You asked us for –

- Any correspondence, including email or any other form of messaging, with UK Government ministers or officials relating to the Prime Minister's AI safety summit held in London.
- Any internal correspondence relating to the UK Government's AI safety summit.

I enclose a copy of some of the information you requested.

An exemption under sections 30(b)(i), covering free and frank official advice, 30(b)(ii), covering free and frank exchange of views, 36(1) confidentiality in communications, 38(1)(b), covering third party personal data, and 10(4)(e), covering internal communications (draft documents) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested.

Some of the information includes advice to the Scottish Ministers from Scottish Government officials and some of the information contains third party personal data that cannot be released. This means we have redacted identifiable information such as names and email addresses.

These exemptions are subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemptions. With regards to exemption under sections 30(b)(i) and (ii) and 10(4)(e), we recognise that there is some public interest in release because it would ensure transparency by showing advice offered to the Scottish Ministers to support their decision-making and the views offered on that advice. However, this is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring Scottish Government officials are able to provide free and frank advice to the Scottish Ministers to ensure they are appraised of all possibilities when making policy decisions and that discussions on views are able to take place around that advice. With regards to the exemption under sections 36(1) and 38(1)(b), we recognise that there is some public interest in release to clarify who has been corresponding. However, this is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring the Scottish Government fulfils its requirements under the Data Protection Act.

Any correspondence, including email or any other form of messaging, with UK Government ministers or officials relating to the Prime Minister's AI safety summit held in London.

Please see below the following exchanges –

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AI Safety Summit (FCDO)

From: [redacted] * <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:08 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

Thanks for your email. This is just a quick acknowledgement while I figure out who is best to get back to you on your question!

Kind regards

Tom

Email: **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk | Mobile: +44 7552 265 523

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 September 2023 14:49
To: **[redacted]** * <**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

My former colleague in FCDO Data Science, **[redacted]**pointed me your way as the lead on FCDO's contribution to the AI Safety Summit.

After our minister proposed a four-nations summit in advance of the AI Safety Summit, our AI policy team were told by DSIT to wait on a response from FCDO.

We understand that you have an upcoming discussion with our counterparts in Wales, and wonder whether we might join that or have a separate call?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

My working pattern is Tuesday-Friday

Catch up - AI Regulation

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Catch up - AI Regulation
Importance: High

Hi **[redacted]**,

With thanks to **[redacted]**, I attach a short briefing ahead of the call.

AI Policy - Briefing -
Pre UK AI Safety Sum   **See Annex 1**

I will be the supporting official.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

eRDM link:
https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A45661533/details

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 2:51 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Catch up - AI Regulation

Good afternoon [redacted],

I can confirm that this meeting is going ahead on Monday 23rd, from 14:30 – 15:00.

We have received an official invite from UKG, with the below Teams link included.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Assistant Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Catch up - AI Regulation
Importance: High

PO

Urgent – could you please confirm whether this meeting with the Minister is indeed taking place on Monday?

I don't recall this being agreed.

Thank you,
[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

From: **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Catch up - AI Regulation

Hi both, hope you are well.

Hopefully you've seen that the meeting with our Secretary of State and Minister Lochhead (alongside counterparts in Wales and NI) is now confirmed for this coming Monday, which is good news.

Would you be free next week for a meeting to follow up on any discussions from that meeting, and to catch up on our AI regulation work more widely?

All the best,
[redacted]

DA/SoS DSIT Roundtable

-----Original Appointment-----
From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan); [redacted]; **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DfE); DSMECON@gov.wales; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Cc: **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]**; Lochhead R (Richard), MSP; **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]**
Subject: FW: DA/SoS DSIT Roundtable
When: 23 October 2023 14:30-15:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan) <Secretary.State@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 10:47 AM
To: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan); Kaufmann Wolfe, Ruth (DSIT); Donelan.personal (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DfE); DSMECON@gov.wales; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Cc: **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]**; Lochhead R (Richard), MSP; **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]** (DSIT); **[redacted]**
Subject: DA/SoS DSIT Roundtable
When: 23 October 2023 14:30-15:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Agenda: Meeting on Artificial Intelligence
23/10/23 14:30-15:00

1. **Update on the AI Summit** - The Secretary of State will provide an update on the AI Safety Summit, and how voices from across the UK are being represented in ongoing discussions on AI Safety.

2. **Update on AI Regulation** - The Secretary of State will provide an update on the implementation of our regulatory framework for AI, as set out in the AI Regulation White Paper earlier this year.

3. **Work between the UK Government and Devolved Administrations on AI**. Attendees will be invited to share their views on the UK's approach to AI, and discuss how to ensure that our regulatory approach is representative of the whole of the UK.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 10:26 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

Morning [redacted],

Thank you for confirmation. I have asked techUK to add you to the invite list in the Minister's place, and either I or techUK will provide the details for online joining shortly.

Best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:22 PM
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

Dear **[redacted]**,

Thank you for the invitation. Unfortunately the Minister is not available then, but I can attend remotely.

Could you please send me the dial-in details?

Thank you,
[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:18 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

Yes, sorry I had registered this and discussed with **[redacted]** (and **[redacted]**).

Agree that it's likely of limited benefit and not worth attending in person. But, I wouldn't dissuade you from dialling in for awareness.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:16 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

Hi Tom,

This is the event I just mentioned during our call – you were copied into DSIT's email earlier this week.

Apparently we can dial in, so I am going to do so.

Given it's going to be a large event, I don't think it's worth your attending in addition.

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 11:29 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Invitation: 17 Oct UK Govt-techUK pre-AI Safety Summit event (London)

techUK and DSIT joint roundtable on frontier AI safety: Official pre-AI Safety Summit event

Dear Ministerial team,

On behalf of the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) I would like to extend an invitation to Minister Lochhead to a pre-AI summit event that is being co-organised between the UK Government and techUK.

The details of the event are provided in the invite being sent out by techUK, below. This event will bring together technology businesses from across the UK and the world to understand AI opportunities, risks and solutions. The UK Government will be represented by the Secretary of State for DSIT (by video link), the Minister for AI and one of the Prime Minister's representatives for the AI Safety Summit.

We anticipate a full auditorium of around 120 people, so <u>would politely request that the Minister be accompanied by only one member of staff</u>.

While information is below on how to respond to techUK I would be very grateful if you could let me know directly whether the Minister would be able to attend.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

Details of 17 October techUK pre-summit event

On behalf of techUK and DSIT I'd like to invite you, or a senior representative from your organisation, to attend in person our joint pre-AI Safety Summit event taking place on **Tuesday 17 October 10-12 at techUK offices (10 St Bride St, London EC4A 4AD)** followed by a networking lunch.

During this session we will discuss the latest advancements in AI, unpacking the opportunities, potential risks and solutions that exist in the tech sector. Finalised agenda to be circulated shortly.

We have received considerable interest in this event, so if you'd like to participate, **please RSVP to** (katherine.holden@techuk.org) **by COP on Wednesday 11th October**. To get the most out of the discussion please also provide Katherine with any key themes/messages that you'd particularly like to land during the discussion. We only require high-level bullet points, but these will help us to understand when and where to bring you into the conversation.

Finally, in the build up to the AI Safety Summit in November, techUK intend to highlight case studies demonstrating how industry is effectively managing and addressing potential risks posed by the latest developments in AI, as well as any positive frontier AI case studies. Please share any relevant case studies with Katherine Holden by **Friday 20th October** and the best examples will be shared with DSIT officials and promoted on the techUK website.

Koenigswinter follow up/AI summit

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:19 PM
To: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Koenigswinter follow up/AI summit

Hi Joe,

Was great to meet you. Understand **[redacted]** from DSIT has been in touch with
your AI people who report into Richard Lochhead yesterday on these lines:

*I wanted to provide a quick update at the official level on engagement with your
minister around the AI Safety Summit.*

*Last week we had it confirmed that due to the very restricted invite list, DA Ministers
are not going to be invited to the AI Safety Summit. However, our Secretary of State
is very keen to ensure that the Devolved Administrations are brought into the many
discussions happening around the Summit, including the "Road to Summit" events –
we will be reaching out with some more information on this very shortly.*

*Our Secretary of State would also like to hold a virtual call with relevant ministers
from across the Devolved Administrations on Friday 13th October – a formal letter
from our SoS to Minister Lochhead will be issued in the coming days, but given the
tight timelines we wanted to get the ball rolling at the official level to ensure time is
held in diaries. We are currently developing an agenda for this call and will be in
touch once it has been finalised.*

Let me know if I can help further.

Best,
[redacted]

**[redacted] | Political Director's Delivery Unit (attached to AI Safety Summit
Unit) | Geopolitics Directorate**
Room W1.94 | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles St | London | SW1A
2AH | **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk

From: Joe.Griffin@gov.scot <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:04 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: Koenigswinter follow up/AI summit

Hi **[redacted]**,
[redacted]

We spoke briefly about the AI summit. Is there any prospect of DA involvement do you think? We'd love to send a Minister if possible, given keen interests and keeping the UK as a whole strong and on the same page in respect of AI regulation.

Do let me know where you have got to?

Thanks
Joe

Joe Griffin
Director General, Strategy and External Affairs

<u>Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade</u>

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 5:33 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hi **[redacted]**,

[redacted]

Points the Minister might want to raise include:

> **[redacted]**
>
> **[redacted]**

- Ask whether Lord Clement-Jones / UK Parliament will play an active role at the UK AI Safety Summit (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-sets-out-ai-safety-summit-ambitions?s=09), noting that UK Government has yet to speak with Devolved Administrations about their involvement.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:14 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hey **[redacted]**,

Let me have a quick check in with [redacted] and we will get something over to you.

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:07 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Thanks **[redacted]**. We also probably need some key points to raise at the meeting- are you able to provide? For context he was Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (2017-18) and is Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence.

[redacted] | she/her | Head of Networks and Visits | Trade and Investment Delivery Division | Directorate for International Trade & Investment | Scottish Government |

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:04 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Apologies **[redacted]**,

Please see attached a copy of our current core brief – hopefully this helps.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:00 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hi both,

Sorry to chase but can you confirm you're picking this up? Conscious that the meeting is tomorrow. If you have a core brief etc we can slot it into the pack.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] | she/her | Head of Networks and Visits | Trade and Investment Delivery Division | Directorate for International Trade & Investment | Scottish Government |

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 1:47 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hi both,

As DBT pulled out we have scheduled a call with Lord Clement-Jones. Grateful if you can provide some alternative briefing material with top lines on our AI policy and Scotland's strengths in the sector please.

Apologies for last minute nature of the request! **[redacted]**

Thanks,
[redacted]
[redacted] she/her | Head of Networks and Visits | Trade and Investment Delivery Division | Directorate for International Trade & Investment | Scottish Government |

From: [redacted] <timclementjonespa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:37 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

That's great… many thanks. It's firmly noted in Tim's diary that he should arrive to Scotland House for 2.30pm tomorrow.

Any changes, just let me know.

All the best,
[redacted]

[redacted]
PA to Lord Clement-Jones CBE
E: timclementjonespa@gmail.com

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:22 AM
To: timclementjonespa@gmail.com; MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Good morning **[redacted]**,

Mr Lochhead would be delighted to meet with Lord Tim.

I'll confirm the meeting at 14:30 in our diary now.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

[[redacted]]
Assistant Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <timclementjonespa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hi **[redacted]**,

Thanks for being patient waiting to hear from me… if Richard still wishes to meet with Tim tomorrow at 2.30pm, I can confirm it from our end…

[redacted]
PA to Lord Clement-Jones CBE
E: timclementjonespa@gmail.com
W: https://www.lordclementjones.org/

From: [redacted] <timclementjonespa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 4:52 PM
To: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Cc: Tim Clement-Jones <timcjones6@gmail.com>; **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Subject: Re: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Thanks **[redacted]**... i'll come back to you by Monday morning!

On Fri, 8 Sept 2023, 16:38 , <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot> wrote:

Thanks **[redacted]**, happy to hold the time

[redacted]

[redacted]| Private Secretary

Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead

From: [redacted] <timclementjonespa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:40 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: timcjones6@gmail.com; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Hi **[redacted]**,

Let me speak with Tim and see if we can make it work… there is something in the diary (of course) but we may be able to steer him clear… can you hold the slot for now… ?

[redacted]

PA to Lord Clement-Jones CBE

E: timclementjonespa@gmail.com

W: https://www.lordclementjones.org/

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:32 PM
To: timclementjonespa@gmail.com; MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Cc: timcjones6@gmail.com; **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Subject: RE: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Many thanks for your email **[redacted]**,

The agenda for Mr Lochhead's visit has underwent some changes, and I do wonder if there would be the availability for a meeting with Lord Clement-Jones and Mr Lochhead from 14:30 to 15:30 on Tuesday?

This would take place in Scotland House, London.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]| Private Secretary

Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead

From: [redacted] <timclementjonespa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:58 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Tim Clement-Jones <timcjones6@gmail.com>
Subject: RSVP: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Dear **[redacted]**,

Please thank Minister Lochhead for the invitation. The reception clashes with an existing long-standing commitment but if agreeable, could we note it in the diary and RSVP as tentative for now? Tim would of course like to accept Richard's invite but he is rather committed to the previously agreed engagement as well – ideally he'll flit between the two but things don't always work out that easy on the day itself - as you can probably appreciate…

If Tim doesn't make it to the reception, he is of course more than happy to meet with Richard on a separate occasion for further discussion as per the invite letter.

With kindest regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

PA to Lord Clement-Jones CBE

E: timclementjonespa@gmail.com

W: https://www.lordclementjones.org/

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:39 PM
To: clementjonest@parliament.uk; timcjones6@gmail.com;
timclementjonespa@gmail.com
Cc: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Subject: Letter from the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]| Private Secretary

**Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard
Lochhead**

Letter to Minister Lochhead for Secretary of State DSIT

From: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan) <Secretary.State@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter to Minister Lochhead for Secretary of State DSIT

Hi **[redacted]**,

Thanks for getting back to me, I've sent over the teams link and also copied below –

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan) <Secretary.State@dsit.gov.uk>; MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
Cc: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter to Minister Lochhead for Secretary of State DSIT

Good afternoon **[redacted]**,

Thank you for your email. Mr Lochhead will be available on Monday at 11:00 a.m. and I'd be most grateful if you could share meeting link with us.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
Email: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

Letter to Minister
Lochhead.pdf   **See Annex 2**

From: Secretary Of State (Michelle Donelan) <Secretary.State@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Letter to Minister Lochhead for Secretary of State DSIT

Good afternoon,

Please see a letter attached from Secretary of State DSIT.

Please could you confirm if 11:00-11:30 on Monday 16th would work?

Thank you
[redacted]

<u>Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing</u>

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:29 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 4:57 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** (DSIT)
<**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing

Good afternoon,

As you will be aware, yesterday the Prime Minister announced the formation of the AI Safety
Institute.

I would like to invite you to attend this short briefing ahead of the Summit, to find out more about
the work of the Taskforce and the upcoming work of the Institute.

MS Teams call date: Tuesday 31st of October 12:30 - 13:00pm.

Please let me know if you cannot attend and you would like to send a representative.

You can find a link to the Prime Minister's speech here.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Engagement Lead

Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing Call

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:11 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing Call

Dear Tom,

No worries, we understand how busy this period is.

I have rescheduled the meeting for today at 15:30pm.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 October 2023 13:30
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>; ai@gov.scot <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing Call

Hi **[redacted]**

Apologies if we were missed from the briefing. I'm sure you won't be surprised that our AI Policy team are under a lot of pressure at the moment, and of course this was shared at short notice.

I have some time between 1530-1630, **[redacted]**

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:09 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing Call

Good Afternoon,

We are sorry you could not attend the briefing today at 12:30.
Please do let us know if you have availability for a call later today.

Thank you,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (DSIT)
Sent: 27 October 2023 16:44
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>;
[redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: Pre-AI Safety Summit Briefing Call
When: 31 October 2023 12:30-13:00.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

As you will be aware, last week the Prime Minister announced the formation of the AI Safety Institute.

I would like to invite you to attend this short briefing ahead of the Summit, to find out more about the work of the Taskforce and the upcoming work of the Institute.

MS Teams call date: Tuesday 31st of October 12:30 - 13:00pm

Please let me know if you cannot attend and you would like to send a representative.

You can find a link to the Prime Minister's speech here.'

Update on engagement around the AI Summit

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:21 AM
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Update on engagement around the AI Summit

Hi Charles,

Sorry for the slow response. Our AI team can liaise with Mr Lochhead's PO on timings.

I'm guessing that they'd want to see the draft agenda before holding time.

I should add that our minister has written to the Foreign Secretary seeking some official word about DAs' participation in the Summit. I suspect that this will continue to be the desire, and I understand that there are ample precedents for DAs being represented in this kind of international conference.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Update on engagement around the AI Summit

Hi both – would you be able to confirm the best email address for us to contact in the ministers office?

Thanks,
Charlie

From: [redacted] (DSIT)
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 1:40 PM
To: 'Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot' <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>;
phoebe.cadle1@cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>;
[redacted] (DSIT) <[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: Update on engagement around the AI Summit

Dear Tom,

Thanks for meeting last week – it was great to touch base, and hope it was helpful for you as well.

I wanted to provide a quick update at the official level on engagement with your minister around the AI Safety Summit.

Last week we had it confirmed that due to the very restricted invite list, DA Ministers are not going to be invited to the AI Safety Summit. However, our Secretary of State is very keen to ensure that the Devolved Administrations are brought into the many discussions happening around the Summit, including the "Road to Summit" events – we will be reaching out with some more information on this very shortly.

