

## FOI 202400409478 Information for Release

Questions:

1. *Could you supply all correspondence sent and received by the Scottish Government and/or Angus Robertson, including internally, briefings, minutes/notes from meetings which mentions or is from Edinburgh Film House, between August 2023 and the date of this FOI?*

2. *Could you supply all correspondence sent and received by the Scottish Government and/or Angus Robertson, including internally, briefings, minutes/notes from meetings, about the Tartan Week UK Government reception in New York, from between January 1 2024 and the date of this FOI?*

3. *Was Angus Robertson invited to the Tartan Week UK Government reception in New York, and if so, why did he not attend?*

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1. Email Exchange with Scotland Office

**From:** [redacted s.38] (External) <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 3:39 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] (FCO) <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] (External) <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: SG/SO Tart week 2024 catch up

Thanks for flagging, [redacted s.38]. You can mention that our reception will be mostly focused on Food buyers, however we do intend to invite some folks from the hospitality/restaurant industry in the spirits business, so there may be some overlap there. Is UKG intending to invite spirits buyers and if so what level (distributors, retailers, hospitality?)

[redacted s.38] – for info on Diageo event. We may want to strategize if it makes sense to have you attend that over our own event.

[redacted s.38]  
Scottish Development International

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:34 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] (Sensitive) <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: SG/SO Tart week 2024 catch up

Hi [redacted s.38]

To see below from Scotland Office counterparts – any other details you are content for us to share / any particular concerns about overlap in audiences affecting your event?

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38]**

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:54 AM

**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] (UKGOV-Scotland) (Sensitive) <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] (TRADE) (External) <[redacted s.38]@trade.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk; [redacted s.38] (DBT) <[redacted s.38]@businessandtrade.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] (UK Gov Scot) (External) <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: SG/SO Tart week 2024 catch up

Hi All,

Checking in on this. BCG as you haven't got a preferred time let's say 16.00 our time on Tuesday (11.00 US)

Can one of you send an invite as I know you have issues with our IT system.

@**[redacted s.38]** (Sensitive) DBT tell us you are planning a food and drink showcase on the Wednesday evening at Edrington. We have our own event planned with Diageo at that time, it would be good to flush out that we are not in direct competition and to know a bit more about your plans?

Our reception will be focusing on the whisky industry and it's connections in NY.

On Tue, 6 Feb 2024 at 16:41, **[redacted s.38]** <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi**[redacted s.38]**

Agree it would be good to have a catch up in the next week or so. We have having an internal catch up here later this week so perhaps next week? I'm on leave but there will be others who can cover.

Perhaps BCG can propose a time that works?

**[redacted s.38]**

On Fri, 2 Feb 2024 at 21:57, **[redacted s.38]** <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk> wrote:  
Hi folks

It's been a wee while since our last catch up and Tartan Week planning proceeds apace from our side and I'm sure for you guys too!

Would it be worth reinstating some regular catch ups in the run up to ensure we are informed and as aligned as possible on activity across the week?

Happy weekend all!

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38]**

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**[redacted s.38]** | **[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk

2. Email Exchange with Scotland Office

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@ukgovscotland.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 11:10 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Diageo reception

Hi [redacted s.38] let me chase with [redacted s.38]

On Wed, 20 Mar 2024 at 12:27, [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [redacted s.38]

Hope you're well – colleagues from Visit Scotland were enquiring as to whether invitations to the above event had gone out yet as they hadn't yet received them? I understand [redacted s.38] got his last night.

With thanks

[redacted s.38]

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3. Invitation to Event

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:34 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: You're Invited! Celebrating Scottish Culture and Hospitality with Diageo, 3 April

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For us to think about!

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**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:27 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** HM Consul General New York  
**Subject:** You're Invited! Celebrating Scottish Culture and Hospitality with Diageo, 3 April

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**[redacted s.38]**

Please see below the invitation to our event with Diageo. As discussed, we'd love for you to join us, but equally would be happy to have a rep from your team attend if you're with the Cab Sec.

Cheers,  
**[redacted s.38]**

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On behalf of Minister for Scotland, John Lamont MP, and HM Consul General to New York, Hannah Young, we are delighted to celebrate Scottish culture and Scotch Whisky with us during Tartan Week. Please join us on Wednesday, 3 April, for a cultural showcase of the very best of Scotland at Diageo's North America Headquarters, with performances from the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and a special tasting from Seafood Scotland.

More details can be found in the invitation below. Please RSVP by 28 March by replying to this email for writing directly to [BritishConsulateNY@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:BritishConsulateNY@fcdo.gov.uk).



## Minister for Scotland, John Lamont MP *and* HM Consul General to New York, Hannah Young

are delighted to invite you to a celebration of Scotland and Scotch Whisky. Marking the start of the annual Tartan Week celebrations, the event will be hosted at the New York offices of the world's largest Scotch Whisky distiller, Diageo, bringing a taste of Scottish culture and hospitality to the Big Apple, including performances from the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

**Where:** Diageo, 3 World Trade Center, New York, NY 10007

**When:** 6pm-9pm, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Dresscode:** business casual

**RSVP to:** [BritishConsulateNY@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:BritishConsulateNY@fcdo.gov.uk)

(please provide information on any food allergies or access requirements when you rsvp)

**DIAGEO**



**UK Government**



4. Email Exchange with Scottish Development International

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:37 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] (External) <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April

Mòran taing!

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:33 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[REDACTED S.38]@FCDO.GOV.UK>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April  
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Thanks [redacted s.38], have just asked Bakka Frost to confirm who will attend and I'll come back to you

[redacted s.38]  
Scottish Development International

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE  
**From:** [redacted s.38] <[REDACTED S.38]@FCDO.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:36 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April  
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted s.38]

All good for someone from Bakka Frost to attend. Can I have contact information please?

