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - 🤔. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is around tomorrow as I have already messaged him. He is also dialling in to Cabinet (although not sure if they allow you to bring in officials to discussion?).

SAS- No he can't come in on discussion. You can set up Teams so he can a message me but there's so little time/encouragement that I think it's going to come down to speaking note so I hope he thinks it's in good shape. I've not got much faith in [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

17 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have stuck a couple of things including note from [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] on OnNote for the 8.45 mtg

SAS - Ok ta. Struggling to get old computer to work this am. Sigh!

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Am told paper passed?

SAS - Wahoo!

She really didn't say much.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Revised GIQ in your immediate folder
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - A revised Education Recovery Strategy is coming up so no point looking at one in folder at present. I will remove
Unless you were just about to respond but assuming you haven't had chance
SAS- Nope. Had it printed out but not got to it.

17 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Don't think letter to SQA is going to be what FR/SQA hopes.
Sent couple of lines for after your appointment
SAS - Can you phone me please.

19 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - You want Teams chat with officials again?
All okay yesterday?
SAS- Yes to a teams chat. And no yesterday didn't go well. Will need to speak to you when you're back at work about some things. Ta.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay doke. Am back today so just phone whenever suits
Sent you second email re 4 options
Cabinet mtg tomorrow AM
Not sure what happened to CH . Spoke to her office, was in her diary and she had queried something in briefing today. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] phoned her but no response
There is a Cabinet paper to come but God knows when. May be I only get on OneNote in morning - I will be up early anyway
So I have put all the Cabinet papers on, but now just received a message saying there will be a change to main paper. Still waiting
SAS- Ah well. They've missed my slot. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]. I'll need to read it after 9.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - It is on now. It really looks like a bit of an updated version of Tuesdays stuff.

20 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have stuck a couple of things in immediate whilst you are in Cabinet if you do get a chance. Things I have been chased on a few times now. Ta
SAS- Will do. And new computer is up and running. Fingers crossed all okay.
[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - 😊
Have you got any expectation of any stakeholder calls today as result of announcement re Greens. SpAds are asking us to contact officials for any suggestions. Not sure there would be much/any on our side. I can ask officials but wanted to check in with you first
Just sorting out diary stuff. The one thing that will be difficult but I will just say needs fixed is budget bilateral next Tuesday evening. I will drop you a note on Monday of a couple of things that you might need to take a decision on whether to ditch completely

SAS- Great thanks so much for all your help. If the budget one is difficult to move given it's only a few days away then I'll work around it.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Ta. But let me try and push them hard - may as well start as mean to go on! Have spoken to [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] who asked to pass on their best wishes and are determined to do everything they can to help

One thing to quickly check on given it is next week and I know you have a keen interest in is Equally Safe at School launch on Wednesday at 4pm. I will explore whether this can be moved but if not do you want me to find another Minister

SAS- I'll do it given it's already in diary.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay....as an exception then. Budget mtg getting sorted

22 AUG

SAS - So just when I thought life couldn't get any more complicated [Redacted – section 26(a)]. [Redacted – section 26(a)]. But I'm drafting a tweet that needs to go out today to make it public so thought you'd best know in advance.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – section 26(a)]. And obviously just let me know if you do need me to do anything. [Redacted – Out of Scope]

And just realised that I missed a call from you. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

23 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – section 26(a)]

SAS- [Redacted – section 26(a)].

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – section 26(a)]

SAS - [Redacted – section 26(a)]. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Let me know if you are happy for that note to issue if you get chance. Ta

SAS - What note?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] – One I sent yesterday to Private. Have resent now.

Ta

All good for this Expert Panel event

SAS - I'm on.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - See you have now joined

Can't see you though

SAS- I don't seem to have the partly business paper.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Putting on now. Not sure why it wasn't there.

Apologies

Done

Did you manage to get a chance to look at note I resent yesterday at all?

Has Cabinet finished?

SAS- Was done by 10!

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Oh!

You okay for this mtg?

24 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - So there is an additional note I have just put on OneNote for budget pre-brief (and indeed bilateral) that [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] prepared just for you. Not sure why it wasn't on there already! 🙄

Think it is same paper they gave you for Cabinet
If you really want a pre-meet with Cllr McCade tomorrow the only possible time for him is 9.30am?

SAS- Just leave it then.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay. No call this week. We have diary meeting tomorrow- we have made up a wee list of things to speak to you about then

25 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Wednesday Committee. Do you want to just be in for Committee and back home or stay in? If latter then I will need to ask [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] in Parly Business to stand down Ms Haughey that day? If you are just in and out then no problem. Also what time you want car that morning?