Our Secretary of State would also like to hold a virtual call with relevant ministers from across the Devolved Administrations on Friday 13th October – a formal letter from our SoS to Minister Lochhead will be issued in the coming days, but given the tight timelines we wanted to get the ball rolling at the official level to ensure time is held in diaries. We are currently developing an agenda for this call and will be in touch once it has been finalised.

Do let me know if you have any questions – all the best,

[redacted]

Welsh Gov - AI Summit discussion

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 9:20 AM
To: [redacted]@gov.wales
Cc: [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**<**[redacted]**@fco.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov - AI Summit discussion

Thanks **[redacted]**, really appreciate it. And agree we should meet next week
whether there's a readout or not!

I've checked diaries and the Tuesday 2-3pm slot would work best for us. Are you ok
to re-send the scheduler? Grateful if you could also invite Sadia (copied).

Kind regards,

[redacted]
AI Regulation - Legislative Strategy, Consultation & Engagement | Digital and Tech Policy | Department for
Science, Innovation and Technology **|**

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 1:41 PM
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>;
[redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**,

I'm able to move to the following next week:

Mon 25th
     10-11am
     12.30pm
     13.30 – 15.00pm
Tues 26th
     11-12
     14.00-15.00pm

Completely appreciate that Ministerial discussions will always take priority. However
given the close proximity of the global summit, grateful if we can protect any agreed
slot as best as possible please.

Also looping in [redacted] – Head of AI Strategy at Scottish Government – who is
keen to join the discussion.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:00 AM
To: **[redacted]** (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Cc: **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk; **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**,

That sounds sensible to me! Who is the Scottish Gov contact you have in mind?

Unfortunately, a Ministerial call has created a clash on Thursday. Would moving to early next week be OK with you **[redacted]**? Let me know if any particular dates/times do/don't suit and I'll reschedule. We've got advice going to Ministers this week on DA engagement, so I think next week works better anyway as we'll hopefully have readouts to share.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
AI Regulation - Legislative Strategy, Consultation & Engagement | Digital and Tech Policy | Department for Science, Innovation and Technology **|**

From: **[redacted]**@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:29 PM
To: **[redacted]** (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Cc: **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk
Subject: Welsh Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**,

I know Scottish Government colleagues are also keen to engage on the AI Summit – any aversion to this being a joint meeting?

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best,

[redacted]
[redacted]
Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 7:48 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi Tom,

Our Minister's office has written to DSIT SoS confirming that he's happy to accept a virtual call, but it will need to be on a different date as he has existing commitments on the 16th.

On this occasion he's content with responding directly in writing (privately) to the letter, although he also plans to make his point during the call with the SoS (date for which is still being ironed out).

For info, our CDO Glyn Jones will be representing our Minister at the event on the 17th. We've also made enquiries about another 'pre summit' event at the Royal Society in London on the 25th.

Best,

[redacted]

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 12:04 PM
To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; ai@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**

We are expecting our minister to accept the call on the 16th, while likely also expressing dissatisfaction formally and publicly in writing after the call.

Our minister did indeed receive an invitation to the pre-summit event. I've not heard anything from his PO on this, but our team's assessment of the event as described is that it would be of limited value to the minister or an official.

Do you think your minister might have an interest in a different, but still coordinated, approach to the one I'd outlined before? If so, our AI team could explore different options with you?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 8:12 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi Tom,

We've also had the same letter from the DSIT SoS.

Our Minister would like to take a slightly different course on this one, potentially taking up the offer of a discussion to express our disappointment directly (although still tbc and he cannot do so on the 16th).

Can I assume your Minister has also received the invite to the 'official pre-summit' event in London on the 17th? If yes, do you think he'll be attending or is it more likely for an official to go along?

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:13 PM
To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; ai@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**

Our minister has had the formal letter from the DSIT SoS this week.

Our minister asked about whether the DAs might jointly publicise their dissatisfaction with not being involved in the Summit itself. Is this something you'd be willing for your team to explore with our AI team?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:52 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.wales
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**

Yes, we just got the same, and are trying to pivot in response.

I'm looking for a route to raise an objection with Cabinet Office, through our Strategy colleagues.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: **[redacted]**@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi Tom, appreciate the update.

DSIT have literally just dropped us a mail, and as expected DAs won't be invited to the main summit. Can I check if you've received something similar?

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
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Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:51 AM

To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**

Sorry not to get back to you yesterday, but it wasn't until this morning that I got a clear ask from the minister's PO. That ask is just for a draft to consider at this stage, without a commitment to sending anything.

We're drafting something that I think reflects the same sentiments you've shared. I'll keep you posted on whether that gets taken forward.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 7:44 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Thanks Tom. Sounds like a carbon copy discussion. Is it likely that your Minister will still want to write to UKG on attendance (or probable lack of) to the Summit? And if yes, do you have a feel on timings?

[redacted]

Like you, we also have concerns that much of the focus is laser-like on 'existential threats', but less so on the here and now around bias, discrimination, transparency etc.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
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Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:29 PM
To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>

[redacted] – as requested a quick readout on my conversation this afternoon. Much like you, I had an update from DSIT about the road to the AI Safety Summit, but not from FCDO about the Summit itself.

The planned DSIT activities sound like they might address our minister's letter at the start of the summer, making sure that the DAs have a voice in shaping the Summit. But, there won't be official announcements on this or the intended invitees of the Summit until the start of next week.

Besides the detail on the Summit, the DSIT officials described a positive coming response to the feedback we've given on the UK's AI Whitepaper, recognising the need to understand and support the different capacities of regulators and policy departments. But, it remains unclear how the UK's announced funding will be divided between the "frontier AI" risks that the Summit will consider, and the more practical risks from AI that our expert advisors suggest should be the focus. This is likely to remain the case until the Whitepaper is updated following the Summit.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 2:07 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.wales
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Yes, I think that perspective makes good sense, and we will say something along those lines.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

I suspect our Minister will consider a similar course.

[redacted]The point I emphasised was that for the UK to be a global leader in AI safety, that has to start 'at home' – the unique views, voices, cultures (and laws in some cases) of all 4 nations need to be heard first hand at the summit.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:26 AM
To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Thanks **[redacted]**, that's hugely useful in advance of our own session later. I'd expect a similar conversation, and still haven't had a response from FCDO, despite pinning down their lead by email through my old FCDO contacts.

If we only get another holding response from DSIT, then I expect our minister will want to write to the FS and SoS asking to be involved in the summit. Our line would likely be that Scotland has a longer standing AI strategy than UK and its own research pedigree, justifying an independent voice. Please feel free to share any thoughts on how wider DA interests might be represented.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:11 AM

To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi Tom,

A quick read-out from the meeting yesterday…

I met with:

- **[redacted]**– DSIT
- **[redacted]**– DSIT
- **[redacted]**DSIT

[redacted] and **[redacted]** appear to be leading a new team in DSIT working on regulation and general engagement/co-ordination with DAs (including a response to the white paper feedback, which we can expect around December). **[redacted]** is involved in the planning for the 'Road to Summit' events (link below), but not directly with the Summit itself.

Summit invites are supposedly being 'locked down by the end of this week' – this comment was tempered with 'some UKG cabinet members are unlikely to be invited'. Whilst there wasn't an explicit 'no' on DAs being invited to the main event, its understandably difficult not to read between lines here….

They (DSIT) are also working on finalising invites for the 'Road to Summit' events. My feeling is we may be asked to join one or more of these – but again, nothing explicit.

AI Safety Summit: introduction (HTML) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Do let me know how today goes – useful for us to stay co-ordinated on any follow ups/escalations.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:37 AM
To: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <[redacted]@gov.wales>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi **[redacted]**

Thanks for the heads up! I've pushed a meeting on them tomorrow afternoon, although only DSIT have responded so far.

Please do let us know how the conversation goes this afternoon?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted]@gov.wales <[redacted]@gov.wales>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 9:01 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Hi Tom/[redacted],

Did you get a separate call with UKG sorted on this? We've noted they've published more details on the Summit this morning, with lots of references to 'engagement' (but doesn't mention DAs anywhere).

AI Safety Summit: introduction (HTML) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
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Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

From: [redacted] (COOG - DDAT - Digital)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Absolutely Tom, no problem at all.

[redacted]

From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10:00 AM
To: **[redacted]** (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

No worries at all **[redacted]**. I'm very grateful that you shared the event, and hopeful that it will help us pin them down!

If we can't get a separate call organised, I may still cancel other commitments and join yours, if that's ok?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: **[redacted]**@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Sorry the initial on this didn't work for you guys Tom. UKG have been particularly difficult to pin down on this….

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
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From: Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:32 AM
To: **[redacted]** (COOG - DDAT - Digital) <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>;
[redacted]@dsit.gov.uk; **[redacted]**@fco.gov.uk; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk; **[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion

Many thanks **[redacted]** and **[redacted]** for extending this invitation. Our minister had just asked us whether a further letter was needed to prompt engagement from UKG on the AI Summit, since his summer letter to SoS. So, he'll be encouraged that a dialogue with DAs is starting.

Unfortunately, next Tuesday afternoon isn't ideal for us. Might it be possible for at least DSIT and FCDO to join me for a separate conversation to cover Scottish Government's interests later this week or next?

My immediate flexibility:
Thursday 21st 1500-1700
Friday 22nd 1430-1700
Wednesday 27th 1400-1700
Friday 29th 1400-1700

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

-----Original Appointment-----
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of [redacted]**@gov.wales
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:59 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson
Subject: FW: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion
When: 26 September 2023 14:00-14:55 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Importance: High

Hi Tom,

Forwarding this to you as I won't be able to attend.

[redacted]

-----Original Appointment-----
From: [redacted]@gov.wales <**[redacted]**@gov.wales>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 4:48 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.wales; **[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk; **[redacted]**@fco.gov.uk; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk
Subject: Welsh Gov/Scottish Gov - AI Summit discussion
When: 26 September 2023 14:00-14:55 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Thanks **[redacted]**. Feel free to forward on as appropriate.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Pennaeth Polisi Deallusrwydd Artiffisial a Chydlunu/Head of AI Policy & Co-ordination
Digidol Data a Thechnoleg (DDaT) / Digital Data and Technology (DDaT)
Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

You have been invited to the AI for Innovation Dinner

Good afternoon,

Just forwarding this on for your awareness. I've also sent it to Mr Lochhead, but no comment from him as of yet.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Assistant Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:28 PM
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: You have been invited to the AI for Innovation Dinner

The Secretary of State for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Michelle Donelan MP, jointly with the City of London Corporation's Policy Chairman, Chris Hayward, requests the pleasure of your company at

the AI for Innovation Dinner

at Guildhall Great Hall, Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HH

on Monday 30th October 2023, at 18:30

The event will showcase innovative examples of AI being used across the UK economy, ahead of the AI Safety Summit. The dinner will bring together senior representatives including Government, businesses, academia and civil society.

Attendees will hear from the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Michelle Donelan MP and the City of London Corporation's Policy Chairman, Chris Hayward.

The estimated finish time is 22:00

Dress code: Business Attire

Data Protection Disclaimer: Please note, if you RSVP, you will share your personal information directly with the City of London Corporation, which is hosting the AI for Innovation dinner, in partnership with DSIT.

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Please submit your RSVP to this email: pro.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Please see below the following exchanges –

Any internal correspondence relating to the UK Government's AI safety summit.

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AI summit
AI Summit (CUKR)
AI summit (OpenGov)
AI Summit – (SE)
AI Summit – Tweet Request
All teams call on AI - Thursday 10:10
DataGovHub Webinar Invite - Oct. 23, 2023
Digital Economy News (week 45/23)
DSIT conversation
Engagement around the AI Safety Summit
For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter
For clearance - AI proactive statement
For Consideration - Artificial Intelligence - Comms Handling
FutureScot article
Hallo von Deutschland! - und 2 x quick AI questions
Invitation: [redacted] / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday
Lack of Scottish Government/Devolved Administration Involvement in Forthcoming UK AI Summit
Meeting outcome note - Cab Sec/[redacted] catch-up on Thur 26 October
Micase 202300373483 - OpenUK AI Hustings invite
Ministerial Letter Proposing Four Nations AI Meeting
Mr Lochhead / Officials meeting 31 Aug 2023 3pm
Richard Lochhead AI letter
Science and international relations
Scotland Article
SPAD views - AI proactive statement - 10am
SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling
UKG AI Announcements
UKG AI Conference and AI Asks
UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI
UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

AI coordination across the AF

From: Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:10 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI coordination across the AF

That's great [redacted].

Thank you

Audrey
Dr Audrey MacDougall FAcSS (she/her)
Scottish Government Chief Social Researcher
Head of SG Central Analysis Division
Email: audrey.macdougall@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI coordination across the AF

Thanks Audrey.

[redacted]

- Office for AI will release over the next few months some products to start operationalising their March White Paper on AI Regulation, even though I personally expect their position might shift significantly following the Global AI Summit announced by the PM for the autumn. Mr Lochhead requested to the UK DESIT SoS that a four-nation summit be held prior to this, but we have received no official response so it is unlikely to go ahead.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:52 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI coordination across the AF

[redacted]

See the email trail below. Could you provide me with a few lines on your work. I think it would be beneficial if we tried to capture all the work formally ongoing around AI in

SG (not counting individuals playing with the technology). I'll start off a note and send you a draft to comment.

Happy to discuss.

Audrey
Dr Audrey MacDougall FAcSS (she/her)
Scottish Government Chief Social Researcher
Head of SG Central Analysis Division
Email: audrey.macdougall@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@ons.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** National Statistician
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:31 PM
To: [redacted]@no10.gov.uk; [redacted]@beis.gov.uk; [redacted]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [redacted]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [redacted]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [redacted]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [redacted]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [redacted]@dcms.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [redacted]@education.gov.uk; [redacted]@dft.gov.uk; [redacted]@dft.gov.uk; [redacted]@dft.gov.uk; [redacted]@dhsc.gov.uk; [redacted]@dhsc.gov.uk; [redacted]@trade.gov.uk; [redacted]@trade.gov.uk; [redacted]@trade.gov.uk; [redacted]@communities.gov.uk; [redacted]@communities.gov.uk; [redacted]@dwp.gov.uk; [redacted]@DWP.GOV.UK; [redacted]@DWP.GOV.UK; [redacted]@DWP.GOV.UK; [redacted]@dwp.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted]@food.gov.uk; [redacted]@food.gov.uk; [redacted]@food.gov.uk; [redacted]@food.gov.uk; [redacted]@food.gov.uk; [redacted]@gad.gov.uk; [redacted]@gad.gov.uk; [redacted]@gad.gov.uk; [redacted]@go-science.gov.uk; [redacted]@go-science.gov.uk; [redacted]@go-science.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmrc.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmtreasury.gov.uk; [redacted]@hmtreasury.gov.uk; [redacted]@homeoffice.gov.uk; [redacted]@hse.gov.uk; [redacted]@ipo.gov.uk; [redacted]@ipo.gov.uk; [redacted]@mod.gov.uk; [redacted]@mod.gov.uk; [redacted]@justice.gov.uk; [redacted]@justice.gov.uk; [redacted]@Justice.gov.uk; [redacted]@finance-ni.gov.uk; alex.jones@ofsted.gov.uk; Alastair McAlpine <Alastair.McAlpine@gov.scot>; Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [redacted]@ukexportfinance.gov.uk; [redacted]@voa.gov.uk; [redacted]@gov.wales; [redacted]@gov.wales; [redacted]@gov.wales; [redacted]< [redacted]@ons.gov.uk>; [redacted]< [redacted]@ons.gov.uk>

Cc: National Statistician <national.statistician@statistics.gov.uk>; [redacted]<
[redacted]@ons.gov.uk>; [redacted]< [redacted]@ons.gov.uk>

Subject: AI coordination across the AF

Colleagues,

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and foundation models have the potential to transform our economy, our public services and the way in which we work. It is right that there is so much attention paid to them and I know from individual conversations that working groups are being set up to address these issues. I strongly support that work.

As our recent DDAN discussions have touched on, as a Function, we are strongest when we work together, recognising the individual expertise and remit of departments, but working collectively and collaboratively across boundaries to maximise the impact of evidence and insights.

We demonstrated that comprehensively working on COVID-19 and I believe that we need to demonstrate that now on the opportunities and challenges of AI and foundation models.

On my behalf, [redacted]will be holding a meeting with you all this **Friday (14 July) from 15.00-15.30** to kick off a coordinated approach to our work in this space. I want to take stock of the work that we're doing and to agree the process in how we coordinate and curate the evidence base. This process will allow us as leaders of the community to capture the totality of the evidence and insights that we're generating and to deploy this across our respective remits.

In advance of this meeting, please can you write to [redacted] ([redacted]@ons.gov.uk) to provide details of any working groups you are currently involved in, including the terms of reference, which we will collate and share with this group. This could cover work on understanding the impact of AI on public service delivery and the economy, scenario planning and how we use AI across the AF, or anything else you feel is relevant.

I hope as many of you can make it as possible so we can come together and drive this work forward as a collective.

Best regards,
Ian

Professor Sir Ian Diamond | National Statistician | Head of Analysis Function
Office for National Statistics | Swyddfa Ystadegau Gwladol

AI Fringe presentation

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:33 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Fringe presentation

Hi [redacted],

No worries, could you please ask [redacted] to put us in touch with organisers, so we can organise a meeting with them?

This way we'll get a better feel of whether this is something we'd want to take part in.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 9:51 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Fringe presentation

Both,

Not sure if we want to take part in any of this…apologies it has been sitting in the mailbox for a wee while after initial share with Tom.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Fringe presentation

Tom,

For awareness!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]< **[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:47 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Fringe presentation

Hi AI team,

[redacted] received the attached presentation about the AI fringe which I understand is happening alongside the PM's AI summit. She asked if you were already engaged in it by UKG and if not if not and you'd like to be if you can let me know and we can connect you with the organisers.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Fringe presentation

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For awareness!

