

## Your request

1. How much has it cost the Scottish Government to help run/organise the Scottish Global Dialogues project, what was the government's role in it and breakdown of these costs?

1. The Scottish Government was approached by Beyond Borders Scotland which invited the First Minister to the launch of the Scottish Global Dialogues project, a joint initiative of Beyond Borders and the WS Society, marking 100 days to COP28 with the event *The Climate Crisis*. As part of this event, Beyond Borders invited US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry to speak. The First Minister provided the opening remarks for US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Kerry's keynote address and announced the delivery partners for £24 million of Scottish Government funding in partner countries Rwanda, Malawi and Zambia via the Climate Justice Fund. Beyond Borders Scotland is an Edinburgh and Scottish Borders-based initiative dedicated to facilitating cultural dialogue and international exchange to foster greater understanding between peoples, nations and different cultures.

As part of support for the Scottish Global Dialogues project, the Scottish Government provided partial funding towards event running costs. A breakdown of these costs is provided below.

ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>Event costs</b>	<b>7630</b>
<b>Comms &amp; PR costs (breakdown below)</b>	<b>14023.51</b>
Film/podcast recording	2328
Photographer	300
AV	10152
Print and design	706.80
Interns	442.85
Transport/misc team costs	93.78
<b>Management costs</b>	<b>10000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31653.51</b>

2. All correspondence, including internal, between the Scottish Government and John Kerry/his office/his representatives, about his appearances in Scotland, between April 1 2023 and December 1 2023. (Part A)

-Can you also include all minutes/notes taken from his meetings with Humza Yousaf this year, and disclose whether a UK Government diplomat sat in on them? (Part B)

2A.

I have understood 2A of your request to relate to all correspondence between Scottish Government officials and John Kerry/his office/his representatives about his appearances in Scotland, between April 1 2023 and December 1 2023. I am partially releasing the following information, subject to exemptions under EIR regulation 11(2) personal data and regulation 10(5)(a) international relations.

**Email record**

**RE: for comment - draft seating plan for Thursday - RE: Private & Confidential - 24 August - Guest list**

From: [redacted r11(2)] [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot

Sent: 24/08/2023 10:19

To: [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com; [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>

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Attachment: 240823 seating plan – Kerry event – 24 August

STAGE											
R o w 1	WS	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]		Sec Kerry	[redacted r11(2)]	First Minister	[redacted r11(2)]	Cabinet Secretary MMc
R o w 2	BB/WS	BB/WS	BB/WS	BB/WS	BB/WS	Aisle	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	Leanne Dobson
R o w 3	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]		[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	Emily Mackintosh	Kevin Pringle
R o w 4	CJC	CJC	CJC	CJC	CJC		[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]
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R o w 7	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		Consulates	Consulates	Consulates	Consulates	Consulates

Hi all

Please see latest from my understanding. [redacted r11(2)] have slightly rejigged – so please shout if any questions.

Happy to discuss – [redacted r11(2)], happy for you to add to ops note, but with caveat may change slightly behind row 1.

Thanks

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>

**Sent:** 24 August 2023 08:17

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com; [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r10(3) @gov.scot>

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Dear [redacted r11(2)], thank you so much! That's great.

Best regards,

[redacted r11(2)]

**[redacted r11(2)]**

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**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:27:34 PM

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com <[redacted r11(2)] @me.com>; [redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>

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[redacted r11(2)]

Thank you and I confirm having added all 6 guests mentioned below to the guest list for tomorrow.

We will seat them in row 4.

All guests should arrive at the main reception for Signet Library between 2.15 pm and 2.40 pm. They should bring photographic ID and a copy of the attached invitation with them

Best

[redacted r11(2)]

**[redacted r11(2)] WS**

**[redacted r11(2)]**

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Thank you!