Kind regards

[redacted s.38]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE  
**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:53 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[REDACTED S.38]@FCDO.GOV.UK>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

[redacted s.38], can someone from your team attend? My guys will be busy at our own reception.

**[redacted s.38]** – also wondering if we can potentially get an invite for someone at Bakka Frost? They are sending over several folks from their team in Scotland and so we were thinking a few could attend ours, and 1 could attend the UKG one.

**[redacted s.38]**

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**From:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:43 AM

**To:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@scotent.co.uk>; **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@scotent.co.uk>

**Subject:** Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi both

Apologies if you told me this already – would any SDI officials be available and interested in attending the above event being hosted by UKG? **[redacted s.38]** will attend for our office; I will support the Cab Sec at Edrington instead.

I am looking for named contacts as they are looking to issue invitations.

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38]**

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5. Email Exchange with Scottish Development International

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:33 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted s.38] (External) <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April

Thanks [redacted s.38] I'll pass that along.

It's at Diageo HQ, 3 World Trade Center. I don't have confirmed timings yet, just noted that it's in the evening. [redacted s.38] and [redacted s.38] should get formal invitations that confirm this.

Cheers!

[redacted s.38]

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:24 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[REDACTED S.38]@FCDO.GOV.UK>; [redacted s.38] (External) <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April  
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Howdy,

Happy to have [redacted s.38] and [redacted s.38] attend the Diageo event on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Are there more details on location/timing?

Regards,

[redacted s.38]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[REDACTED S.38]@FCDO.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:57 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Diageo event on Wednesday 4th April  
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted s.38]

I'm happy to make the ask!

[redacted s.38]

6. Email Exchange about Tartan Week Events

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2024 2:30 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] (FCO) <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Lyceum / Macbeth: An Undoing

Hi [redacted s.38]

[out of scope]

I agree that it would be good to bring someone from the Theatre into events where we are able. Have they been introduced to [redacted s.38] also so they are on the radar for UKG events (e.g. Diageo HQ event?) and wider support from the CG?

[out of scope]

7. Email Exchange with Visit Scotland

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:00 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

Hi [redacted s.38] – I haven't either. Let me check with UKG colleagues.

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 5:24 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

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Hi [redacted s.38]

Just a quick check to see if you know whether invitations have gone out for this event? I gather [redacted s.38] and [redacted s.38] haven't received anything yet.

Many thanks

[redacted s.38]

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**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:34 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

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Thanks all! I'll pass those names along now.

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**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:16 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

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Sorry you've had to chase on this [redacted s.38] – just firming up diary appointments here right now.

We've decided that **[redacted s.38]** and **[redacted s.38]** will attend this reception.

It clashes with **[redacted – s.38]**'s Carnegie event, which I will attend so somebody Team Scotland is there **[out of scope]**

Many thanks  
**[redacted s.38]**

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**From:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 2:38 PM

**To:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@visitscotland.com>; **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@visitscotland.com>

**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

OFFICIAL

Hi **[redacted s.38]**

Are you able to confirm please who would like to attend the UKG event at Diageo on the Wednesday evening? They are now looking to issue invitaitons.

Kind regards

**[redacted s.38]**

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**From:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@visitscotland.com>

**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 5:05 AM

**To:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk>; **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@visitscotland.com>

**Cc:** **[redacted s.38]** <**[redacted s.38]**@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April

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Thanks for the update **[redacted s.38]**. It's very kind of you to keep us in mind for these opportunities, and we appreciate this Team Scotland approach.

I thought the UKG/Diageo event was on the Wednesday rather than the Thursday evening?

We are still refining our full programme including who will attend which events, and for now, I wonder if it might be possible to log attendance of two VS staff with names to be confirmed asap?

Many thanks

**[redacted s.38]**

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**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6:26 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38] @visitscotland.com>; [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@visitscotland.com>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** UKG Reception - Thursday 4 April  
OFFICIAL

Hi both,

Some nice news: I spoke to [redacted s.38] in DBT Edinburgh today who said they'd be happy to have a VS presence at their reception in the BCG NYC on the evening of Thursday 4 April. I assume Visit Britain will be there too: do you want to arrange that through them, or would you like me to simply put your names forward to the CG team?

SDI will also be represented, I'll arrange that with them separately.

Best,

**[redacted s.38]**

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|The Scottish Government in the USA

8. Email Exchange with FCDO

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:39 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** HM Consul General New York <BritishConsulateNY@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: You're Invited! Celebrating Scottish Culture and Hospitality with Diageo, 3 April

Hi [redacted s.38],

Thanks, happy to confirm attendance!

Looking forward to it,

[redacted s.38]

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9. Email Exchange with FCDO

**From:** [redacted s.38] <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 5:23 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38] (FCO) <[redacted s.38]@fcdo.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** UK Govt Events at Tartan Week  
OFFICIAL

[redacted s.38]

Great to catch-up just now. As promised, please see below the UK Govt led events during Tartan Week. Might have given you more than you need, but would rather give you more details than less. The exact timings are TBD which we'll update once we get a clearer idea on timings of other events. I've just checked our events calendar and I see we have your Friday event set for 1630-1830, but as mentioned we can work with shifting the exact timing!

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Evening: BCGNY VIP Reception @ Diageo** ([redacted s.38] / UK Scotland Office)  
This would be the UK Government's big set-piece event of Tartan Week. Elements of the evening could include a performance by the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (upon guest arrival) and a song from Dundee Rep's No Love Songs, which is coming to Broadway soon. There is a potential for Edinburgh Fringe Festival to support the event including with VIP attendance.

[out of scope]