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:47 PM
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Subject: FW: AI Fringe presentation

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Kind regards,

[redacted]

AI letter

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 6:07 PM
To: [redacted]@heraldandtimes.co.uk
Subject: AI letter

[redacted],

The AI letter from Richard Lochhead as discussed. We are not releasing this elsewhere and I'm happy for you to use as part of your Summit coverage on Wednesday. The dinner referred to is one being attended by the Minister this evening ahead of the Summit.

Correspondence -
AI Safety Summit and **See Annex 3**

Any questions get in touch.

Regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Communications Team Leader
Scottish Government | News: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy |

AI Policy - Briefing - AI Regulation Concerns - October 2023

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:51 PM
To: **[redacted]**< **[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Policy - Briefing - AI Regulation Concerns - October 2023

Thanks **[redacted]**, that's more relevant indeed.

Could you please forward that to Tom, along with the lines below, and he can pick and choose from them?

We are also concerned about:

- *The scarcity of UKG engagement with the public and other key stakeholders, including Devolved Administrations, ahead of the AI Safety Summit*
- *The Summit's focus on "Frontier AI" being at the detriment of agreeing the measures which are required to resolve immediate issues related to AI, as they exist today*
- *The associated risk of the Summit being negatively perceived by the public and other key stakeholders as elitist and out of touch, reducing its positive impact and potentially resulting in a net negative impact*
- *The shift in focus of the UKG Task Force from "Foundation Models" to "Frontier Models" meaning that its resources will not be focused on solving immediate issues with AI*

Thanks!
[redacted]

From: [redacted]< **[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 3:44 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: AI Policy - Briefing - AI Regulation Concerns - October 2023

[redacted]

[redacted]

As per my Teams message – I have taken the attached from a briefing you prepared on regulation – I think it more relevant that the content of Tom's letter.

If you want something different or additional please just let me know.

[redacted]

AI Safety Summit

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 7:45 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit
Importance: High

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:38 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

Not to worry and sorry for the slow response on my part, as I wasn't working yesterday.

[redacted]

Since our last exchange on this with DEXA, DSIT have engaged much better at both the ministerial and official levels. While they had originally insisted that the summit was owned by FCDO, we were contacted this week by a team at DSIT claiming ownership.

Despite better DSIT engagement, the concerns I'd shared before are all outstanding, and I recognise the issues that you've added. I've raised our issues with both DSIT teams we've spoken to. I don't think it would hurt for them to be raised through other routes too, alongside the constitutional issues of poor early engagement.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 9:11 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi Tom,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this. Highlighted below a couple of additions for our interest. I can also confirm that our DD asked about the AI summit and the role of the devolved administrations during a call with FCDO Devolution Unit last week. There was mention of a four nations meeting on 16 November but they gave no promises about the summit itself advising that it wasn't an FCDO lead. It may be worthwhile therefore adding a bullet for Joe to ask the question that if not FCDO leading then who should he be pursuing this with?

In terms of lines that Joe could raise with his counterpart FCDO DG, we're concerned about:

- The scarcity of UKG engagement with the public and other key stakeholders, including Devolved Administrations, ahead of the AI Safety Summit. This risks that the reserved AI policy we must follow is perceived by the public and other key stakeholders as elitist and out of touch, undermining our AI Strategy. **[redacted]**
- The Summit's focus on "Frontier AI" to the exclusion of agreeing the measures required to resolve immediate existing issues with AI. As well as AI biases and intellectual property, a key immediate issue is resolving regulatory divergence that could hurt Scottish business interests, between the EU's ambitious sweeping AI Act and the UK's non-statutory "pro-innovation" approach which delegates to existing regulators;
- The associated shift in focus of the UKG Task Force from "Foundation Models" to "Frontier Models" suggests that its resources will likely follow the Summit's conclusions away from immediate needs. A key use of this funding would otherwise be supporting delegate regulators with building the technical skills to engage with AI.
- This is not the first or only example where the UKG has not involved DA's **[redacted]**

Hope this is helpful.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 October 2023 10:09
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi Tom,

I have not been involved in any discussion around this but will have a look at this and get back to you.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: 17 October 2023 17:46
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

In **[redacted]** absence, are you able to pick up the thread below, please?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:43 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

UKG have postponed the ministerial call with DAs, which they had proposed in lieu of Summit attendance, probably because WG were unable to make their proposed timing yesterday. Meanwhile, WG have said that their minister won't want to make a joint public response to the DSIT SoS.

I'm wary that the ministerial call may take some coordination to rearrange, if DSIT insist on having all the DAs involved. So, I'm inclined that we push now for official representation at the summit.

In terms of lines that Joe could raise with his counterpart FCDO DG, we're concerned about:
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Is there more that you'd want, to take this up to Scott and Joe, pleas? For instance, please, let me know if you'd like accompanying notes with more expansive context?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 1:15 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

The minister has encouraged us to try and join up with the other DAs, and I was already in close correspondence on this issue with the Welsh lead. So, I'm hopeful we can take a joint approach.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 1:10 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

[redacted] Do you know what the other DAs think? Would your counterparts (or at least those from Wales) be up for a joint approach? **[redacted]** At least there is still time potentially to do something about it and make sure our interests can be represented.

Happy to help with the drafting/handling.

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 1:02 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

Thanks for your quick response, and suggestion of picking up with UK Relations too. You're right to check the wording from DSIT, and they are already apparently precluding official involvement too: "The smaller attendee list means that attendance from the devolved governments at the Summit is not possible." But, as you suggest, I think it's still worth asking Joe to challenge this if possible. Our team will pull together some lines that can be shared with him.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:30 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]3@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Thanks [redacted]

Yes this would be really helpful to be kept looped in on! Copying Alex and Jennifer who support the DFM IGR Ministerial meeting and accompanying dashboard, and also Donald for wider awareness. Alex/Jennifer, when is the next iteration of the dashboard going out – can we consider whether we want to include this or at least include in DFM's steering brief with a reference to turn to Mr Lochhead (assuming he is our lead?) for an update.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:24 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

Colleagues have suggested that I share an on-going situation with you for awareness.

The UK Government are planning on holding a world AI Summit on 1st/2nd of November this year and our Minister, Mr Lochhead, had been engaging with them around how Scotland and the other devolved administrations (DAs) could get involved.

Unfortunately the response we have received today suggests that despite Scotland's leading role in AI in the UK, and our many attempts to engage with UKG colleagues around the summit, we have now been told there will be no room for DAs at the event.

We are continuing to investigate other routes and options to have SG involvement, and we are also considering a joint DA response, sharing our disappointment.

I am sharing as **[redacted]** flagged that this may be of interest to you from a UK Relations perspective, and I am happy to provide any additional background or context should you require it.

Please let me know if you would like to be kept up to date with any developments in relation to the summit, or if you require any further information.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi Tom

Does the letter say DAs won't be invited full stop or just no role for DA Ministers? What is the justification?

Either way, if we work on a form of words we can share with Joe and ask him his preference.

I'd also flag this to UK Relations colleagues **[redacted]**

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:20 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

[redacted] – thanks for helping us out with this FCDO handling.

The situation has evolved since my exchange with Scott last week: The DSIT SoS has now written to our minister, responding on behalf of FCDO, to say formally that the DAs will not be invited to the AI Summit. **[redacted]**

Even if our minister is content not to attend, it might still be valuable for SG to have official representation at the Summit, as Scott had previously suggested. If we were to push for official representation at the Summit, do you think the best route still be for Joe to take this up with **[redacted]**, and would this be best in a call or writing?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 12:12 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

AI policy team – please can you help us draft some lines for DG Strategy and Internal affairs to take to his counterpart DG at FCDO, encouraging a quick formal response to Mr Lochhead's letter, and requesting official representation at the AI Safety Summit if an SG minister isn't to be invited.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Tom

Could you work with **[redacted]** on a draft?

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 5:58 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

We gave Tom lines but not sure if he deployed them
Neil

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 5:16 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit
Importance: High

Neil – do you know where this ended up? You'll have seen that there is a suggestion that it might come up at the Intergovernmental Relations Ministerial Group tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**

<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs
<DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Yes, that seems to me too like an effective approach.

The DSIT offer is what has already been mentioned by officials, and which we've
shared with our minister.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs
<DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

In which case, maybe best for Joe to pitch to Jenny Bates (DG responsible for
Devolveds), the message being we want to help on this and can play a useful niche
role, capitalising on strength in AI and ethics?

Scott

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From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:18 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman
<Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs
<DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

But, my best guess is that the team I've previously corresponded with are reporting in to DG Science Economics and Technology, **[redacted]**.

I hear **[redacted]** is leaving, and won't be replaced in that role, so it is possible that the summit will change hands or is already reporting somewhere less obvious.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:04 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

Again for info only. Seems to be a potential breakthrough.

Dominic Munro

Director: Strategy
Director: Constitution

DG Strategy & External Affairs

From: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:27 AM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Devo unit mentioned it before I had the chance. They said they have received the letter and DSIT SoS will be responding (and I got the sense to all DAs to offer some kind of pre-summit).

[redacted]

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:20 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Can we try to find out which DG in FCDO is leading on this please. We might then ask Joe to approach him.

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:49 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit
Importance: Low

[redacted]

Just forwarding this for info. I'm happy to leave this to DEXA colleagues to seek to resolve.

Dominic Munro

Director: Strategy
Director: Constitution

DG Strategy & External Affairs

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:22 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit
Importance: Low

I'll mention to the FCDO devo unit (when I speak to them in 10 mins) that we're still waiting on a response.

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Scott and team

Having reflected on this, I do have a concern that we won't get any timely formal response FCDO, since we were waiting two months after our initial engagement with DSIT. Do we have channels into FCDO through which we could get a sense whether there's likely to be any shift in their position once the FS has our minister's letter, please?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:06 AM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Scott

I think the attached FCDO response may have dropped off, but I'm guessing they were referring us to the DSIT *Road to the Summit* events, which is what we'd had from DSIT too.

Mr Lochhead has written to FS, asking for a formal response about DAs' involvement. Once we have that formal response, I suspect that the minister will want to engage with the DSIT event, and may be content to publicise SG's exclusion from the Summit itself.

I think there are some valuable points to push in the sidelines, so I would be keen to press for an official to attend. But, I suspect that we'd best wait for the formal response and a decision from Mr Lochhead before starting to explore that with FCDO?

I was very happy to join you all at Tynecastle, and look forward to working with DEXA in future, on AI and data more generally.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Tom

No real surprise here: it's consistent with the UKG approach to most events of this sort now. How would you like to proceed? I assume we'll want to take up the offer of the pre-Summit meeting. We might want to press for an invitation for a senior official to attend the event even if a ministerial seat is not going to happen.

[redacted]

Scott

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Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Strategy and External Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:56 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hello,

Please see response from **[redacted]**. Grateful for a view on whether we can go back to Tom with this or if anything further needed.

Many Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 11:17 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit

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SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: Joe Griffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:04 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

I have written to him. Will keep this group posted. J

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 04 October 2023 09:02
To: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro

<Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Hi Joe – yes, **[redacted]** (**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk). **[redacted]**

The other possibility would be going through the FCDO devolution team –
[redacted], in copy, meets them regularly.

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her)
Direktorin der Schottischen Regierungsvertretung, Deutschland
Head of Scottish Government Office in Berlin

Location: British Embassy, Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin, Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:55 AM
To: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman
<Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

I met a guy at Koenigswinter who was working on this – **[redacted]** I think his name
was. **[redacted]** – can you just check for me, and see if I can remind him – he seemed
keen enough on the idea that DAs be represented. Thanks J

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:19 PM
To: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

OK – that's fine.

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Safety Summit

Scott,

I think there are two separate chains here. As far as I can tell, Joe has already written to **[redacted]** (following **[redacted]** in Berlin passing on the contact details – other chain attached). Pamela and I discussed waiting to see what sort of response that elicits.

[redacted]

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

We discussed. This is getting a bit circular. Do we get Joe to approach **[redacted]** along the lines we discussed earlier, possibly implicitly suggesting that at this stage what we're proposing is SG senior official involvement in the event rather than ministerial (because that's likely to bring the shutters down)?

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 11:41 AM
To: zzzDG Strategy and External Affairs <zzzDGSEA@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: AI Safety Summit

[redacted],
I've passed this onto colleagues in the International Futures division to consider for their interests.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Strategy and External Affairs
Sent: 03 October 2023 10:27
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>

Good morning,

Grateful if you can consider the below from Tom and keep us in the loop.

Many Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Cc: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: AI Safety Summit

Joe – Geoff suggested that I reach out for advice on our engagement with the UK's
AI Safety Summit.

FCDO are responsible for the Summit, but have resisted our attempts to engage.
The DSIT team working with them have felt the need to "manage [our] expectations"
about participation for DAs. So, we have a concern that SG will not be invited to
participate in the Summit.

As well as the constitutional need for DAs to be involved, Scotland has a distinctive
place in the global AI conversation thanks to its research pedigree and progressive
AI Strategy.

Our minister is very enthusiastic to be involved, and there may be a valuable issue
for us to pursue in the allocation of resources for regulators. Although AI itself is
treated as a reserved matter, the current UK position on regulation delegates
responsibility to the regulator in the domain where AI is being applied. These
regulators are unlikely to have the capability, while all the resources being mobilised
for AI by the UK seem focussed on "Frontier AI", which is dominated by narrow
commercial and research interests and may well not translate into resources our
regulators can use to build capability.

Is there anyone within your area that you could point us to, please, who might be
able to support raising this issue with Cabinet Office?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

AI - Simon Case

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:54 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI - Simon Case

Geoff – regarding the FCDO response about the summit. I've asked about relevant contacts, from colleague in the Data Science side of things.

[redacted]

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Cc: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI - Simon Case

Thanks for clarifying Geoff – Tom has gone back to **[redacted]** accordingly.

[redacted]

From: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:25 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI - Simon Case

[redacted]

Geoff Huggins

Director Digital
Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI - Simon Case

Hi Geoff,

I take it by **Lochhead correspondence** you mean between him and UK DSIT SoS.

SoS replied in July that officials would be in touch to set up a 4-nation discussion, but they haven't.

In terms of the UK AI Safety Summit, UKG haven't said a word.

I have raised this with UKG contacts and have been told that FCDO (who are leading on the summit) will be in touch about both items. They have organised a meeting with my counterpart in Wales on 21 Sep, who has suggested to them that I join – am waiting for confirmation. But all evidence so far points towards UKG not having any real interest in involving DAs, and making sure the timetable makes it impossible for DAs Ministers or senior officials to attend.

If that situation does not improve by 21 Sep, I plan to write a Ministerial letter.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:18 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI - Simon Case

Can you remind me where we are on the Lochhead correspondence **[redacted]**.

Geoff Huggins

Director Digital
Scottish Government

From: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; Director for Performance, Delivery and Resilience <DirectorforPDR@gov.scot>
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: AI - Simon Case

Hi – just on a call this morning with Simon Case (CS leadership group; "state of the nation"), he said that the PM would be hosting an international AI summit in early

November. This was an attempt hopefully to kickstart international cooperation on AI, ideally leading to a series of events to establish an international architecture around it. Simon also said he'd be keen to have regular Whitehall sessions about the public sector and AI; short term opportunities, confidence building and safe use of AI. That latter point sounds like something it would be good to be part of? Thanks Joe

Joe Griffin
Director General, Strategy and External Affairs

<u>AI summit</u>

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 9:04 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI summit

[redacted], [redacted] – thanks for flagging.

Right now Mr Lochhead's major concern is our involvement in the summit. Like our
Welsh colleagues, we're working hard to pin down DSIT and FCDO to discuss how
DA's needs will get represented.

Personally, I'd like the summit to make sure that some of the resources thrown at the
AI Taskforce and summit by UKG are directed to the regulators that UK policy
expects to be able to deal with AI applications.

[redacted]

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 8:59 AM
To: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom
Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI summit

Hi **[redacted]**,

Thank you for flagging this, I'll loop Tom in as he's been working with Mr Lochhead
on AI.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Director for Cloud and Digital Services | Cloud and Digital
Services Division| Digital Directorate | Scottish Government
| **[redacted]**@gov.scot |

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 8:56 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI summit

Hi [redacted], **[redacted]**,

I'm sure you'll have picked up on this, but if not...

> November's UK AI safety summit, Bletchley Park: the FLI thinktank
> says the summit should target three achievements: establishing a
> common understanding of the severity of risks posed by AI; recognising
> that a unified global response is needed; and embracing the need for
> urgent government intervention.

FLI_AI_Summit_Recommendations
PDF Document · 410 KB

I wonder whether we should flag it and the document up to Mr Lochhead.
I'd be happy to do it but I think it is more appropriate coming from you.

Copying **[redacted]** in as there's the call out for speech content for the
Minister [Philip, I'll reply more specifically about CivTech in another email].

Warm regards,

[redacted]
Director, CivTech Programme

AI Summit (CUKR)

Hi **[redacted]**,

I found some information on the AI Summit - AI Safety Summit: introduction - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

I made a note of some basic key points:
- 01–02 November 23, Bletchley Park
- 100 participants at event itself for small focused discussion (I could not see who these participants were).
- Various workshops/ events before summit are planned.
- The summit is to focus on risks from AI advances, focusing on certain types of AI systems.

