

Annex A

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Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:26 AM
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Letter of resignation

Dear PO,

Please find attached my letter of resignation for the First Minister. I would be grateful if you could bring this to his immediate attention.

Many thanks.

Michael Matheson MSP

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Subject: RE: SPAD view: Health Sec news release

Colin

As discussed, final news release attached which is issuing now.

FMPO, shared for awareness.

Thanks,
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Happy subject to it being checked against the final text of the FM response. Please issue asap.

Regards

Colin McAllister
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Subject: SPAD view: Health Sec news release

SPADs,

Please find attached a draft news release for your consideration – this includes the text from Mr Matheson’s letter to FM. We will add the text of the FM’s reply once that letter has issued.

Grateful for views.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: Michael Matheson resignation

Hi,

To confirm the news release has issued.

[Health and Social Care Secretary resigns - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/news/health-and-social-care-secretary-resigns)

Thanks,
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Subject: Re: Michael Matheson resignation

Thank you Chris for this update and for sight of this correspondence. We wish Mr Matheson and his family very best wishes for the future, grateful for his leadership. Am assured all is in hand by colleagues for this afternoon; please shout anytime if you need anything. Best wishes, JP

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Subject: Michael Matheson resignation

Permanent Secretary,

Please be advised that Michael Matheson has this morning tendered his resignation to the First Minister and this has been accepted.

Mr Matheson's resignation and the First Minister's response is attached for information.

The First Minister intends to confirm a replacement for Mr Matheson later this afternoon. I will confirm that and any consequent changes to the ministerial team in due course.

Please note that News colleagues (copied) have been asked under separate cover to prepare a news release in order that this can be announced ahead of FMQs.

Thanks,

Chris

Chris Mackie

Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister

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