We wanted to request three additional names be added to the guest list:

[redacted r11(2)]  
[redacted r11(2)]  
[redacted r11(2)]

In addition to the other three I sent earlier to [redacted r11(2)]:

[redacted r11(2)]  
[redacted r11(2)]  
[redacted r11(2)]

Could someone confirm they have been added to the list - and would it be possible to seat them somewhere in rows 3-6?

Is there standard arrival information we can share with guests ? I.e. arrival time (215/230?), location (main entrance?).

Thank you and looking forward to tomorrow!  
[redacted r11(2)]

**[redacted r11(2)]**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 7:01:32 PM

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Dear all

Please find updated seating plan as agreed today. Happy to discuss tomorrow for late changes.

Many thanks

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]

**Sent:** 23 August 2023 16:42

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com; [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>

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Widening to include [redacted r11(2)], FM visits and Events

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]

**Sent:** 23 August 2023 16:21

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com

**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>

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Dear all

Attaching latest proposed seating plan for first ~5 rows – let me know if this captures discussions up to this point.

Thanks

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>

**Sent:** 22 August 2023 18:19

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)] @me.com

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Thank you [redacted r11(2)], provided that this works for the FM's team, we understand Sec. Kerry will likely want [redacted r11(2)] to his right. Apologies as we just received [redacted r11(2)] updated travel schedule. He will also be attending the event. We can finalize tomorrow presumably.

Feel free to bump me from the front three rows as required!

Sent from Outlook for iOS

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**From:** [redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:58:10 PM

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] @me.com <[redacted r11(2)] @me.com>

**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk <[redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk <[redacted r11(2)] @wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @state.gov>

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Many thanks for flagging [redacted r11(2)]– happy to take a steer on this and adjust as required.

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @me.com>

**Sent:** 22 August 2023 17:53

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)] @gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)] @state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov

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[redacted r11(2)]

When we did our recce today it was mentioned that Sec Kerry may want [redacted r11(2)] who assists him with his speeches to be near him. Will leave it to [redacted r11(2)]to confirm. BB happy to go as advised save for Sec Kerry's requirements.

Best

[redacted r11(2)]

Sent from my iPhone

On 22 Aug 2023, at 17:15, [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot wrote:

Thanks [redacted r11(2)] and apologies for how it formatted – was fine before I sent it!

Will make some amends our end and can come back after yourself and [redacted r11(2)] have spoken

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>

**Sent:** 22 August 2023 17:12

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)]@me.com

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[redacted r11(2)],

Many thanks for pulling this together. I would defer to my colleague [redacted r11(2)]who may have specific insight on protocol for seating Secretary Kerry's team. I would suggest moving [redacted r11(2)] (Sec. Kerry's [redacted r11(2)]) or [redacted r11(2)] ([redacted r11(2)]) to be seated behind Mr. Kerry (for practicality) and moving [redacted r11(2)] to the first row. Would all be amenable to the proposed changes?

Best,

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:43 PM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk; [redacted r11(2)]@me.com; [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>  
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Dear all

With thanks for patience I have pulled together a suggested seating plan which I would appreciate thoughts and comments on. [redacted r11(2)] we spoke briefly yesterday so hope this chimes with our discussion.

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Row 1: WS	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]
		John Kerry	First Minister		Cab Sec
MMc	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	
Row 2: BB/WS to fill second row					[redacted r11(2)]
	[redacted r11(2)]	FM Private Sec	Leanne Dobson	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]
Row 3: CJC partners (5)					[redacted r11(2)]
	[redacted r11(2)]	[redacted r11(2)]	Cab Sec PO	Colin McAllister	[redacted r11(2)]
Row 4: CJC partners (x) plus others					

Would suggest that the consulates and political figures ([redacted r11(2)], former/current presiding officers) plus any high profile WS and BB guests then fill in behind with rest of guests behind that. Please note we need an aisle seat 5 rows back on right hand side for [redacted r11(2)].