[redacted] | **Policy Officer, Constitutional Policy and UK Relations**

Constitution and UK Relations Division | **Scottish Government**

[redacted]@gov.scot

AI summit (OpenGov)

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:01 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI summit

Sorry sent too soon – yes I did see the press – **[redacted]**
Hope you got something useful out of it though

[redacted]

[redacted] | Head of Open Government
Scottish Government | Working remotely
e| **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 November 2023 13:57
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: AI summit

Mmmmmm

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 12:51:10 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI summit

Hi **[redacted]**,

No one. We have had conversations for several months with UK and DA officials and DSIT SoS about this, you might have seen some of this in the news (https://futurescot.com/innovation-minister-laments-scotlands-exclusion-from-ai-safety-summit/).

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:11 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: AI summit

[redacted] who was representing Scotland (at Ministerial level) and are we going to sign up to the declaration – or do the UK feel we don't have a choice?

[redacted]
[redacted] | Head of Open Government
Scottish Government | Working remotely
e| **[redacted]**@gov.scot

AI Summit – (SE)

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:00 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit

Thanks for the update Jeremey.

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 15 August 2023 12:27
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: RE: AI Summit

Hi **[redacted]**,

Apologies I realise I haven't responded to you yet on that one.

At the moment we are not sure what involvement devolved administrations will have in the summit. We are waiting on DSIT to share their plans on a separate event with DAs in the run-up to it. If I get useful intel, I'll let you know, but the summit is likely to be a closed shop unfortunately.

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:09 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: AI Summit

Hi [redacted],

Does SG have plans for this AI Summit event?

If so, the interest from one of our board members might be of interest.

Best,

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: 26 July 2023 09:56
To: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@scotent.co.uk>; **redacted]**<**redacted]**@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: FW: AI Summit

Hi **[redacted]**,

Please see below (copying you **[redacted]** just in case you have anything to add). As Jane indicates, not something that's particularly relevant to us, but is there any way to find out if Scottish companies are involved?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: 26 July 2023 09:17
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: RE: AI Summit

We won't be involved in this **[redacted]**. Can check to see if any Scottish companies we are aware of are attending this or any of the sessions in the run up. I think the whole purpose is leading on regulation to mitigate risks.

Andrew, can you look into this for us please?

Is Graham looking for us to facilitate his attendance??

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: 25 July 2023 16:30
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: AI Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

Just a check in to see if you've heard anything about this summit? One of our new Board members (**[redacted]**) is keen to attend and I wanted to check if we were aware of it, or involved in any way.

UK to host first global summit on Artificial Intelligence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Thanks
[redacted]

AI Summit – Tweet Request

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:03 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Hi **[redacted]**

Thank you for the chat earlier.

Mr Lochhead has noted with thanks and commented that we should have two pronged approach to this (once we know WG position) – one re the meeting and one around the actual summit.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Hi **[redacted]**

We spoke.

Confirming that we are developing opportunities following the call yesterday and the Minister's subsequent steer on Comms.

We're aware that the Summit on 1st/2nd November is gaining media traction and it's vital that the SG position is heard loud and clear on this. As such our recommendation that we seek an approach that maximises the impact of Comms.

This would ideally include joint comms with the WG – and we're exploring this right now – and finding the best available hook and time (to make sure we are not competing with ourselves).

Our initial recommendation would be for a weekend story based around a joint letter to UKG, but we'll continue to work with Policy and SpAds and revert with finalised advice asap.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Morning

Mr Lochhead has asked if there is any update on a tweet/NR following the meeting – he is keen to get this out asap today.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:48 AM

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Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Removing PO, SpAds again.

[redacted], **[redacted]** – I will go out to WG Comms to check in on appetite for some joint Comms… could I ask you to do likewise with Policy counterparts, please, just so there's join-up?

I do see coverage is ramping up ahead of next week – so think there is certainly value in us making sure our position is out there, but given the outcomes from the call I there isn't a huge news hook that I can see. I don't know what you're appetite would be for a joint letter to go to SoS following up on the call and putting asks/promises into black and white? A letter would give us a stronger hook/purpose for any Comms.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:56 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Thanks, **[redacted]**.

Noted re: comms. Will work with Officials and SpAds to develop and revert with handling – and will also sound out how WG are placed.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 3:45 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

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Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>;
Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins
<Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Colleagues,

For information, I copy my (rough) minutes of the call, below.

[redacted]

Minutes

DSIT:
Officials: **[redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]**
SoS Michelle Donelan (SoS) opening remarks:

- This Summit is intended to be the first of a series to be hosted by other countries
- UKG will consider the best use of the UKG Frontier Model Task Force after the Summit
- Summit attendance is more confined because of the focus on [long-term] Frontier AI, looking a three risk areas: Loss of control ; misuse ; societal risks (democracy, misinformation)
- Summits complements the White Paper, which is focused on more immediate issues

Scotland:
Officials: [redacted], **[redacted]**
Mr Lochhead spoke first:
- Recalled his ask for a Four nation Summit
- Mentioned his commissioning of the Scottish AI Alliance for expert advice (independent review)
- Expressed disappointment at Scotland not being invited to the Summit
- Pointed out that Scotland leads in several AI areas, including on the debate on ethical and inclusive AI ; and world-leading research at the University of Edinburgh
- Acknowledges that AI regulation is reserved, but AI impacts other devolved areas
- Therefore Scotland wants to be involved from the start

- *SoS response: Summit is not just UK, as it's a global summit. Happy to meet afterwards on regulation.*

- Pointed out that we would like more focus on immediate issues including Intellectual Property, we need to understand where the UK is heading, and want to be involved in that debate.

- *SoS: acknowledged immediate issues, but that is not the focus of the AI Summit (which needs to be focused as only 2 days, and not duplicate other work). UKG will*

*resume work on White Paper – **a new paper will follow towards the end of the year**), and are also working on IP (including code of conduct with creative sector and)*

(after Wales)

- Let's pin down how we work together going forward

- *SoS: agreed*

- Scotland can help with AI (mentioned University of Edinburgh again) – does not always have to happen in England.

- *SoS: mentioned UK exascale investment which was recently announced will go to Edinburgh*

- Thanked SoS for that

(after NI)

- Let's pin down on how we work together going forward (either through SoS or officials)

- *SoS: we'll keep each other up to date, as open as possible, hearing DAs voice, **but UKG will not devolve leadership of AI***

Wales:
Officials: **[redacted]**, **[redacted]**
Vaughan Gethring (Minister for the Economy) spoke second:
- Expressed similar regret about not being invited
- WG Officials have not been involved
- AI impacts all devolved areas, including elections (all except the general election), and investments incl. R&D. AI needs to be a whole UK effort to be competitive on the international stage.
- Also want to talk about opportunities, not just risks
- We need to have another conference post-Summit

- *SoS: mentioned UK exascale investment which was recently announced will go to Edinburgh; Summit will look at both risks and opportunities*

- We want to work in partnership – more to gain than by having a fight. Wants to look forward instead of dwelling on the present unfortunate situation.

- *SoS: working in partnership is "my style"*

(after Mr Lochhead)

-   We need real engagement from UKG (for instance on the Foundation Model Task Force)

-   *SoS: yes will do*

NI:
[redacted]
Minister spoke last :
-   NI haven't been involved, and want to be going forward
-   Pointed out that in NI EU Act AI will apply in addition to future UK regulation – we need to discuss how we are going to be subject to 2 regulatory regimes

-   *SoS: that is an important point*

Other attendees: **[redacted]**

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
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Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Colleagues,

Mr Lochhead has asked that we have comms regarding the call, preferably this would be joint with Welsh Government saying genuine partnership working is needed going forward regarding the AI regulation and Policy, whilst nodding to the disappointment of being excluded from next week's Summit. The Minister is of the view that the tone should be that this is transformational and opportunities and risks but impinged on DA's remit.

Thanks,

[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy – Neil Gray MSP
The Scottish Government

[redacted]– the UK call just finished – happy to have a brief chat now with you and [redacted] if you are available?

[redacted]

Removing PO & Callum

[redacted], [redacted] – whilst I suspect we'll hear from the Minister in short course after the call - it would be good to get a read-out from you (and perhaps a quick chat later [redacted]?) so we can align Policy/Comms advice around next steps in terms of correspondence and/or Comms which Mr Lochhead may raise again after this afternoon.

[redacted]

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Like **[redacted]** I suggest we wait until after the call to shape our communications.

The most recent communications we've had with Welsh officials suggest that the
Welsh Minister plans to express his disappointment on this afternoon's call that DAs
were not invited to attend the AI Safety Summit, but I don't expect they will push
again for attendance given the timeframes.

To note that apart from attending the call, I am out of the office today, and it's Tom
Wilkinson's non-working day. Please liaise with the AI team ai@gov.scot regarding
comms. I also copy Geoff for awareness.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 10:33 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
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Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI
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Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Morning **[redacted]**

Aware of the call taking place this afternoon and we will be speaking to Officials
following that to find out the outcomes and general tone of UKG and others on the
call – as that will likely dictate how we approach the comms.

Thanks
[redacted]
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 10:14 AM
To: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Sending from the correct box and copying in Comms colleagues instead of the Cab Sec box.

[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy – Neil Gray MSP
The Scottish Government
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 10:12 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: AI Summit - Tweet Request

Colleagues,

Mr Lochhead has asked for social media posts to be generated for the AI Summit meeting later today.

Comms grateful if you could please liaise with the officials in copy to get a draft tweet up to Private Office by COP today.

[redacted]/Tom – Mr Lochhead has asked if we know if the other DA's are going back on our call to attend the main event?

Thanks,

[redacted]
[redacted]
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All teams call on AI - Thursday 10:10

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:17 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: All teams call on AI - Thursday 10:10

That#s great thank you it's been postponed until October but I will include these and be in touch.

[redacted]
Policy Lead – Data & Innovation
Digital Health and Care
Scottish Government

E // **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 12 September 2023 10:51
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: All teams call on AI - Thursday 10:10

Hi **[redacted]**,

[redacted]

I won't be in on Thursday, in terms of priorities relevant to your area, I'd suggest mentioning:

- Setting up Scottish Public Sector AI Task Force
- Increasing use of the Scottish AI Register
- Independent Review of Scotland's AI Strategy, led by the Scottish AI Alliance Leadership Group, to be completed Nov/Dec
- Liaising with UKG on Gen AI guidance and the UK AI Safety Summit (1-2 Nov)

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:35 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: All teams call on AI - Thursday 10:10

Hi [redacted]

I hope you are well.

Do you have some content I could add to the attached slide deck for my update to the DHAC division on Thursday. If you'd like to come along please feel free but if its not possible I'd be keen to get your top priorities to make them aware of what the AI unit are working on.

[redacted]

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Policy Lead – Data & Innovation
Digital Health and Care
Scottish Government

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DataGovHub Webinar Invite - Oct. 23, 2023

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:48 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Steph Wright <steph.wright@thedatalab.com>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: DataGovHub Webinar Invite - Oct. 23, 2023

I'd be very interested to hear your reflections afterwards, **[redacted]**

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:40 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Steph Wright <steph.wright@thedatalab.com>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: DataGovHub Webinar Invite - Oct. 23, 2023

Colleagues,

Just sharing the event below – I am going to sign up but just in case it pushes anyone else's buttons!

[redacted]

From: The Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub <datagovhub@gwu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:02 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: DataGovHub Webinar Invite - Oct. 23, 2023

Invitation to register for DataGovHub webinar on UK's AI Safety Summit

1.   Upcoming Webinar

Webinar: **Perspectives on AI Risks in Light of the UK's AI Safety Summit**

Time: **Monday, October 23, 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT**

Register here

the early days of World War II, the British Service repurposed mansions at Bletchley ark to house a large team of codebreakers. These individuals, mainly academics, used n early form of artificial intelligence to break German code and in so doing, protect the ritish people. Some 80 years later, the UK government announced it would host the fir ternational summit on AI Safety at Bletchley Park on November 1-2 UK officials stated at they had identified two very broad types of AI risks– misuse (as example using AI t use chaos or harm) and loss of control risks. Some NGOs criticized the planners for t focusing on more immediate risks to individuals. In this webinar, our three speakers ll examine if these are the most important and immediate risks; what risks should be e central concerns of policymakers, and what are the best regulatory policies to itigate such risks. The moderator will discuss these issues for the first 30 minutes and e next 30 will be open to audience questions.

peakers:

- **Gina Neff**, Professor and Director, Minderoo Centre for for Technology and Democracy at the University of Cambridge
- **Katie Shilton**, Associate Professor Information Science at the University of Maryland
- **Tom Goldstein Volpi-Cupal**, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Maryland

Moderator:

- **Susan Ariel Aaronson**, Research Professor and Director, Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub, GWU

Digital Economy News (week 45/23)

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 9:09 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Digital Economy News (week 45/23)
Importance: High

[redacted],

Could you please include the item about the £38m AI aid investment in today's briefing about the Safety Summit?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 9:05 AM
Subject: Digital Economy News (week 45/23)

Public Sector

[redacted]

- **UK pledges £38 million for AI projects including labs in Africa**: from the Independent "*The UK has pledged £38 million to fund artificial intelligence (AI) projects around the world, starting in Africa. The commitment is part of an £80 million collaboration between Britain, Canada and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to boost "safe and responsible" programming, the Foreign Office said*".

[redacted]

DSIT conversation

[redacted] and team – As per my email just now to Mr Lochhead's PO, I had an update from DSIT about the road to the AI Safety Summit, but not from FCDO about the Summit itself.

Besides the detail on the Summit, the DSIT officials described a positive coming response to the feedback we've given on the UK's AI Whitepaper, recognising the need to understand and support the different capacities of regulators and policy departments. But, it remains unclear how the UK's announced funding will be divided between the "frontier AI" risks that the Summit will consider, and the more practical risks from AI that our expert advisors suggest should be the focus. This is likely to remain the case until the Whitepaper is updated following the Summit. But, in the meantime they promised a more regular dialogue between DSIT and the DAs, as well as civil-society led events on the road to the Summit.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

From: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 12:37 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Ok for me - thanks

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Spads Admin
<Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Callum,

I wondered if I might get your thoughts/advice on the situation around the
forthcoming UK AI summit and our handling.

[redacted] has reached out saying that she supports the approach below but
wondered what the Special Advisor position on it all might be – so she has the full
picture in advance of discussing with Mr Lochhead.

Can you let me know if you would be supportive of us waiting to see what comes of
the meeting on the 16th before issuing any letter or comms around the situation. As I
mentioned below, Comms colleagues are supportive of us waiting, but grateful for
your thoughts.

Happy to provide any additional information if you need it

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of AI Data Policy
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
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<[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hey **[redacted]**,

The event on the 17th will be a hybrid event so joining remotely would be an option. The invitation limits us to the Minister plus one, so I assume (and will check) that if Mr Lochhead cannot attend we could ask someone to go in his place.

We are a little concerned however that the event is basically a sales pitch for lots of tech companies and I am not convinced that there will be much opportunity for significant discussion around key areas of AI policy. I discussed the event with Tom W and we both suspect there will be little of importance covered.

I am happy to reach out to the event organisers and find out what options we have for remote dial in or policy attendance.

I also wanted to share with you a possible alternative route to handling the event on the 16th, and would be grateful if could consider and if appropriate share with Mr Lochhead.

Currently it looks as though Welsh Government colleagues are going to raise their issues/concerns in person on the 16th and will not look to be part of our planned letter.

I wondered therefore if it might make sense for us to follow the same path and in the first instance raise our concerns on the call on 16th October. In advance of the call I will reach out to Catriona and Peter so we have their thoughts and views on hand to support the Minister during the call. We can then, after the meeting and dependant on the outcome, be ready to publish a public response, sharing our concerns and disappointment. Post meeting I could approach Welsh colleagues to see if the event had addressed their concerns or if they continue to have issues and would like to join us in the shared public response.

I think that taking this approach would help us ensure we only go public once we have full detailed knowledge of what will be shared with DAs on the 16th and we won't share anything publicly which turns out to be inaccurate or amended following the call. This also ties with Comms advice about waiting until after the call to share anything more widely.

Really grateful if you could consider and let me know what you think.

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 2:17 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

No problem, well go back and confirm attendance at the call.

I've just seen that an email has come in re 17 October, see attached. Mr Lochhead will be speaking at the SNP conference that day so not able to attend in person but I don't know if you could find out if virtual attendance is possible or can officials attend?

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hey **[redacted]**,

Thanks for coming back to us.

Apologies if the draft is not appropriate – **[redacted]** asked us to provide one by close yesterday so that is what I did, please just discard if unhelpful.

We have had a response from Wales but they are currently pointing to using the meeting on the 16th to raise their concerns, so it may be that they do not wish to be included in our response – but I will go back to check and confirm. They have also indicated that they have been invited to an official pre-summit event in London on 17th October. Do you know if the Minister has also received an invitation?

I have started on the more in-depth response and will share it with relevant parties when ready.

Thank you

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 12:55 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

Thanks for the update.

I don't see the need for us to write twice, first to confirm attendance at the call, this would normally just be an email between private offices, and then again to follow up with our comments on not being invited to attend.

We can confirm attendance, using the lines in the letter and grateful for the draft letter asap once you have heard back from Welsh colleagues.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: Richard Lochhead <Richard.Lochhead@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Content but can we add that we look forward to discussing this further.rathern than juyst accepting we're not going.

Can we please publicise this issue before this meeting takes place.

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:35 PM
To: Richard Lochhead <Richard.Lochhead@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Mr Lochhead,

Content to clear the attached response?

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> on behalf of AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:29:05 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson
<Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Private Office Colleagues,

Please see attached a draft acceptance letter for the Minister to issue regarding the pre-summit events and meeting on the 16th.

[redacted]

I am currently starting work on a draft response to the wider DA issue around us not being invited to take part, and I will share that with the Minister, Catriona, Peter and Welsh Govt colleagues as soon as I have a reasonable version. I will also investigate

the other event specific questions which the minister has raised and include that information in my draft/background info.

