

2 December 2023: RE: DFM / Permanent Secretary Meeting - Saturday 2 December

DFM, we spoke. To confirm:

- 1) [redacted]

On Budget, to confirm:

- 1) [redacted]
- 2) [redacted]
- 3) [redacted]
 - a. [redacted]
 - b. [redacted]
 - c. [redacted]
 - d. [redacted]
 - e. [redacted]

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Best wishes, JP

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:17 AM

To: John-Paul Marks [REDACTED] Permanent Secretary [REDACTED]

Cc: Anna Kynaston [REDACTED] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DFM / Permanent Secretary Meeting - Saturday 2 December PS/Permanent Secretary

I can confirm that DFM is content for this to be a direct telephone call at 09:30am.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Shona Robison MSP

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From: John-Paul Marks [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:53 AM

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary [REDACTED]

Cc: Anna Kynaston [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DFM / Permanent Secretary Meeting - Saturday 2 December

Morning, the DFM and I swapped a final message last night after 9am and agreed to speak again at 930am this morning, so after this email– I think we can do this via

phone call but if you can set up a Teams link that's helpful for 930am and we can use that if DFM wishes, thanks JP

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 7:31 PM

To: Permanent Secretary [REDACTED]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Subject: DFM / Permanent Secretary Meeting - Saturday 2 December
PS/Permanent Secretary

Following today's budget meeting involving FM and DFM, the DFM would like to speak to the Permanent Secretary.

I would be grateful if you could advise on the Permanent Secretary's availability tomorrow, Saturday 2 December. DFM would prefer the meeting to take place as late as possible in the day.

I am happy to discuss diaries with a view to issuing a MS teams link and invite for a meeting tomorrow.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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4 December 2023: RE: Fairer Funding operationalisation

Thanks Calum – could we add one extra step into the paper please – before the prioritised Grants are issued, the respective Cab Sec/AO is required to write with assurance to DFM confirming that the judgements they have arrived at are affordable and sustainable within their prioritised portfolio plan for 24/25, consistent with their 24/25 Budget allocation and delegated AO responsibilities – so we have that assurance on the record. That would remove the need for each Grant being submitted to a separate AO template, but still gives the DFM the chance to see the commitments being made and be assured they are indeed affordable. Can you add this in and agree the process for this with Finance colleagues? Thanks

From: Calum Irving <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:15 AM
To: Permanent Secretary <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Louise Macdonald <[REDACTED]> DG Communities [REDACTED] Chief Financial Officer [REDACTED] Mary McAllan [REDACTED] Nuala Gormley [REDACTED]
Subject: Fairer Funding operationalisation
Importance: High

Morning JP,

With huge thanks to Jackie, Nuala and Louise I have here the draft submission for DFM regarding Fairer Funding – in particular providing prompt notification and two-year funding for some third sector grant recipients.

Grateful for your view. If content I will check the Cabinet Secretary Social Justice is content before issuing to the DFM.

An early response will allow us to action as quickly as possible.

Many thanks,

Calum Irving | Deputy Director – Strategic Third Sector and Public Service Leadership
Directorate for Public Service Reform | Scottish Government

Tel: [REDACTED] or contact me on MS Teams | [REDACTED]

14 December 2023: RE: AO Controls

Hi [redacted], could you please arrange for my first week back in January a re-run of this session with Jackie and Anna to discuss:

- Developing the PTB plan 24/25...for SG, and for each Portfolio, based on Budget assurance returns
- Recommended AO controls for Q4 into Q1 given DFM steers and experience from last year
- With roadmap to return to empowered, delegated authority when meeting PtB flightpath and DFM-assured financial sustainability criteria
- Informed by consideration of PSPP for 24/25, which is a separate meeting which we have with the team next week please; again, for Cabinet agreement
- [REDACTED]
- And plan to build collective Cabinet agreement on all of the above to support SG culture

Best wishes, JP

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Permanent Secretary [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:48 AM

To: Permanent Secretary; John-Paul Marks; Chief Financial Officer; Anna Kynaston

Subject: AO Controls

When: 14 December 2023 16:00-16:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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