Happy to discuss

Many thanks all

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 August 2023 12:45  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)]@me.com  
**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
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Dear [redacted r11(2)]

I attach the updated guest list. Responses constantly arriving which we are adding. I'm engaged in meetings this afternoon, and will pick up emails late afternoon.



Best  
[redacted r11(2)]

**[redacted r11(2)] WS**  
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**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot  
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[redacted r11(2)] just on updated list – would it be possible to get around 11? Will help me to put together the seating plan for the first few rows that we can then share with US team at 12 ahead of agreeing together

Thanks in advance

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 August 2023 19:04  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>; [redacted r11(2)]@me.com  
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[redacted r11(2)]  
That's great, thank you.

We have been chasing slow repliers this afternoon. Presently we're at 149, which is a good progress, but still plenty of availability.

I'll share an updated list middle of the day tomorrow.

All the best  
[redacted r11(2)]

**[redacted r11(2)] WS**

**[redacted r11(2)]**

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**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 6:55 PM

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)]@me.com

**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)]@state.gov; [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot

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Hi [redacted r11(2)]

Many thanks for sight of this. Have been working with team to draw up list of additional invites which I will get to you early tomorrow (will also inform the reception list).

Will take comment on this, but could we go back out to those who haven't replied to chase / offer the opportunity for them to delegate their invite to appropriate second?

Not sure how many invitees have come back with a no / no response.

Working on seating plan also – will share with you and US team no later than midday tomorrow as agreed, with SG staff list.

Great to meet you earlier

Be in touch

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 August 2023 14:38  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@me.com>; [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted r11(2)]<[redacted r11(2)]@wssociety.co.uk>; [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>  
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Dear [redacted r11(2)]and [redacted r11(2)]

I attach the guest list for Thursday as it stands.

As discussed with you both, the second wave of invitations can now be issued. Please provide me with your lists and I will arrange for this.

I also look forward to hearing from you with:

1. Seating plan for front rows
2. Scot Gov staff list
3. US State Dept staff list, if possible
4. BB staff list
5. Reception list

[redacted r11(2)], the list of apologies is being made up, will send that on. [redacted r11(2)] I will send information on the Florence vase and cupola frieze under separate cover.

Best  
[redacted r11(2)]

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**RE: New timing request for bilat meeting: Special Envoy's visit**

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Thanks [redacted r11(2)]

CabSec McAllan - Màiri McAllan is a former corporate lawyer and Special Adviser to the First Minister and was elected to the Scottish Parliament in 2021 to represent the constituency of Clydesdale. Ms McAllan, while practising law, specialised in energy and natural resources in a large Glasgow firm. She also cofounded the human rights organisation 'Reblaw Scotland' during this time. Ms McAllan was appointed Minister for Environment and Land Reform in May 2021.

Supporting official will be [redacted r11(2)]

Best

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Hi [redacted r11(2)],



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**Subject:** New timing request for bilat meeting: Special Envoy's visit

Good morning [redacted r11(2)] et al,

Thank you very much for the coordination call. I wish to relay a few updates received overnight from Washington.

- New Timing – Flagging that SPEC Kerry’s team asked if the meeting can be moved to 1 pm (ending at 1:30 pm). I informed the team that the FM will be attending the Ukraine commemoration event at 11:00 am and may not be available. **Would you please confirm? Also, is there any scope for a meeting the morning of Aug. 23?**
- Format – Confirming P+3 (principal plus three – tbd chief of staff, special advisor, consulate official)
- Recce - Standing by for details for the recce on Monday August 21.

Many thanks!

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Thanks [redacted r11(2)]

I'll put out a scheduler for 1430 tomorrow. And thanks for the feedback re timing. That's really helpful.

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Dear [redacted r11(2)] et al,

Glad to relate to everyone. I am available for a call tomorrow – shall we say 2:30 pm Thursday? Alternatively, I can do Friday morning between 10-11 am if that is convenient for the group.