I am still waiting to hear back from Welsh colleagues regarding their views and if they are content to work with us on this, and as soon as I get confirmation I will be able to distribute the draft round the group.

It may be useful to issue the letter as a formal response to the meeting on 16th October, depending on how the conversation develops. I hope this is suitable and will be in touch shortly with a draft letter.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:10 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

I've been discussing our experience throughout with [redacted]'s Welsh counterpart, **[redacted]**, so that would be a basis for proposing what the minister has suggested.

I'll reach out to **[redacted]** now, but ask you guys to work with their team to see what might be possible in terms of joint statements.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:54 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hi Tom,

Please see the below email from Mr Lochhead's PO.

We would be grateful if you could provide a steer and guidance on the direction and we can take this forward.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:00 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Additionally, Mr Lochhead has asked for the UKG AI letter to be shared with Catriona Campbell and Peter Mathewson, Principal Edinburgh Uni, along with our proposed draft response for this thoughts/input.

Mr Lochhead is currently travelling to California and his PS will try to get on the plane Wifi so the Minister can clear a draft response asap.

Many thanks,

[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
Email: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:40 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hi All,

Mr Lochhead has noted the letter from SoS and asked me to pass on his comments:

'We need to get support of other DAs and jointly publicise and talk up Scotland's leadership in ethical AI etc and passing reference to fact Edinburgh would have been appropriate location.

We need to find out how many folk are going so we can refer to eg. 1000 delegates and no room for Scotland

We also need to copy to all stakeholders when appropriate as they will support our concerns.'

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
Email: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:50 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

[redacted] has just told me that the minister will be back from LA in time for the call on the 16th at the time that DSIT have suggested.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:31 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

[redacted] – can I check, please: has the PO confirmed availability for the time that DSIT have offered – 0430 LA time?

The conversation with FCDO hasn't happened yet. I'll need to follow up with our DEXA colleagues, to see how they'd advise our push on FCDO, which might now just be about pushing for official representation at the summit. The minister's requested comms approach would suggest that he's content not to attend the main summit, but he does want an idea of what we'll be pushing for in the engagement with DSIT. So, I think his response to DSIT SoS should probably be a simple acceptance in principle – although not for the specific time that has been proposed until we've confirmed that.

It sounds like Comms will want an outline of our position for the DSIT DA engagement. I'd propose something along the lines of the original letter I drafted for the FCDO. But, happy to discuss this.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:11 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Good morning,

The DSIT SoS has now written to Mr Lochhead confirming that DA's will not be invited to the summit, instead inviting them to attend the events leading up to the summit. Please find this letter attached.

Mr Lochhead has been invited to attend a call with the SoS and other DA's on 16 October – which PO has confirmed the Minister would be available to attend.

In light of **[redacted]**'s draft letter from Joe Griffin to his counterpart in FCDO, should this be referenced within Mr Lochhead's reply to SoS? I would be grateful for your thoughts and steer on the direction of Mr Lochhead's reply.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 7:55 AM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Morning

Just to confirm that Mr Lochhead is available on the 16 to dial in to the meeting.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 6:08 PM
To: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hello all

Sharing the letter that has now come in from the SoS. **[redacted]** – can we please get a draft response for the Minister? Could we have a draft by close of play tomorrow please?

Thank you

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her)
Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy – Neil Gray MSP
Scottish Government | St Andrews House Edinburgh EH1 3DG CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot

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Hey **[redacted]**,

Part of my reasoning for wanting to speak with [redacted] and Tom is that I am starting to lose the place with where we are – sorry!

My understanding (but this may only be part of the story) is that –

12th June - Mr L wrote to SoS Science and Innovation - asking about a 4 Nations AI meeting – this was pre awareness of the UK AI Summit
19th July - We received a response suggesting that they were looking to arrange a four nations discussion on AI
28th August – We responded, acknowledging the reply and offering to host the 4 nations meeting
12th Sept (tbc) – We reached out to FCDO re Scottish involvement in the UK Summit
19th Sept – Mr L shared that he had heard about the UK Summit and asked if we had had any engagement around it
27th Sept – we became aware that FCDO appeared not to be engaging with us/Wales around the summit – indication that invitation list would be restricted
3rd October – policy update from DSIT that DA Ministers would not be invited but that we would be asked to take part in 'road to the summit' events. Also shared plan for 13th October DA meeting
4th October – Letter issued by Mr L to FCDO – indicating he was aware of the UK summit but had not been formally contacted about it.
5th October – Tom contacted DSIT asking for an agenda for the DA meeting before we confirm attendance. Ministerial feedback that he would prefer to continue to push for Summit attendance.
9th October – I have been asked to prepare a draft letter proposing that if no ministerial involvement is agreed, they consider policy involvement – to be issued by DG S&I – draft with Tom.

That is my understanding of the link ups and cross over and where we are, but it is moving in lots of different directions and I may have missed something.

More than happy to hold off on sharing until we know what we are doing.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 1:02 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Thanks, [redacted]

Can I just check one other thing for my own understanding in the meantime. What does this bit mean?

we were not originally invited or informed but since writing we have been offered

Has the Minister already written to the Minister calling for DAs to be involved in the Safety Summit (and was this recent ie. separate to the letter sent ahead of the SG debate calling for a 4 Nations summit)?

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:56 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Hey **[redacted]**,

Chris and I were just having the same conversation – both [redacted] and Tom are out of the office right now and I would like to take their thoughts before we do anything further too.

Happy to hold off and respond once we have the full picture.

Ty
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:51 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Removing PO, SpAds for now.

[redacted] and colleagues – unless I'm missing something, feels like it would be prudent to hold back on any possible correspondence/comms until it has been established whether or not UKG can offer an alternative to the original offer to meet on the 13th, and also what the outcomes of that call with DAs is?

As you know from the diary issues referenced – this week would not be the best time for any Comms in any case given Mr Lochhead is out of the country and undertaking space-related engagements.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 October 2023 12:28
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Adding comms colleagues who lead on AI.

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 11:52 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Thanks **[redacted]**

The Minister has asked if there has been any further thoughts in to comms around the letter/offer of a meeting?

Mr Lochhead thinks we should be looking at publishing the letter asap and providing a narrative that we were not originally invited or informed but since writing we have been offered as meeting and that we will be pressing for XYZ?

Grateful for thoughts

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Good morning,

Thank you for confirming Mr Lochhead's availability and apologies for the slow response back to you.

I have made our counterparts in UKG aware and will keep you updated on possible timings to see if this can be worked in.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:42 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Morning **[redacted]**

Mr Lochhead is in Los Angeles next week with an 8 hour time difference so is unlikely to be able to attend unless we can fit it in to the programme/work round the time difference.

I've copied in spads and Comms for awareness as Mr Lochhead has spoken with Spads and commented that he is keen to convey, via lines in the media over the weekend, disappointment that DAs have not have been formally informed or invited

yet and have written seeking info on role of DAs. We should also convey importance of AI to Scotland, UK and world and we should also be referring (just in passing) to irony that Edinburgh Uni leading the world on ethical AI and should have been obvious location for any summit etc.

I am aware that this may need to be looked at given that SoS now wishes to speak with Mr Lochhead.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: Engagement around the AI Safety Summit

Good morning colleagues,

We have had correspondence from our UKG colleagues in DSIT stating that the Secretary of State would like to hold a virtual call with Mr Lochhead on Friday 13 October. The time for this is tbc.

This will call would also include the other DA's relevant Ministers and will be around engagement of and discussions happening around the summit. Unfortunately, we do not know any further details at present.

The SoS will be formally writing to Mr Lochhead in the coming days, however given the tight time scales for this call, I would be grateful if you can please place a hold in the Minister's diary for this. Please let me know if there are issues surrounding the Ministers availability on the 13 October and/or times to avoid and I can update our DSIT colleagues.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

Time for a quick chat?

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:58 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

Hi **[redacted]**

Mr Lochhead has said that he thinks we should issue a PR and just say that along with other DAs we've asked to be involved in future summits and refer to the fact it's a too narrow and agenda anyway etc.

FYI – the letter has now issued and I will also send on to DAs.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:44 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

Thanks **[redacted]**.

Any thoughts on the media handing – tweet or pass to the Herald?

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:41 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

[redacted], **[redacted]**

I have attached the letter which I will issue to SoS just now.

Mr Lochhead is on his way to London, now arriving a bit later than planned.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

[redacted],

The agreed media handling on this had been to pass the letter exclusively to Andrew Learmont at The Herald. However, if the Minister prefers a tweet this afternoon we will prepare one now.

Regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 12:55 PM

Hi **[redacted]**

Me Lochhead has noted the letter and asked for the last line to be edited – something along the lines of - "meantime looking forward to seeing you tonight for which I thank you for the invitation". I am happy to make this change and issue the letter this afternoon if you are happy with it.

Once the letter has been issued, Mr Lochhead would like a social media post released this afternoon pre the dinner.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 4:06 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>
Subject: For Clearance - AI Devolved Nations Call Letter

Minister,

As requested please see attached a draft letter to Michelle Donelan MP, in response to 23rd October devolved administration AI call.

[redacted]

The letter is a central element of the suggested Comms plan – below – so we would be very grateful for clearance of this draft letter by **close this evening or early tomorrow (Saturday) morning** in order to catch Sunday press. If you would like any updates or amends made please let me know and I will take those forward.

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If you need any further information please let me know.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

For clearance - AI proactive statement

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:22 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy
<ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: for clearance - AI proactive statement

Thanks [redacted].

Issuing now.

Best wishes,

[redacted].

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 November 2023 12:22
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy
<ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: for clearance - AI proactive statement

Revised content fine from AI policy perspective.

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 12:16 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins

<Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: for clearance - AI proactive statement

Dropping Minister and SpAds.

Grateful if officials can confirm content with revised please?

I have spotted the literal in the spelling of Ms Donelan.

Best wishes.

[redacted].

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: 01 November 2023 12:06
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: for clearance - AI proactive statement

Hi **[redacted]**

Mr Lochhead has noted and made a slight change below:

Innovation Minister comments on AI Safety Summit

Speaking as the UK Government hosted an AI Safety Summit, Innovation Minister Richard Lochhead said:

"We are working to make Scotland a world leader in the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) in a way which is trustworthy, ethical and inclusive.

" Our universities' AI research and teaching is already world-class and we are determined to remain at the forefront of AI policy and technology development.

"While this summit appears to have a narrow focus on the long-term threat so-called frontier AI could pose to global security and doomsday scenarios, we should not lose sight of the more immediate risks such as misinformation and cyber security, nor the potential transformational benefits ethical AI can deliver to global society and the Scottish economy.

"I am disappointed the Scottish Government is not represented at the summit, despite requesting a place along with other devolved administrations, but I welcome assurances I was given at my meeting with the Secretary of State Michelle Donelan to discuss this issue where she committed to closely engage with the Scottish Government going forward. I hope this happens.

" Given the impact of AI regulation on devolved areas, and the likelihood implementation of regulation will be in the hands of Scottish agencies, Scotland's interests and priorities need to be taken into account."

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:21 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: for clearance - AI proactive statement

Minister/PO,

Grateful for clearance of the below proactive statement on UKG AI Safety Summit. Officials and SpAds are content.

We hope to issue as early as possible today to feed into wider media coverage around the safety summit.

For awareness, the Herald's coverage of the Minister's letter is available online - Scottish Government not invited to Rishi Sunak AI summit | The Herald (heraldscotland.com)

Thanks

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Senior Media Manager | News: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
Scottish Government

For Consideration - Artificial Intelligence - Comms Handling

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:37 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For Consideration - Artificial Intelligence - Comms Handling

Hi **[redacted]**

Mr Lochhead is content and has asked that we also try broadcasters – BBC/STV etc.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: For Consideration - Artificial Intelligence - Comms Handling

Hi **[redacted]**

Please see an outline of suggested Comms handling ahead of, and during, the AI Summit next week

Grateful for the Minister's consideration, please. To confirm that we did approach WG regarding opportunities for joint letter/comms, but they have declined the offer on this occasion.

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Further Comms opportunities will be considered following conclusion of AI Summit, outcomes and announcements.

Thanks
[redacted]

FutureScot article

Just for awareness

[redacted]

https://futurescot.com/innovation-minister-laments-scotlands-exclusion-from-ai-safety-summit/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=281078134&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8obLH2UsEVwZv4d2RC77-ARQIVyrcxlKdhBH1SDtR-xL98nELK4vmTQQ9kSYvuIDVOd7mVO76YBT7AwgyYNGDWs0-Hn1Sb4XWpNcB5RJrPxMapRXM&utm_content=281078134&utm_source=hs_email

Hallo von Deutschland! - und 2 x quick AI questions

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:44 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Hallo von Deutschland! - und 2 x quick AI questions

Thanks **[redacted]**, I should really write a book!

AI team – could you please forward the latest core brief to **[redacted]**?

For the AI regulation meeting, that sounds good, in terms of input, it would depend what the exact purpose of the chat is, and who will be involved. At the moment this is quite a shifting space, with the EU AI Act going through the trialogue process so it could still change significantly before the vote which is supposed to be around Xmas, and the UK AI Safety Summit on 1-2 November which UKG are keeping close to their chest. These are the two key elements we'll need to position ourselves in relation to.

Would it be helpful if our team attended the meeting?

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:13 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Hallo von Deutschland! - und 2 x quick AI questions

Hello! Hope you're doing well. Have been reading Martin Ford and thought of you!

Two quick things:

- Could I have the AI core brief?
- Embassy colleagues are meeting AI experts to discuss regulation of AI (I think quite informally at this stage) next week – are there any points on regulation we would want raised, for Scottish interests?

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her)
Direktorin der Schottischen Regierungsvertretung, Deutschland
Head of Scottish Government Office in Berlin (incoming)

Location: British Embassy, Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin, Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@gov.scot

Invitation: [redacted] / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Invitation: **[redacted]** / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday (GMT) ([redacted]@gov.scot)

Tom,

For info about the UK AI Safety Summit.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:26 PM
To: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]** @dsit.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation: **[redacted]** / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday (GMT) ([redacted]@gov.scot)

Thanks **[redacted]** that's helpful info – please let me know if you find out more.

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:45 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation: **[redacted]** / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday (GMT) ([redacted]@gov.scot)

Hi [redacted],

I spoke to the Summit Team and apparently FCDO have been discussing the involvement of the DAs in the Summit with No 10, so should have some more detail to offer very soon. We're not sure about the four nation meeting, however, so I'll do a little more digging.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]< **[redacted]**@cdei.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 1:03 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] (DSIT) <**[redacted]**@dsit.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Invitation: **[redacted]** / [redacted] - Monthly Catch-Up @ Monthly from 9am to 9:40am on the first Tuesday (GMT) ([redacted]@gov.scot)

Hey [redacted],

[redacted]

That's a good question re. who is best to talk to, **[redacted], [redacted]** is leading international work on the Summit, let me get in touch with him and see who he recommends and I'll loop you in.

[redacted]

On Mon, 4 Sept 2023 at 12:33, <[redacted]@gov.scot> wrote:

Hi Emily,

As we met 3 weeks ago, I am happy to skip that one unless you there was something in particular you wanted to discuss?

The only thing I wanted to flag is that I had a catch-up with our Minister last week, and the lack of UKG engagement with Devolved Administrations on both the AI Safety Summit, and a separate 4 Nation meeting on AI that DSIT SoS said she'd help organise is getting problematic. Do you know who I should talk to at DSIT about this so I can try and avoid further back and forth Ministerial correspondence?

Cheers,

[redacted]

Lack of Scottish Government/Devolved Administration Involvement in Forthcoming UK AI Summit

From: Peter Mathieson <principal@ed.ac.uk>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:08 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Catriona.Campbell@uk.ey.com
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Lack of Scottish Government/Devolved Administration Involvement in Forthcoming UK AI Summit

[redacted]
It might be helpful for the Minister to see a copy of the letter that I sent to the Prime Minister on June 20th and the reply that I received (eventually) on September 22nd.
With best wishes,
Peter

PDF
PM R Sunak -
20230620.pdf **See Annex 4**

PDF
Professor Sir Peter
Mathieson.pdf **See Annex 5**

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 October 2023 10:28
To: Catriona.Campbell@uk.ey.com; Peter Mathieson <principal@ed.ac.uk>
Cc: ai@gov.scot
Subject: Lack of Scottish Government/Devolved Administration Involvement in Forthcoming UK AI Summit

Catriona and Sir Peter,

PDF
Letter to Minister
Lochhead.pdf **See Annex 6**
Minister Lochhead has asked that I reach out to you both and share the attached correspondence which we received earlier this week.

You will see that despite our frequent attempts to ensure that Scotland and our devolved partners were at the table for these discussions, UKG have decided that we will not be able to attend and contribute to the debate.

Instead we have been invited to a short half hour, four nations call on Monday 16th of October. We are quite concerned that this approach limits our ability to influence the discussions in a way which will help build and support our social, economic and academic environments.

Mr Lochhead has asked that I make you aware of this and if you have any feedback or input, which you would like the Minister to share at the call next week, that you let me know and I will ensure it is included in his briefing.

If you would like to contribute I would need to have your comments by lunch time on Sunday 15th October – so I can build them into the Minister's briefing.

Should you need more information please just let me know.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

Meeting outcome note - Cab Sec/[redacted] catch-up on Thur 26 October

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 2:54 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Meeting outcome note - Cab Sec/[redacted] catch-up on Thur 26 October

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture <CabSecforCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (Berlin) <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; Frank Strang <Frank.Strang@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: Meeting outcome note - Cab Sec/[redacted] catch-up on Thur 26 October

Hi **[redacted]**,

Below is a short meeting outcome note from my meeting with Mr Robertson on Thursday. I have included the eRDM link for reference.