Conscious you used to always come in super early Committee days

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted – section 26(a)]

[Redacted – section 26(a)] [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

Just logging on.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is unhappy with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] approach to developing agenda and chairing of Portfolio meeting. He is taking it up with Directors

SAS- [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS - [Redacted – section 26(a)]

26 AUG

SAS [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - No. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] says [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is good and was the one last week. The guy you are thinking of is [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] says he isn't getting asked back....EVER

Want a Teams chat?

SAS- That's fine. Sorry forgot the names and had a panic again.

Yeah sure. Going to be a tough one I think [Redacted – section 26(a)]

Have we cancelled my this pm carol Monaghan meeting before? If not then can we cancel today. [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] -We haven't but can do

SAS - Yeah it's not a priority.

Can you invite [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] to the meeting later. Ta.

Can we move the [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] catch up to tomorrow am?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Sure

Sorted. Will be early next week

Stuff from [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] now re Test and Protect

His apologies for cutting it fine

I have asked [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted – section 26(a)] might be able to join. I so did not see your text about it. Saw the one before it and after it.

Completely my fault

Bad news. DFM has three line whipped a covid mtg tomorrow AM at 9.45.

You want me to confirm attendance or say you will plan to attend all being well

Lines sent too

SAS - Yes I'll dial in. Sigh!

27 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - There is a sub with comments from DFM you will need to see before 9.45 mtg. I have emailed to both accounts but is also on OneNote

And would also be good to have your sign off to FE/HE letter before mtg

SAS- Do I have a meeting with a [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] today?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - No, he couldn't do today so as per my text yesterday it is next week. Unless you desperately need one today?

SAS- Of course sorry. Forgot. Thanks.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Mtg this morning with DFM okay? Will you manage to look at PfG stuff today?

SAS - Will be asking for some stuff to do done today following DFM. And hopefully re PfG.

27 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Sent papers re budget. Will put on OneNote for Mondays meeting

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

30 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Today's budget mtg. JH office saying he cannot do at current time and with to move to sometime around 12.30 I am loathe to move as it means everyone else (you, Ms Haughey, DG and all Directors having to move) but appreciate that you may deem his attendance as essential.

Ignore above. JH is going to try and make 1130. I might put back 15 mins to help him
SAS- Ok ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

SAS - [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]Is it just SG on the call?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Yes, the one person you don't recognise is from Education Scotland standing in for Gayle

Have sent you a bid from BBC Reporting Scotland.

Ignore the fact that your diary says [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] is your driver tomorrow. I have just seen and getting changed!

Do you want to see the Covid note to DFM again?

SAS- No.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - BBC are just using lines Comms have given but are likely to put bid in tomorrow, possibly on this and OECD

So off hook this evening

SAS - Phew.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Parly Clerk gave GIQ tomorrow to Kaukab Stewart rather than [Redacted – section 26(a)] by mistake. It has already been lodged so difficult to change. They apologise for error

SAS - Ok. Need to share around in the future though.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] -They know they ballsed up this time.

30 AUG

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Topicals just in this minute. You've got Q1. Have emailed it to you but relates to the statement by WHO that I sent to you above

Let me know if you want to do virtually or in person

SAS - I'll do in person.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay, I have managed to sort with [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] in Parly Business as [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] so they do have a spare place. So you happy to stay to Decision Time or want to leave after Topical?
SAS- I'd rather leave as soon as I can. Maybe after the green ministers motion.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay doke. Yeah, you will probably need to stay until just before 4pm. Otherwise you would be walking out of Chamber as FM gets to her feet

SAS- Can I make it back home for DT?

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Yeah, that's not until 6pm! 😞

31 AUG

SAS- Can't get online. You'll need to message me any update.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Okay

It may be because that has never accessed the SG WiFi before. Try clicking on onSCOTS from your WiFi icon at bottom right of screen

Are you connected?

SAS - Can't get teams but can get emails.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Emailing you - although doesn't really answer much
Dont need to go to DFM mtg tomorrow

SAS - Great thanks. You're a star.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Line sent

SAS- Sorry didn't mean to call.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - No worries. If still in car can you look at revised joint letter? Sending now. Ta

Actually may not be easy to read on your phone. No worries if not

SAS- Yeah I'll need to look at it on a computer.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - Have resent to SG account. Can wait until tomorrow morning as isn't going to issue today now anyway

Another line sent

SAS- Can you make sure [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] and [Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] have the small note we have in onenote about the meeting with MSPs tmrw. Ta.

[Redacted – Section 38(1)(b)] - They do