Regarding timing, I have asked to relay from SPEC Kerry's team that their preference would be to have the meeting before the speech in order to help "set the stage" prior to the event. However, I would defer to this group to confirm if there are any scheduling/logistics conflicts.

I will follow up with SPEC's team on a potential topics and will let you know what I find out.

Regards,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)]

I've added some colleagues to this chain, who should join a short call about the bilateral between SPEC Kerry and the First Minister.

Would you be able to tomorrow after 2pm or Friday at 1pm? Hopefully no more than 30 mins. We should focus on nailing down a time – it might even make sense to do it before the speeches, so some time between 2.15 and 3pm next Thursday?

I'm including [redacted r11(2)] from the FM's visits and events team, though I guess we'll have to go through [redacted r11(2)] on a location for the bilateral as he has the contact with Signet. If you have any feedback on the issues SPEC would like to discuss, that would be helpful.

All the best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Thanks [redacted r11(2)].

I'm just trying to muster the FM's visits/events team, special advisors and the policy lead so we can have a call to consider timings and approach first, then we can go through [redacted r11(2)]to find a location (prob a recce too?). But that can be stood up quickly.

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Thanks [redacted r11(2)]! I agree [redacted r11(2)] may have some ideas about the meeting space – will you be reaching out to BB or shall we coordinate?

Best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Great news, thanks [redacted r11(2)]. I'll get back to you on this. My instinct is that [redacted r11(2)] [redacted r11(2)] might be best to help us achieve the meeting room, but I'll have a think.

[redacted r11(2)]



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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)],

I just got off the call with SPEC's team – they agreed that it would be preferential for the bilat meeting to take place at the Signet Library. They seemed optimistic about balancing the press gaggle with the meeting. It was suggested that because the FM will be introducing SPEC Kerry, it would be good for the two of them to have an opportunity to briefly greet each other before the event. Would you be able to pass along this suggestion to the FM's office?

Aside from this, I think we can proceed with identifying an appropriate meeting area at the Signet library. We also welcome a steer from the FM's office in this regard if you could perhaps assist in convening a planning call?

Many thanks!

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit  
**Importance:** High

Hi [redacted r11(2)]

Following up earlier messages, I've now spoken to FM's office and they have responded:

- preference would be for a meeting *after* the Signet Library event if possible. Assuming Mr Kerry will attend the full event, could we explore using a private space at the venue directly after (or perhaps towards the end of) the 'Keynote Reception' drinks and canapes (15.45 - 16.45)? They note the exact start time of the meeting may be determined by media bids from Mr Kerry's side, should they would prefer to do these prior to the FM meeting.
- If not, we do have scope to meet at 0900 on Thursday 24 August at St Andrew's House.

Also, there was a suggestion (I think at my end based on various conversations) that Mr Kerry might attend the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre event that evening. [redacted r11(2)] did manage my expectations on that, but I'd be grateful to know if this was being considered as FM might also attend if he did.

Happy to talk if any of this is unclear. Cc'ing [redacted r11(2)] and [redacted r11(2)] for wider awareness.

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:52 AM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Excellent – many thanks!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:50 AM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Thanks [redacted r11(2)] – Bute house is under renovation so it would likely be at St Andrew's House instead. I'll take these timings to the FM's office immediately.

All the best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:43 AM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Good morning [redacted r11(2)],

Yesterday we received confirmation from SPEC's team that Kerry would be glad to accept the meeting with the First Minister. Due to tight scheduling, this will likely be the only meeting Kerry will be able to do. We have a planning call at 1500 with SPEC's team and I would like to provide a few options for timing. I understand we previously discussed either an early morning meeting, possibly at Bute House, (it would have to be a hard stop by 9:30 am because Kerry has the [redacted 10(5)(a)]) or after the BB speech. One thing to keep in mind is that SPEC's team is planning for Kerry to do some media immediately following the speech. We can also float having the meeting before the speech if that's feasible for the FM's schedule.