[redacted]

Meeting outcome note – regular update meeting with Head of the Scottish Government Office in Berlin, 26/10/23

Present: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture; [redacted] (CR), Head of the Scottish Government Office in Berlin; Kate Gwynn, Private Secretary

- **[redacted]**
- CR mentioned Vice-Chancellor Habeck's upcoming visit to London, where he will attend the AI Summit and sign an Energy and Climate Change partnership agreement with UKG. CR stressed the importance of ensuring that Scotland is properly represented in the work taken forward under the partnership agreement, and noted that officials are continuing to work with FCDO and DESNZ to press for access to the working groups which will be set up. So far UKG have made no commitments.
- **[redacted]**

Micase 202300373483 - OpenUK AI Hustings invite

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:12 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Micase 202300373483 - OpenUK AI Hustings invite

Morning **[redacted]**,

Thanks so much, this is really helpful.

I've forwarded your email to Mr Lochhead so he can confirm he is content with this course of action.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Assistant Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh
MinisterSBITT@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 4:47 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Micase 202300373483 - OpenUK AI Hustings invite

Hello **[redacted]**,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

So we had a bit of a look at this event when it first came in and I think my personal concern with it, is that it could very easily go down a very detailed and technical pathway, and I think it would be challenging for us to brief the Minister fully, on all possible areas of conversation, in advance of him taking part.

So I discussed the event with Tom Wilkinson this morning and I suggested that perhaps he would be able to represent the SG at the event instead of the Minister.

I know there are still some issues around the UK AI summit being discussed and from my perspective I would like to keep the Minister available to contribute to the more high level and potentially political elements of the on-going situation.

So my recommendation would be that the Minister does not attend, we propose Tom, and we work to get Mr Lochhead involved in more of the UK AI Summit events.

However, obviously if the Minister personally wants to take part we are more than happy to prepare suitable briefing and support his attendance.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:30 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Micase 202300373483 - OpenUK AI Hustings invite

Good morning,

I hope this finds you well.

I'm getting in touch regarding the MiCase 202300373483, which we received from FMPO asking if Mr Lochhead is content to attend on behalf of FM. Before we issue an accept response Mr Lochhead has asked whether officials believe he should only attend if there is an official role for him at the summit, or if you would recommend this is a good event to attend in any case?

Grateful for any steer you may be able to provide.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Assistant Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP
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Ministerial Letter Proposing Four Nations AI Meeting

AI Policy - Correspondence - R **See Annex 7**

AI Policy - Briefing - Request for UK Four **See Annex 8**

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 4:36 PM
To: zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade <MinisterSBIT@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; Alasdair Macleod <Alasdair.Macleod@gov.scot>; Colin Cook <Colin.Cook@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; Alastair McAlpine <Alastair.McAlpine@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: Ministerial Letter Proposing Four Nations AI Meeting

Minister,

As requested please see attached a suggested letter and supporting briefing pack, proposing a UK Four Nations AI meeting.

I have supplied some additional information around the Prime Minister's announcement of a global AI summit yesterday, and a little background on the current regulatory position. We have also specifically requested that the Four Nations meeting take place prior to the summit, which will hopefully ensure that wider UK voices are taken into account as that event moves forward.

I would be very grateful if you could consider the letter and approve for issue.

I am also aware that Comms colleagues will require sight of the final letter in order to brief the Herald in advance of your interview with them next week. They are copied in for information and I will alert them if any changes do need to be made.

Should you require any amends to the letter, or further information on any element, please do let me know.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

Mr Lochhead / Officials meeting 31 Aug 2023 3pm

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Minister SBITT - AI
Meetings at Bayes C **See Annex 9**

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson
<Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Mr Lochhead / Officials meeting 31 Aug 2023 3pm

Geoff – for info, yesterday's meetings were productive **[redacted]**

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 9:22 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Mr Lochhead / Officials meeting 31 Aug 2023 3pm

Looks spot on. **[redacted]**

Geoff Huggins

Director Digital
Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: Mr Lochhead / Officials meeting 31 Aug 2023 3pm

Hi Tom,

I thought it'd be helpful to agree the main points we might want to cover during our half-hour meeting with the Minister tomorrow.

Some initial thoughts:

- **[redacted]**
- Though we are working with UKG on cross-Whitehall work on guidance for Gen AI, UKG haven't been in touch at all regarding the Nov AI Summit, nor regarding the proposed 4 Nation meeting despite DSIT SoS response.

But this is all quite detailed stuff – and I think this is an opportunity for a more strategic conversation. So please let me know what you think (**Geoff** too).

[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

Richard Lochhead AI letter

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:46 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@heraldandtimes.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Richard Lochhead AI letter

Thanks Andrew. Appreciated.

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@heraldandtimes.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:33 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Richard Lochhead AI letter

Ah, sorry for not getting back to you, **[redacted]**! Yes. Definitely keen. Will run
tomorrow.

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 October 2023 11:31
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@heraldandtimes.co.uk>
Subject: Richard Lochhead AI letter

Andrew,

Are you able to confirm whether you are able to use the Minister's letter regarding
the AI Summit in tomorrow's paper?

Thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
Communications Team Leader
Scottish Government | News: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy |

Science and international relations

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 2:59 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Science and international relations

FYI – again, mentions the summit

[redacted] (she/her)
Direktorin der Schottischen Regierungsvertretung, Deutschland
Head of Scottish Government Office in Berlin

Location: British Embassy, Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin, Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 2:58 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman
<Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations
<DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
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<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
(Christopher) (FCO) <**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** *
<**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Science and international relations

Scott,

Some points from Canada for your chat with the CSA:

[redacted]

[redacted]
- One question for Professor Fitzpatrick is whether or not SG will be involved in
  UKG AI Summit at Bletchley in November (**comment:** via BHC, UKG are
  apparently looking for HoG representation, Trudeau is being invited to
  attend).

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Head of the Scottish Government Office in Canada
80 Elgin Street | Ottawa | K1P 5K7 | Canada |

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Deputy Director European Relations
<DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
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[redacted] (Christopher) (FCO) <**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; '**[redacted]** (Sensitive)'
<**[redacted]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Science and international relations

I am meeting the Chief Scientific Adviser on 29 August to explain our international
work and understand her priorities for international engagement. Grateful if you
could flag for any issues/opportunities I could usefully raise by close on 28 August
please.

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Scott Wightman
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Science and international relations

Scott – I've accepted the calendar request.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 18 August 2023 11:57
To: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Cc: Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland <ChiefScientificAdviser@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Science and international relations

Hi Scott

[redacted] has asked me to thank you for getting in touch. She would be pleased to meet with you and I've sent a calendar request for 29 August at 1530. Please just let me know if this time doesn't suit and I can look for another slot.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[REDACTED]
Assistant Business Manager & Executive Assistant to the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland
Industrial Transformation and Office of the Chief Scientific Adviser |
e-mail: **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>
Sent: 11 August 2023 15:02
To: Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland <ChiefScientificAdviser@gov.scot>
Subject: Science and international relations

[redacted]

I was wondering if you might have time for a chat in the coming weeks. I'd welcome the opportunity to talk about the priorities for our international engagement and to understand your priorities and how we might be able to support them through the SG's international network and international communications activities. If you agre, perhaps our offices could look to identify a suitable time.

Scott

SCOTT WIGHTMAN
Director for External Affairs

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay (Area 2H South)
Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Scotland Article

From: [redacted]<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:10 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>;
SE SDI Germany <SESDIGermany@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Scotland Article

Many thanks for your suggestions **[redacted]** - all are great ideas.

[redacted]

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Senior International Trade Manager
Financial & Industrial Technologies

Scottish Development International (SDI)
Kasernenstrasse 27 | 40213 Düsseldorf | Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@scotent.co.uk

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 07 November 2023 14:01
To: [redacted]<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; SE SDI Germany <SESDIGermany@scotent.co.uk>;
[redacted]@gov.scot; **[redacted]**@gov.scot; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Scotland Article

That's a great idea **[redacted]**. Are Welsh and NI colleagues aware?

I'd have thought good opportunities to promote:

- **[redacted]**
- AI could be a good one to plug – perhaps we could even do that one first,
  capitalising on some of the hype around the recent AI summit in London that
  Habeck attended
- **[redacted]**

We might want to think about what professions BCCG members tend to come from,
as well, and tailor accordingly.

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her)
Direktorin der Schottischen Regierungsvertretung, Deutschland
Head of Scottish Government Office in Berlin

Location: British Embassy, Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin, Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@gov.scot

From: [redacted]<[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:51 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; SE SDI Germany
<SESDIGermany@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scotland Article

Dear **[redacted]**,

Many thanks for your email. Could you share the past 3 articles in the BCCG bulletin
about Scotland?

As you are asking for suggestions for an upcoming article – something about Space
sector would be great, especially after Space Tech Expo taking place next week in
Bremen with 25 Scottish companies + 2 German investors into Scotland (Rocket
Factory Augsburg and HyImpulse) and Minister Lochhead being present.
FYI: Comms Teams from SG and SDI/SE are currently working on several media
and PR releases, so we might use parts of those for this BCCG article as well.

Best regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Senior International Trade Manager
Financial & Industrial Technologies

Scottish Development International (SDI)
Kasernenstrasse 27 | 40213 Düsseldorf | Germany
Email: **[redacted]**@scotent.co.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: 07 November 2023 12:45
To: SE SDI Germany <SESDIGermany@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted]@gov.scot;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**@gov.scot
Subject: Scotland Article
Importance: Low

FYI

We have recently published three articles in the BCCG Bulletin on opportunities in Scotland (i.e. on BigData, Mobility & Hydrogen).

I had suggested to Juliane from the BCCG that, going forward, the BCCG Bulletin could publish a series on general business opportunities in all devolved administrations, including of course Scotland. This should include Trade and Investment opportunities of your focus areas, and I would be happy to receive your suggestions for a *Team Scotland in Germany* - article. The audience will predominately be businesspeople in Germany.

Thanks,
Johannes

From: [redacted]| BCCG <Blume@bccg.de>
Sent: 07 November 2023 10:41
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: AW: Idee

Hallo **[redacted]**

ich konnte gerade mit Ilka sprechen, wir machen es sehr gerne als Serie!

Ich melde mich dann auf jeden Fall frühzeitig, sobald wir in die Planung des nächsten BULLETINs gehen.

Ich wünsche Dir eine schöne Woche.

LG **[redacted]**

Von: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Gesendet: Mittwoch, 25. Oktober 2023 16:16
An: [redacted] | BCCG <Blume@bccg.de>
Betreff: RE: Idee

Das freut mich! Gerne schreiben wir natuerlich den Artikel fuer Schottland.
Musst Du diese Idee noch intern bewilligen lassen, oder kannst Du schon hier und jetzt festlegen eine solche Serie zu machen?

[redacted]

From: [redacted] | BCCG <Blume@bccg.de>
Sent: 25 October 2023 15:12
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Subject: AW: Idee

Hallo **[redacted]**

vielen Dank für Deine Nachricht, dass ist eine wirklich gute Idee!

Ich kann mir das sehr gut als Serie vorstellen, da wir dadurch einen guten Rahmen für Eure Beiträge in unserem BULLETIN schaffen können.

Das BULLETIN erscheint ja halbjährlich und die Serie könnte direkt in der Ausgabe II/24 (Erscheinungstermin Juli 2024) starten. Ich würde den jeweiligen Artikel auch so layouten, dass eine Serie erkennbar ist.

Liebe Grüße und vielen Dank für Deine Unterstützung!

[redacted]
Von: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@scotent.co.uk>
Gesendet: Freitag, 20. Oktober 2023 16:22
An: **[redacted]** | BCCG <Blume@bccg.de>
Betreff: Idee

Hallo **[redacted]**,

Zusammen mit Katharinas Artikel haben wir dann bereits drei fokussierte Artikel für das Bulletin bereitgestellt. Das tun wir sehr gerne als Mitglied der BCCG aber auch, weil wir darin auch eine Möglichkeit sehen, das Bewusstsein fuer den schottischen Markt in Deutschland zu schärfen.

Was hälst Du von einem eher allgemeinen Artikel über Schottland, seine Wirtschaft und seine potenziellen Handels- und Investitionsmöglichkeiten für deutsche Unternehmen? Dies könnte Teil einer Serie sein, die alle Devolved Administrations im Vereinigten Königreich porträtiert... . Natürlich wuerden wir auch da gerne behilflich sein.

Wäre das eine interessante Idee für zukünftige Ausgaben?

[redacted]

[redacted]

SPAD views - AI proactive statement - 10am

This looks fine, thanks

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: SPAD views - AI proactive statement - 10am

Thanks Tom, Thanks **[redacted]**.

Hi SpAds,

Following the Minister's letter to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on today's AI Safety Summit, expressing disappointment that Scotland's request to attend was rejected, and his attendance at a pre-summit dinner in London earlier this week, we have drafted a proactive statement to feed into general media coverage around the UKG AI Safety Summit.

The Minister is keen to not lose sight of the potential benefits from AI, given the summit's focus on the potential dangers. Officials are content. With apols for the early ask, grateful for views before 10am, pls.

Thanks,

[redacted]

Speaking as the UK Government hosted an AI Safety Summit, Innovation Minister Richard Lochhead said:

"We are working to make Scotland a world leader in the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) in a way which is trustworthy, ethical and inclusive. Our universities' AI research and teaching is already world-class and we are determined to remain at the forefront of AI policy and technology development.

"While this summit appears to have a narrow focus on the long-term threat so-called frontier AI could pose to global security and doomsday scenarios, we should not lose sight of the more immediate risks such as misinformation and cyber security, nor the potential transformational benefits ethical AI can deliver to global society and the economy.

"I'm disappointed the Scottish Government is not represented at the summit, despite requesting a place along with other devolved administrations, but I welcome assurances that the UK Government will closely engage with the Scottish Government going forward. Given the impact of AI regulation on devolved areas, and the likelihood implantation of regulation will be in the hands of Scottish agencies, Scotland's interests and priorities need to be taken into account."

From: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:43 PM
To: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: views pls - AI proactive statement

Hey **[redacted]**,

Just to flag from an AI policy perspective I believe this is accurate and represents the minister's ask well.

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From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:42 PM
To: **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: views pls - AI proactive statement

Many thanks for sharing **[redacted]**. I think that covers our position well.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 7:58 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI
Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
<CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; **[redacted]**
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: views pls - AI proactive statement

Hi all,

Apols for the v late email – appreciate feedback unlikely this evening unless
colleagues follow a later working pattern.

Grateful for consideration as early as possible in the morning.

Following the Minister's letter to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and
Technology on the AI Safety Summit, and his attendance at a pre-summit dinner in
London earlier this week, we have drafted a proactive statement to feed into general
media coverage around the UKG AI Safety Summit.

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summit's focus on the potential dangers.

Grateful for views, pls. Happy to chat.

Thanks,

[redacted]

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artificial intelligence (AI) in a way which is trustworthy, ethical and inclusive. Our
universities' AI research and teaching is already world-class and we are determined
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sight of the more immediate risks such as misinformation and cyber security, nor the
potential transformational benefits ethical AI can deliver to global society and the
economy.

"I'm disappointed the Scottish Government is not represented at the summit, despite
requesting a place along with other devolved administrations, but I welcome assurances that
the UK Government will closely engage with the Scottish Government going forward. Given
the impact of AI regulation on devolved areas, and the likelihood implantation of regulation

will be in the hands of Scottish agencies, Scotland's interests and priorities need to be taken into account."

[redacted]
Senior Media Manager | News: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy
Scottish Government

SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Callum McCaig
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 2:18 PM
To: FoI SpAds PO <FoI.SpAdsPO@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

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From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Morning Callum,

I wonder whether you might be happy to have a quick chat about ministerial support on AI, with me and [redacted]?

[redacted]

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Callum,

AI Policy -
Correspondence - T **See Annex 10**
Could you possibly consider/clear the attached letter for issue?

Thank you

[redacted]

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:40 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Reviewed and minor additions made. I'm content for this to go up.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Cc: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling
Importance: High

Hi Tom,

(Sighting **[redacted]** given the timeframes)

As discussed yesterday, I've drafted a letter to DSIT SoS following up on Monday's call (the first item on John's list below).

https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A45725525/details

Could you please review / amend as you see fit?

AI team – once Tom has reviewed, could you please ensure this gets through the clearance process ASAP to meet the timeframes below?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:24 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
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and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>;
Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Happy with the suggestion of giving Andrew an exclusive, don't think we need a PQ on this though.

Thanks,
Callum

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>;
Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Sorry, Callum – a final thoughts is that a PQ could be planted on the 1st, giving the Minister an opportunity to reiterate the points and asks he makes to UKG.

I'll add that in as a possibility, flagging it's ultimately a SpAd/Minister call to use the device (if it's stil feasible time-wise).

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkandenergy@gov.scot>;
Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Thanks, Callum

By coincidence, **[redacted]** has been in touch to ask if Mr Lochhead will be attending the AI summit. Andrew did a sit-down with RL on his previous letter around calls for a 4 Nations Summit and gave it a good write-up.

Rather than go back to Andrew to say no – and leave him to pursue a Minister-not-invited story himself, suggest we offer him an exclusive on the letter for Sunday or Monday?

Unless any concerns with that approach will put to the Minister shortly.

[redacted]

From: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 12:11 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Ok thanks

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:10 AM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Subject: SpAd View - AI Summit - Handling

Morning Callum

Following up on Mr Lochhead's requests regarding AI. We have discussed the option of joint comms with WG but they have declined on this occasion.

We've therefore agreed the following approach with Policy. Grateful for a view, please.

00:01 Sunday 29th October
RL writes to Secretary of State reiterating the importance of Scotland's role in AI and calling for a four nations partnership to develop AI legislation and policy *(top-and-tail news release carrying letter issued under embargo, Twitter, LinkedIn)*

00:01 Wednesday 1st November
RL comments on the opportunities of AI for Scotland ahead of the AI Summit *(proactive statement, Twitter, LinkedIn)*

11:30 Thursday 2nd November
RL Speaks at the DataFest Data Summit in Edinburgh *(Speech, Bids, Twitter, LinkedIn)*
Opportunity to reflect on first day of the summit and reiterate comments made earlier in the week. Opportunity to accommodate media bids.

Thanks
[redacted]

UKG AI Announcements

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:28 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Steph Wright
<steph.wright@thedatalab.com>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Announcements

Thanks for the info [redacted].

Shame we missed each other last week, but I'm sure we'll catch up again soon!

Best,

David

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 November 2023 14:20
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>; steph.wright@thedatalab.com
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: UKG AI Announcements

Hi David,

We saw you at the Data Summit but didn't get to speak, apologies.

The £100m is supposedly new money but the article doesn't say how it will be
disbursed exactly. Copying Imme and Alistair for interest.

The £400m article is behind a paywall but I assume it refers to the actually £200m
new money going to Cambridge and Bristol for supercomputing. This need to be
seen in the context of the £900m that is going to Edinburgh for exascale computing,
which was announced three weeks ago. So no action possible there.

The £118m is actually £117m old money – and four of the twelve CDTs are led by or
involve a Scottish university, so we are punching above our weight this time when it
comes to getting UKRI funding. So no further action needed there.

Cheers,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@scotent.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Steph Wright <steph.wright@thedatalab.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: UKG AI Announcements

Hi Stef, [redacted],

I see there's been a bunch of AI announcements in recent days from UKG (nicely linked into the summit starting tomorrow of course!).

I was wondering if you have had any engagement with folk in UKG on any of these or are planning to?

New £100 million fund to capitalise on AI's game-changing potential in life sciences and healthcare

Sunak ramps up spending on AI chips to £400m

Britain to be made AI match-fit with £118 million skills package

Cheers,

[redacted]

UKG AI Conference and AI Asks

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UK AI Summit - 6 No   See Annex 11

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 6:01 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy
<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; DG
Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>;
Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins
<Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy
<ai@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Conference and AI Asks

Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

**Priority: Routine (but the Minister might find it helpful to read it prior to
meeting with AI officials at 2pm tomorrow).**

For information:

Update on UK AI Safety Summit and Scottish AI Strategy Independent Review.

eRDM link: https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A45866857/details

Thank you,
[redacted]

[redacted] (he/him)
Head of AI and Data Science
Scottish Government
[redacted]@gov.scot

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 12:01 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy
<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and
Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; DG Corporate
<dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Tom
Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>;
[redacted] <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Conference and AI Asks

Thanks **[redacted]** and **[redacted]**.

As the team is currently tied up at the Data Summit, I share a quick update below.

[redacted]

Regarding the proceedings of the UK AI Safety Summit in Bletchley Park (point 1), we will provide a more comprehensive readout on Monday, but the key elements so far are:

- UK Government have released very little information to date, in accordance with the exclusive, closed-door nature of the event. The list of organisations attending (but not individuals) is available on the event's website (https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/), as is the agenda, which is focused on so-called "Frontier AI" and consistent with what UK DSIT Secretary of State outlined on her call with the Minister and other DA Ministers on 23 October, and the concerns the Minister expressed publicly subsequently.

- The key policy output is the so-called Bletchley Park Declaration (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023), which contains very little of substance, as can be expected from a document signed by both the US and China.

- That declaration was somewhat (and potentially intentionally) overshadowed by the White House's Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, issued the day before, which has significantly more substance (https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/10/30/fact-sheet-president-biden-issues-executive-order-on-safe-secure-and-trustworthy-artificial-intelligence/)

- UK Government have made a number of investment announcements. Some of them were previously allocated funding:
  - Repurposing of the £100 Frontier Model Task Force (originally Foundation Model Task Force) as an "AI Safety Institute"
  - Announcement of the winning bids for the twelve £117m UKRI-funded Centre for Doctoral Trainings – of which three are Scotland-led, and a fourth includes a Scottish partner – reflecting the strengths of our universities in AI (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britain-to-be-made-ai-match-fit-with-118-million-skills-package)

- Some investments were new funding:
  - Additional £200m for supercomputing infrastructure in Bristol and Cambridge (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/technology-secretary-announces-investment-boost-making-british-ai-supercomputing-30-times-more-powerful)
  - This should be seen in the context of the £900m UKG investment in exascale computing at the University of Edinburgh, announced last month (https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/2023/edinburgh-to-lead-new-era-of-uk-supercomputing)

o   Additional £100m for AI in life sciences and health care (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-100-million-fund-to-capitalise-on-ais-game-changing-potential-in-life-sciences-and-healthcare).

We will revert with more detail next week.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Conference and AI Asks

Hi **[redacted]**,

Cab Sec has noted and thinks Mr Lochhead's suggestion of Cabinet briefing session is worthwhile.

Let's pick up handling of this next week.

Thanks,

John
[redacted]
Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy – Neil Gray MSP
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House **|** Regent Road **|** Edinburgh **|** EH1 3DG
Email: CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:30 AM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig

<Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Geoff
Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <**[redacted]**@gov.scot>
Subject: UKG AI Conference and AI Asks
Importance: High

Morning

Mr Lochhead has a few asks relating to AI, I have detailed these below.

1. Can an update please be provided on the UKG AI Summit currently taking
   place at Betchley Park – who is attending, what is being discussed, outcomes
   and action points.

[redacted]

I am happy to chat these asks through with the team if that would be helpful

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism
and Trade
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UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI

[redacted]

Email and letter as discussed. Could you add to the Daily Note please

Correspondence -
AI Safety Summit and

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI

Thanks **[redacted]**.

We'll press ahead on that basis and deal with any bids tomorrow on a case-by-case
basis.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:06 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation,
Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI

Hi **[redacted]**

Mr Lochhead has commented that he is content with a pro-active statement issued
tomorrow.

For the media bids, we would need to see what can be accommodated in the diary
as it's very busy tomorrow.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI

[redacted],

I've spoken to The Herald and at this late stage they have no space to take an op-ed. Given we have given the paper the letter as an exclusive as agreed, and it is using it on that basis, I would be loath to break the arrangement and offer an op-ed covering the same ground to another publication.

As an alternative, I suggest preparing a pro-active statement for general issue tomorrow morning, drawing on the letter and the Minister's draft below. That would have the advantage of providing material for media to use in their running coverage of the Summit. Would be Minister be available to undertake bids tomorrow if we follow that route?

Grateful for the Minister's thoughts.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Communications Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyFairWorkAndenergy@gov.scot>
Subject: UKG AI Summit - Proposal for column on AI

Morning **[redacted]**

Following last nights dinner, Mr Lochhead has asked that we urgently look at publishing a guest column on AI – could this be tied in to the piece with the Herald? Or issued on social media, to publish tomorrow.

Mr Lochhead has quickly drafted the following to give the tone etc. that he is looking for:

Some thoughts on the U.K. Government's AI summit.

I'm disappointed the Scottish Government is not represented at the summit despite requesting a place as did the other Devolved Administrations. Given the impact of AI on devolved areas of government it would have been helpful to have been part of the conversation.

I was however grateful to be invited by the UKG and City of London to attend the pre-summit dinner in London last night.

However, I recognise that the summit is focussing on a narrow and niche agenda which is the threat of AI to global security and how to manage and prepare the risks.

Speaking to many people in the sector it is understood that the U.K. wishes to carve out a niche in the global response to rapidly developing AI.

My concern shared by many is that AI has enormous potential to benefit society and our economy and by choosing to focus on the risks the U.K. is in danger of generating concerns about potential long term threats rather than on the benefits or the here and now risks like misinformation, bias and cyber security.

Focussing on far into the distance doomsday scenarios could drown out or demote the massive game changing benefits for people, our economy and the wider world.

Scotland is leading on many areas of AI centred around our universities and expertise in both the technology and ethics.

The U.K's approach so far appears to be to engage with big business and national governments. We need to take people with us and ensure that this is or a remote or elitist debate.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary

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UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

Morning Tom

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letter regarding UK **See Annex 13**
Mr Lochhead has asked for the letter to be issued and I will do that just now, copy
attached for your records.

He has also asked that the letter is published and the fact that SG has not been
invited should be publicised, I've copied in Comms colleagues. Something along the
lines of XXX number of organisations have been invited but not SG etc.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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and Trade
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:26 PM
To: Richard Lochhead <Richard.Lochhead@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

To see comments from officials – what would you like to do?

From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:23 PM
To: AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism
and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins
<Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

[redacted], Goeff and AI team – I've just had an email from DSIT which states that no SG ministers will be invited to the summit:

"Last week we had it confirmed that due to the very restricted invite list, DA Ministers are not going to be invited to the AI Safety Summit. However, our Secretary of State is very keen to ensure that the Devolved Administrations are brought into the many discussions happening around the Summit, including the "Road to Summit" events – we will be reaching out with some more information on this very shortly."

Obviously this isn't official word from FCDO, who own the event. But, I wonder whether we should reflect it in the letter, hold for a more official communication, or push forward to get ahead of official communication?

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** AI Data Policy
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 5:40 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

[redacted],

As requested, please see a revised letter for the Minister's consideration.

[redacted]

Please let me know should you require any further updates or additional information.

Thank you

[redacted]
AI Policy

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins

<Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

Morning Tom

Mr Lochhead has noted the draft letter and asked for this to be redrafted, commenting that the letter should simply be about saying we understand this event is taking place but having had no correspondence from UKG Mr Lochhead is trying to clarify what role is envisaged for Scotland and DAs etc .

Grateful if an updated draft could be with us by COP today.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

John

I've attached a draft letter for the minister's consideration and feedback.
[redacted]

We've assumed that the letter will have more weight by highlighting the specific issues raised by Lord Clement-Jones, and the related concerns being voiced by Scotland's leading AI and AI Ethics researchers.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

Thanks Tom, Mr Lochhead is of the view that we should write ASAP and publicise that we are seeking to be involved.

[redacted]

[redacted]| Private Secretary
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead
ministersbitt@gov.scot

Hi **[redacted]**

The conversation with DSIT officials followed the same lines described by our Welsh counterparts, covering engagement on the road to the Summit. FCDO did not attend to discuss the Summit itself.

The planned DSIT activities sound like they might address the minister's letter at the start of the summer, making sure that the DAs have a voice in shaping the Summit. But, there won't be official announcements on this or the intended invitees of the Summit until the start of next week.

The minister may wish to delay writing to UK ministers until there are official announcements about the Summit and road to the Summit, promised next week, to which he can specifically respond. Please let us know if he would like to proceed sooner.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: Tom Wilkinson
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy
<ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

Hi **[redacted]**

A quick update: I have a conversation lined up with at least DSIT officials for the end
of this afternoon. FCDO officials have not accepted this invitation, despite a holding
response to my earlier enquiries.

Our counterparts in Welsh Government had a conversation yesterday with UKG
officials. FCDO officials did not attend. The DSIT officials who joined described their
department's work arranging events leading up to the summit, but aren't responsible
for the summit itself. They did indicate that the invite list for the summit would be
finalised imminently, and suggested that some UK cabinet members were unlikely to
be invited...

I shall give an update after my conversation this afternoon, if we are told anything
different than our Welsh counterparts.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 1:00 PM
To: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business,
Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

Hi Tom

Thanks, that all makes sense, I'll let Mr Lochhead know where things are just now.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary
Office of Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism
and Trade

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From: Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
<MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; AI Data Policy
<ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

We had reached out to officials in FCDO last week to discuss SG input for the
summit and are waiting for a response, but I am not aware of anyone in SG being
engaged by UKG. Following the placeholder response to the minister's request for a
four-nations summit on AI, from the UK Secretary of State for Science and
Technology, we had been informed that FCDO would be the department to engage.
We also understand that FCDO and Welsh officials have an upcoming discussion on
the topic of the Global Summit.

We would advise giving FCDO until the end of the week to respond, before writing at
the ministerial level.

[redacted] will be on leave now for a few weeks now, but if you can address me and
the AI Data Policy mailbox we'll pick everything up.

Best
Tom

Tom Wilkinson | Chief Data Officer
Digital Directorate | Scottish Government

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small
Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 12:30 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Tom Wilkinson <Tom.Wilkinson@gov.scot>;
AI Data Policy <ai@gov.scot>
Cc: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business,
Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>
Subject: UKG hosted Global UK AI Safety Summit

[redacted]

The Minister has mentioned seeing in a briefing over the last couple of week, that
UKG are hosting a global UK AI Safety Summit on 1-2 November at Bletchley Park.

Mr Lochhead has asked if SG have had any engagement with UKG on this summit/has anyone been invited to attend and if not, can we please write to UKG asking for more information to explore whether there is a way for SG to participate? Either at Official or Ministerial level.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
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Annex 1

ENGAGEMENT TITLE: Meeting with UK Government re AI Safety Summit

Date and time of Engagement	Monday 23 October 2023, 14:30-15:00
Where	Teams Call
Who	Secretary of State DSIT – Michelle Donelan Welsh Minister – TBC Irish Minister – TBC
Key purpose or message	To discuss regulation of AI in the context of the forthcoming UK AI Safety Summit
Official support	**[redacted]** – Head of AI - **[redacted]**

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Annex A – Summary 2 Pages

The UK Government is organising an international AI Safety Summit in Bletchley Park (1-2 November 2023). Attendance will be limited to around 100 key stakeholders including political, industry and thought leaders.

The UK Government has not meaningfully engaged with wider stakeholders, including Devolved Administrations, or the public ahead of the Summit.

This is in spite of the Minister writing on 12 June to Rt Hon Chloe Smith, MP Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, proposing that a Four-Nation AI Summit be held before the Safety Summit. The Secretary of State responded on 19 July that *"[her officials] are working to identify an opportunity for a discussion on this topic between Ministers and officials from the UK Government, the Scottish and Welsh Governments and the Northern Ireland Executive. We will be in touch shortly to confirm arrangements."* **[redacted]**

The UK Government belatedly announced a short series of events prior to the Summit, co-organised with the Alan Turing Institute, techUK (which Scottish Government officials were invited to and attended, even though the primary audience was a business one) and the Royal Society, and are now presenting the Summit as the beginning of a broader national conversation.

Connor Leahy, the chief executive of the AI safety research company Conjecture, and one of the executives invited to the Summit, warned in the Guardian on 20 October that the conference risks achieving very little, accusing powerful tech companies of attempting to "capture" the Summit.

The Summit will focus on "Frontier AI", which the UK Government describes as "highly capable general-purpose AI models that can perform a wide variety of tasks and match or exceed the capabilities present in today's most advanced models".

The Summit will consider specifically:
1. Risks to Global Safety from Frontier AI Misuse (including bio- and cybersecurity).
2. Risks from Unpredictable Advances in Frontier AI Capability
3. Risks from Loss of Control over Frontier AI (whether and how very advanced AI could in the future lead to loss of human control and oversight, risks this would pose, and tools to monitor and prevent these scenarios).
4. Risks from the Integration of Frontier AI into Society (including election disruption, bias, impacts on crime and online safety, and exacerbating global inequalities).

More information on the Summit is available at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-introduction/ai-safety-summit-introduction-html
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-programme/ai-safety-summit-day-1-and-2-programme

Lines to take

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Recent key Ministerial engagements on AI

- On 1 June 2023 the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade, led a parliamentary debate entitled "Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses". The debate saw general consensus, around the need for ethical but regulated AI in Scotland and referenced the need to ensure proposed regulation worked for Scotland.

- The Minister hosted an event at Scotland House London on 12 September 2023 as part of the global CogX event. Entitled "Scotland @CogX: Leading the way in trustworthy, ethical, and inclusive AI", the event highlighted Scotland's unique position in the AI landscape, to a business and investment audience.

Top AI Lines

- [Scotland's AI Strategy](#), published in 2021, set out a vision for Scotland to become a leader in the development and use of trustworthy, ethical and inclusive AI.

- The Strategy makes a compelling case for sustained investment in Scotland's AI ecosystem. Our universities, research institutes and tech businesses are world-class, however in the global race to adopt AI we can't afford to fall behind.

- The strategy is designed to help us ensure that Scotland maximises the potential economic and social benefits of AI, by working closely with industry, innovators and educators to build the best environment to encourage growth & investment.

Annex B – UK Government approach to AI Regulation

- The current lack of clarity in AI regulation poses potentials risks to the rights of Scottish citizens, as well as obstacles to realising the full economic and social benefits of AI in Scotland.

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- The UK Government do not plan to create a new, dedicated UK AI regulator, but instead to delegate to existing regulators such as the Information Commissioner's Office, Equality and Human Rights Commission, and the Financial Conduct Authority.

- Furthermore, the UK Government's regulatory framework for AI will initially be issued on a non-statutory basis.

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Annex C – Biographies

The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP

Michelle Donelan was appointed Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology in February 2023. She was subsequently on maternity leave and returned to her post in July 2023.

She has previously acted as Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Secretary of State for Education from 5 to 7 July 2022, and from September 2022 to February 2023.

Her key responsibilities include the Online Safety Bill, oversight of science and technology as well as economic and national security.

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Yours sincerely,

Richard Lochhead

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Annex 4

THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

20 June 2023

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

I heard with interest your announcement earlier this month that the UK will host the first major summit on Artificial Intelligence Safety later this year. I write to propose that Edinburgh, and specifically the University of Edinburgh, would be the ideal location for such a summit.