Happy to have a call at noon if it's more convenient to talk this one through.

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:54 PM

**To:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Great thanks [redacted r11(2)], appreciate that. I'll follow up the other request too. Catch up soon.

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)],

Your instincts are correct – you do not need to send someone to meet SPEC Kerry – we will work with his advance team and take care of those logistics on our side.

While we are having this aside, I wanted to flag that we never heard from [redacted r11(2)] at IIEd regarding the meeting request. I don't know if they have followed up with the Climate Directorate again since last week, but it would be great if we could get a formal request asap so that we can provide a recommendation to SPEC's advisors.

Best,

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 1:42 PM  
**To:** [redacted r11(2)] (Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Thanks [redacted r11(2)]

[redacted 10(5)(a)]. My instinct is not, but I want to make sure we get the protocol right. Let me know what you think – not pushing either way.

All the best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)],

DC is just waking up now but hopefully we should receive some initial feedback from SPEC Kerry's team early this week. Happy to do call once we get more clarity.

Best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Great thanks [redacted r11(2)]. Let me know if you want a chat to compare notes at any stage.

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Excellent. Thanks. [redacted r11(2)] is talking to his staff today so we'll see if we get any more clarity. But the speech seems to be clear.

[redacted r11(2)]

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Hi [redacted r11(2)]

The event organisers are Beyond Borders, a Scottish Borders' based NGO – more here. [redacted r11(2)] - [redacted r11(2)] runs the organisation and has been in direct contact with the SPEC's team, who I think he knows through his UN role. I can introduce you. The event is at the Signet Library on Parliament Square.

The indicative programme I have:

24 July 2023

14.15-14.46: Arrival at Signet Library: Envoy Meets BB Signet Library Officers & shown Library and Archive Artifacts

14.45-15.00: Green Room: Refreshments

15.00-15.30: Keynote Speech Event: Upper Playfair Library (250 people)

- Welcome: [redacted r11(2)] [redacted r11(2)] (Beyond Borders) (2 minutes)
- Signet Fellowship Presentation to John Kerry: [redacted r11(2)] (8-Minutes)
- Introduction to Keynote Speech: FM Minister Hamza Yousef (10-15 mins)
- Keynote Speech: John Kerry (60 mins)
- Music for Climate: Choristers Choir of St Mary's with Barbara Dickson from the Balcon

17.00: Keynote Reception: Lower Playfair Library (150 people)

**From:** [redacted r11(2)](Edinburgh) <[redacted r11(2)]@state.gov>

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)] et al:

I'm about to get on a call with the SPEC Kerry folks. Do you all know the exact time and location of the speech on August 24? I think John P. told me the Signet Library is booked but I wasn't sure of the time. And do you happen to know who is actually running that event? Any more details or is there someone to be in touch with on that?

Thanks,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Thanks [redacted r11(2)], appreciate you coming back to us so quickly.

[redacted 10(5)(a)].

Should we have a catch-up next week?

All the best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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**Subject:** RE: Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)]. In fact, it was only last evening that we were able to confirm SPEC Kerry's visit with his team back in Washington. All we know at this point is the following:

August 23 – Expected morning arrival Edinburgh

August 24 – Speech

August 25 – It's not clear whether or not he will be in Edinburgh or travel to London

We will, of course, be happy to pass on any requests to his team for proposed activities and events. We really don't know what other activities or visits they might be interested in doing. I would say that the earlier you get requests in probably the better and we will do our best to try and get decisions out of them so that planning can go ahead.

It will be a fun ride, I'm sure! It always is. 😊 [redacted r11(2)] will be our control officer for this visit. She is currently on leave but will be back on August 10 to take over. In the meantime, please send messages to both [redacted r11(2)] and I and we will follow up.