The credentials of the University of Edinburgh to host such critical discussions are second to none. As the second university in the world to start to teach AI in the early 1960s, with only Stanford preceding us, to the present day where we are ranked as number 1 in the UK in Computer Science in successive Research Excellence Framework results. We have the largest concentration of AI researchers of any European university and our staff include world leaders in many aspects of AI research, including aspects of safety. Of particular note in that field is Professor Shannon Vallor, the Baillie Gifford Chair in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence, and a consulting AI Ethicist for Google's Cloud AI program.

In addition we host the UK's national supercomputer and hope to be confirmed as the home of Exascale, as we discussed on one of your previous visits to Edinburgh when you were Chancellor of the Exchequer.

At the heart of our approach to AI is the aim to augment digital technologies with intelligent capabilities to make people's lives better and address the great challenges of humanity. This involves working across all disciplines to carefully translate emerging technologies into social good through collaboration with external partners and broad engagement with society.

Edinburgh is a world renowned conference destination and has the infrastructure and experience required to host such a critical summit and convene conversations with our global partners to the benefit of all.

I do hope that you agree. We would be very happy to discuss further with your representatives.

With best regards,

Peter

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From the Assistant Private Secretary   22 September 2023

Dear Professor Mathieson

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 20 June, proposing that the University of Edinburgh host the UK's forthcoming summit on AI Safety this November.

AI is the transformational technology of our time, a catalyst for innovation and growth. Whilst there are benefits to developing AI, the Prime Minister also recognises the importance of establishing global oversight. With our wealth of domestic talent and expertise, the UK is well-placed to lead the global conversation on this matter. This autumn we will bring together countries, leading technology companies, and researchers to agree on the safety measures needed to evaluate and monitor the most significant risks emerging from the newest developments in AI technologies.

As you may have seen, Bletchley Park has been selected as the location of the summit. I appreciate that this is perhaps not the news you wished to hear. Nevertheless, I want to note that the Prime Minister welcomes the high-quality research that the University of Edinburgh conducts in this area, from the development of an algorithm to diagnose heart attacks to discovering senolytic drugs using AI. We also are delighted that the University is part of the Turing AI Fellowships programme. Alongside establishing the Edinburgh Laboratory for Integrated Artificial Intelligence, this will help strengthen the UK's AI skill base.

The Prime Minister appreciates your support for the AI Summit and hopes that the University of Edinburgh's research continues to be a catalyst for innovation.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

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Annex 6

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Dear Michelle,

I write to you in follow up to my letter of 13th April 2023, and following a very interesting and thought provoking Scottish Parliamentary debate on the topic of Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence: Seizing opportunities for Scotland's people and businesses, which took place on 1st of June.

The debate itself covered a wide range of areas of opportunity and of course of concern from MSPs across the chamber. Following the discussion I intend to update and refresh Scotland's AI Strategy to reflect the ever changing environment in which we are working. My main take away from the debate however was that regardless of which constituency my colleagues represented, or from which side of the political spectrum they were placed, their main concern and focus, was that Scotland needs to ensure that AI is delivered in a way which is both supportive of innovation and prosperity, but which is also fair and open to the people of Scotland.

We are, I believe, at a pivotal point as a nation, where we have the opportunity to ensure that the people of the United Kingdom can have faith that we are all working together to deliver an AI infrastructure which will protect them from any potential risk, whilst also ensuring we can make the most of the benefits. It is with this in mind that I would like to propose a Four Nations AI Meeting, in order to ensure that all parts of the UK are represented as the regulation and deployment of AI continues.

I also believe there would be significant benefit in our Four Nations being able to meet and discuss their respective positions in advance of the proposed global AI summit put forward by the Prime Minister on Thursday June 8th. If the United Kingdom is to maintain its position at the forefront of technology development and innovation, we must also offer a joined up and cohesive platform for the future and I believe that Scotland has a significant contribution to make in this respect. For example the work of The University of Edinburgh, who contribute significantly to the on-going delivery of Scotland's AI Strategy, and are widely regarded as leading the world in the technical and ethical development of AI. I know that my Welsh and

Northern Irish counterparts would be very keen to be given the opportunity to contribute also.

I would be very grateful if you could consider this request as a matter of urgency, and if this is something you would like to take forward please let me know and our Private Office teams can make the arrangements.

I welcome your support and the opportunity to discuss AI further with you and our Four Nations colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Lochhead

Annex 8

From: **[redacted]**
Digital: Data Division: AI Policy
09 June 2023

Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade

Artificial Intelligence – letter requesting Four Nations AI meeting

1.   Priority and Purpose
Urgent.

For approval:
- Letter to Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology requesting Four Nations meeting to discuss AI

For information:
- Briefing UK Prime Minister's announcement of Global AI Summit

2.   Recommendation
Recommends that you:
- Approve the draft response to UK Secretary of State
- Note the contents of the related briefing

3.   Context and Issues
Letter to UK Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, requesting a meeting
- During the Scottish Parliamentary Debate on AI, held on 1st June 2023 there was clear support for a Four Nations meeting and as part of the agreed actions, you asked that we request a meeting.
- Please see the draft response attached for your approval.

Briefing on recent developments in relation to regulation
- On Thursday 7th June, the UKG Prime Minister, has announced that he intends to hold a global summit on AI safety.
- Information on the background to this announcement are included.

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Annex: Recent international developments.

On Thursday 8th June the UK Government announced that the Prime Minister intends to host the [worlds first global summit on AI](#).

Media coverage of the announcement has varied on the idea but there has been some description of the notion that the [UK is now an outlier in relation to global management of AI, and will be ignored](#).

[Rishi Sunak's AI summit: what is its aim, and is it really necessary? | Artificial intelligence (AI) | The Guardian](#)has written a very balanced article describing the reasons for the summit and indeed how the proposal might work.

Analysis has suggested that China would be omitted from the summit, leading to some concerns of the UK/US creating a global split and potential barrier between organisations working together in a truly global sense.

The Guardian article has also highlighted the recent move away from some of the UKG optimism around AI into the sphere of discussing risk and regulation.

We have asked if the proposed Four Nations meeting, can take place prior to this summit, with the intention of ensuring that our voice is heard in any resulting event.

Catriona Campbell has reached out to say that should we require any quotes or input from the Scottish AI Alliance, in support of the meeting, she is happy to contribute.

EU AI Act
The [EU AI Act](#) aims to ensure safety, fairness, and respect for EU citizen's rights and is expected to set an influential worldwide standard, as the EU General Data Protection Regulation did. It is expected that the EU AI Act will be adopted before the end of 2023.

The EU AI Act introduces certain minimum requirements that all AI systems must meet. It also introduces more stringent requirements for AI systems that pose higher risks to users, and bans the use of certain types of AI.
Risk levels: The Act will classify AI systems based on their level of risk: unacceptable, high, limited, and minimal. Different requirements and obligations will be imposed on AI providers on these categories, which factor both the system and its impact.
Bans: AI that is deemed as harmful or too high risk AI in terms of citizen's rights or safety will be banned. Prohibited technologies originally included social scoring systems and manipulative subliminal technology. In the last month, this has been expanded to real-time biometric identification systems within public spaces (including facial recognition technology), or that can categorize people based upon sensitive information. Predictive policing including biometric data from social media and CCTV for facial databases, as well as emotion recognition systems in law enforcement, border management, work environments, and education were also banned.
High-risk regulations: AI used in critical areas like healthcare or law enforcement will face stricter rules. These systems will need to be assessed for compliance, be transparent, and have human oversight. AI implemented in critical infrastructures,

such as healthcare, or law enforcement, will require conformity assessments, obligations to transparency, and require human oversight.

Openness and explainability: The Act emphasizes the importance of transparency by asking for clear and accessible information about a system's capabilities, limitations, and potential biases.

Data quality: the use of high-quality training data is emphasised with robust data governance practices to increase the accuracy, and reduction in bias.

Regulators: National authorities will be expected to enforce the Act with the power to do checks, give fines, and give corrective actions to ensure compliance is obliged.

UK Regulations

In March 2023, the UK Government published a White Paper on a "pro-innovation approach to AI Regulation". The Paper outlines a non-statutory regulatory framework, underpinned by five non mandated key principles. This framework would be incorporated into the existing regulatory bodies for the regulators to interpret and apply within each of their own remits.

These principles are - safety, security and robustness, appropriate transparency and explainability, fairness, accountability and governance and finally contestability and redress.

Where the EU AI Act focuses on risk levels within specific technologies, the UK AI Regulation white paper instead focuses on the context in which AI is deployed. Scottish Government officials provided feedback to UKG officials on an earlier draft on the White Paper, raising concerns about:

- Whether a non-statutory regulatory framework would meet the needs and expectations of key stakeholders, including the public
- The need for UK Government to provide substantial support to existing sectoral regulators to increase their capacity and capability to take on new regulatory duties related to AI
- The need for UK Government to provide a central coordination function to ensure consistency across sectors
- The importance of UK Government supporting businesses, including Scottish businesses, comply with regulations not only in the UK but also in key markets such as the EU, where they might be divergent and more onerous
- In particular, the importance of UK Government supporting the development of common, effective international AI standards

Most of those concerns are acknowledged in the White Paper, but it is not entirely clear how the paper's limited proposals will effectively address them.

The White Paper was published on the same day as an open letter from a number of prominent AI figures, include OpenAI founder Elon Musk, calling for a pause in the development and deployment of such large models. Although that letter has itself attracted controversy, it clashed strongly with the tone of the UK Government White Paper, as did Italy's immediate ban on ChatGPT on data protection grounds, two days later.

https://futureoflife.org/open-letter/pause-giant-ai-experiments/

Within the UK, the White Paper has attracted criticism, including from Michael Birtwistle, associate director from the influential Ada Lovelace Institute, who warned about "significant gaps" in the UK's approach which could leave harms unaddressed. "Initially, the proposals in the white paper will lack any statutory footing. This means no new legal obligations on regulators, developers or users of AI systems, with the prospect of only a minimal duty on regulators in future." "The UK will also struggle to

effectively regulate different uses of AI across sectors without substantial investment in its existing regulators," he said.
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Annex 9

ENGAGEMENT REPORT	
Minister (or Senior official)	• Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade
Type of engagement	• Meeting with Artificial Intelligence Stakeholders
Date	• Thursday 31 August 15.00 – 17:00 – The Data Lab, Bayes Centre, Edinburgh
Attending Stakeholders	• Professor Ruth King (Director of the Bayes Centre) • Professor Mark Parsons (Director of Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre (EPCC) and Dean of Research Computing) • Ritchie Somerville (Deputy Director of EPCC and former Head of Strategy, Data Driven Innovation Programme) **[redacted]**
Attending Officials	• Tom Wilkinson, Chief Data Officer, Digital Directorate • **[redacted]**, Head of Artificial Intelligence, Digital Directorate
Summary of Main Points	• **[redacted]** •
Actions	• **[redacted]** • Official to draft letter to UK DSIT SoS noting that SG Officials have yet to hear from UKG officials on four-nation AI conversations, and requesting invitation to UK AI Safety Summit (1-2 November). • **[redacted]**
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Yours sincerely,

Richard Lochhead

Annex 11

From: **[redacted]**
Digital Directorate, Data Division
6 November 2023

Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

Update on UK AI Safety Summit and Scottish AI Strategy Independent Review.

Priority and Purpose

1. This Routine submission provides:

   - A summary of the outcomes and media coverage of the UK AI Safety Summit

   - [redacted]

Recommendation

2. Recommends that you: note the contents of this submission.

Context and Issues

UK AI Safety Summit

3.   The UK Prime Minister hosted the AI Safety Summit 2023 on 1 and 2 November at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire.

4.   The Summit intended to bring together international governments, leading AI companies, civil society groups and experts in research to consider the risks of AI, especially at the *frontier* of development, and discuss how they can be mitigated through internationally coordinated action.

5.   This focus on so-called "Frontier AI" is consistent with what UK DSIT Secretary of State outlined on her call with the Minister and other DA Ministers on 23 October, and the concerns the Minister expressed publicly subsequently.

6.   The five objectives of the Summit's discussions were:

   - A shared understanding of the risks posed by Frontier AI and the need for action

   - A forward process for international collaboration on Frontier AI safety, including how best to support national and international frameworks

   - Appropriate measures which individual organisations should take to increase Frontier AI safety

- Areas for potential collaboration on AI safety research, including evaluating model capabilities and the development of new standards to support governance

- Showcase how ensuring the safe development of AI will enable AI to be used for good globally

7. UK Government have released relatively limited information to date on the proceedings of the Summit, in accordance with the exclusive, closed-door nature of the event.

8. A list of attendees and high-level summaries of each day's round table discussions have been released on the event's website. The most high-profile attendee was Elon Musk, and very short summaries of the Prime Minister's one to one meetings with EC President Ursula von der Leyen, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, have also been published.
Who's Attending
UKG Summary of Day 1 Discussion
UKG Summary of Day 2 Discussion

9. The key policy output of the Summit is the so-called Bletchley Park Declaration, which contains very little of substance, [redacted].

10. That Declaration was somewhat (and potentially intentionally) overshadowed by the White House's Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, issued the day before, which has significantly more substance.

11. The UK Government has made a number of investment announcements. Some of them were previously allocated funding:

- Repurposing of the £100 Frontier Model Task Force (originally Foundation Model Task Force) as an "AI Safety Institute".

- Announcement of the winning bids for the twelve £117m UKRI-funded Centre for Doctoral Trainings – of which three are Scotland-led, and a fourth includes a Scottish partner – reflecting the strengths of our universities in AI.

12. Some investments were new funding:

- Additional £200m for supercomputing infrastructure in Bristol and Cambridge

- This should be seen in the context of the £900m UKG investment in exascale computing at the University of Edinburgh, announced last month.

- Additional £100m for AI in life sciences and health care.

13.   News coverage:

Reuters	[Exclusive: China took part in leaders' AI meeting even though UK did not acknowledge | Reuters](#)
Article highlighting China's omission from Day 2 photography and describing issue of "like-minded" nations.	
Tech Funding News	[AI Safety Summit 2023: A mixed welcome to the Bletchley Declaration — TFN (techfundingnews.com)](#)
The final declaration recognised the potential for AI, but also recognised the need for international cooperation to ensure it is adopted safely and securely. But it fell short of calling for any specific regulation.	
The Guardian	[Five takeaways from UK's AI safety summit at Bletchley Park | Artificial intelligence (AI) | The Guardian](#)
Five key takeaways - The UK pulled off a diplomatic coup, The US is a hard power in AI, Elon Musk has the star power, Existential risk is divisive, but short-term risk is not, Countries are moving at their own speeds	
Time	[AI Safety Summit Puts U.S.-China Relations in the Spotlight | TIME](#)
Suggesting that the surface level cooperation is hiding an undercurrent of mistrust and competition between the two parties.	
Press and Journal	[AI safety summit: Rishi Sunak's disdain for data shows he's not but tech-savvy (pressandjournal.co.uk)](#)
Sunak gives the impression that he understands the potential of cutting edge tech, but he falls down on how it applies to humanity.	

14.   Quotes on Summit Outcomes:

[Dr Keegan McBride, Oxford University, Departmental Research Lecturer in AI, Government, and Policy](#)
"The AI Safety Summit was the UK's attempt at setting the rules for AI development – trying to position itself as the global leader in AI Safety. Unfortunately for the UK, in this, the Summit failed, being undercut both by the G7's Hiroshima AI Process and the USA's Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence. Supporters of the summit may point to the signing of the Bletchley Declaration as a successful and tangible outcome, in terms of impact it is unlikely to amount to much."

[Merve Hickok, President of the Centre for AI and Digital Policy](#)
"Civil society and other voices and communities are sidelined," she said. "Also, all the concerns about existing AI systems which are impacting our fundamental rights are sidelined as well."

Independent Review of Scotland's AI Strategy

[redacted]

Sensitivities

15.   None.

Conclusions and next Steps

16.   Scottish Government AI Officials are due to meet with Mr Lochhead on Tuesday 7 November to discuss priorities.

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30 October 2023

Dear Michelle,

Thank you for our 23 October discussion regarding the AI Safety Summit, AI regulation and Four-Nation collaboration in this key policy area.

Like my Welsh and Northern Irish colleagues, I reiterated my disappointment at UK Nations not being invited to take part in the AI Safety Summit. Scotland is a leader in several AI areas and I believe could have made a valuable direct contribution to this global conversation. Our National AI Strategy pre-dates that of the UK, and the Scottish AI Alliance's Leadership Group is currently carrying out an independent review to ensure that we remain at the forefront of AI policy and technology development.

More broadly, although I acknowledge that AI regulation *per se* is a reserved matter, AI is a transformational technology that will impact many devolved policy areas. Moreover, the approach to regulation taken in the UK's AI Whitepaper, delegating regulatory functions to existing industry regulators, will likely force implementation onto Scottish agencies. Therefore, Scotland's interests and priorities need to be taken into account as part of further development of the UK AI regulations. In particular, we are keen that the AI Safety Summit's focus on speculative "Frontier AI" does not divert attention from addressing the more immediate risks and opportunities presented by today's AI.

For the UK to be remain successful on the global AI stage, I believe it is essential that UK Nations work as a team, and I welcome your assurances that going forward the UK Government will closely engage with the Scottish Government on AI.

I look forward to your officials setting out how this will be be achieved, meantime, I am looking forward to seeing you tonight at the dinner.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Lochhead

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Dear James,

I am writing to you about the upcoming AI Safety Summit.

I am aware from media coverage that the summit is due to take place on November 1st and 2nd this year, but as yet have received no information around the role which Scotland and other devolved nations will play in it.

You will be aware that Scotland has a thriving and innovative AI industry and I am very keen to see that the outcomes of the forthcoming summit support and assist its continued success and growth.

I would be grateful if you could share with me the plans for devolved nations contributions at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Lochhead

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