Thanks,

[redacted r11(2)]

**From:** [redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot <[redacted r11(2)]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:05 AM

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**Subject:** Special Envoy's visit

Hi [redacted r11(2)]

I hope all's well your end. I wanted to check in to see if you'd heard anymore about the Special Envoy's visit in August? I'm awaiting more detail from [redacted r11(2)]at Beyond Borders about his plans and am talking to colleagues in our Climate directorate about the substance of the Signet events. [redacted 10(5)(a)].

All the best,

[redacted r11(2)]

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[23/08/2023, 11:47:55] [redacted r11(2)]: H [redacted r11(2)] it's [redacted r11(2)]

[23/08/2023, 11:47:59] [redacted r11(2)]: Figured it may be easier to coordinate via txt

[23/08/2023, 11:48:11] [redacted r11(2)]: Hey!

[23/08/2023, 11:48:24] [redacted r11(2)]: Just about to send updated seating plan across for comment

[23/08/2023, 11:48:29] [redacted r11(2)]: How is all your side?

[23/08/2023, 11:52:07] [redacted r11(2)]: Oh great

[23/08/2023, 11:52:21] [redacted r11(2)]: I'm just arriving at the hotel to meet the team

[23/08/2023, 12:08:33] [redacted r11(2)]: Amazing. Hope travels went well

[23/08/2023, 12:55:16] [redacted r11(2)]: Hi [redacted r11(2)] - not sure what conversations you have had with my DEXA colleagues around exchange of gifts but to flag with you I understand FM visits and events team are currently sourcing one

[23/08/2023, 12:57:40] [redacted r11(2)]: Thanks [redacted r11(2)] - let me pass this on but as I conveyed Kerry's team was not planning on a gift exchange- if you could help relay that to adjust expectations

[23/08/2023, 12:57:47] [redacted r11(2)]: I'll let you know if anything changes

[23/08/2023, 12:58:47] [redacted r11(2)]: Understood. Think we have expectation as host country to be hospitable!

[23/08/2023, 13:04:58] [redacted r11(2)]: I'm at the library (again)

[23/08/2023, 13:05:50] [redacted r11(2)]: You will know it intimately by the end of this event!

[23/08/2023, 13:06:21] [redacted r11(2)]: Wanted to confirm if you guys will do name tags for the meeting?

[23/08/2023, 13:06:32] [redacted r11(2)]: And seating?

[23/08/2023, 13:06:40] [redacted r11(2)]: For on person wearing?  
[23/08/2023, 13:06:54] [redacted r11(2)]: Yes i understand that WS will provide  
[23/08/2023, 13:07:09] [redacted r11(2)]: And BB to provide seating place names  
[23/08/2023, 13:07:26] [redacted r11(2)]: Sorry name rents for the bilat  
[23/08/2023, 13:07:32] [redacted r11(2)]: \*tents  
[23/08/2023, 13:07:55] [redacted r11(2)]: Hmm [redacted r11(2)] thought Scotgov would take care of seating names  
[23/08/2023, 13:08:01] [redacted r11(2)]: But let me double check  
[23/08/2023, 13:11:01] [redacted r11(2)]: Yes think some slight confusion there earlier apologies but in our funding agreement with BB they were to be supplied by them  
[23/08/2023, 13:11:33] [redacted r11(2)]: We can provide these - could you email with confirmed names from US side  
[23/08/2023, 13:12:18] [redacted r11(2)]: Ok will do that later this afternoon  
[23/08/2023, 13:12:27] [redacted r11(2)]: No problem  
[23/08/2023, 13:25:28] [redacted r11(2)]: image omitted  
[23/08/2023, 15:44:31] [redacted r11(2)]: No problem  
[23/08/2023, 15:45:39] [redacted r11(2)]: To make you aware a gift has been bought which FM will present to Sec Kerry but gift is \*not\* expected in return  
[23/08/2023, 16:44:27] [redacted r11(2)]: Thank you [redacted r11(2)]  
[23/08/2023, 16:44:34] [redacted r11(2)]: It's been conveyed  
[23/08/2023, 16:56:24] [redacted r11(2)]: SG attendance at bilat: First Minister Humza Yousaf, Cab Sec Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition Mairi McAllan, Leanne Dobson special advisor TNZJT, [redacted r11(2)]  
[23/08/2023, 16:56:35] [redacted r11(2)]: Will get updated seating plan to you now  
[23/08/2023, 17:13:50] [redacted r11(2)]: Can you please confirm titles/names for the bilat meeting

The Honourable John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

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[24/08/2023, 08:42:20] [redacted r11(2)]: Hi [redacted r11(2)] there is a possibility that [redacted r11(2)] will need to step away to prepare for the speech. In that case I will step in

[24/08/2023, 08:42:29] [redacted r11(2)]: For the bilat meeting

[24/08/2023, 08:46:39] [redacted r11(2)]: Good morning. Yes not a problem

[24/08/2023, 08:52:33] [redacted r11(2)]: On the gift exchange - the visitor team knew that Nicola Sturgeon gave Kerry a Forbes tartan tie at COP? Should have mentioned earlier but thought I would flag

[24/08/2023, 08:52:50] [redacted r11(2)]: Sorry and good morning!

[24/08/2023, 09:13:07] [redacted r11(2)]: Thanks for that [redacted r11(2)]. Spoke with the team and on the understanding that it will be one-way gift giving, the team have kept it small - a John Muir book. Perhaps better thought of as more of a personal gift ?

[24/08/2023, 09:14:18] [redacted r11(2)]: That's great

[24/08/2023, 09:14:28] [redacted r11(2)]: Just thought to avoid any awkwardness

[24/08/2023, 09:15:41] [redacted r11(2)]: No, great comms thank you!

[24/08/2023, 10:20:32] [redacted r11(2)]: Also confirming the FM will make the climate aid announcement as media has reported this morning?



[24/08/2023, 10:21:50] [redacted r11(2)]: Yes - as part of his speech today.  
[24/08/2023, 10:42:16] [redacted r11(2)]: Hi can you send me your title please! Can't find in emails  
[24/08/2023, 10:42:24] [redacted r11(2)]: Oh haha it's a weird one  
[24/08/2023, 10:42:32] [redacted r11(2)]: [redacted r11(2)]  
[24/08/2023, 13:06:01] [redacted r11(2)]: Hi let me know when here need to talk to you quickly re kerry speech  
[24/08/2023, 13:58:17] [redacted r11(2)]: Kerry waking over  
[24/08/2023, 13:58:41] [redacted r11(2)]: Eta?  
[24/08/2023, 14:56:15] [redacted r11(2)]: Has FM already gone up?  
[24/08/2023, 14:56:34] [redacted r11(2)]: He has just arrived  
[24/08/2023, 14:56:37] [redacted r11(2)]: In upper  
[24/08/2023, 14:56:45] [redacted r11(2)]: [redacted r11(2)] came to get us  
[24/08/2023, 15:00:48] [redacted r11(2)]: Kerry will be up sorely  
[24/08/2023, 15:00:54] [redacted r11(2)]: \*shortly  
[24/08/2023, 15:01:49] [redacted r11(2)]: Thank you  
[24/08/2023, 15:03:56] [redacted r11(2)]: Now  
[25/08/2023, 09:27:19] [redacted r11(2)]: Morning [redacted r11(2)] hope all well. Wanted to thank you for all your support over the past few weeks to pull the event off. FM and Cab Sec happy and I hope SPEC was too. Be good to stay in contact and shout if we can help with anything!  
[25/08/2023, 10:18:41] [redacted r11(2)]: Hi [redacted r11(2)] - likewise JK and team all pleased with bilat and speeches. Thanks for the major assist with coordination. And yes definitely let's stay connected.

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This information has already been released to you in response to an EIR request in December 2023. The case reference is 202300385718. As is routine for First Minister bilateral engagements taking place in the UK, no UK Government official was present.