

1) Emails of 8 February 2023 between Cabinet Secretary and officials -clearance of media lines

From: Redacted][Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans 2021-2023
Sent: 08 February 2023 13:44
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans 2021-2023 <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take - arrest of [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Many thanks. Cab Sec is content to approve.

Kind regards

[Redacted | **Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans – Keith Brown MSP**

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Sent: 08 February 2023 13:34
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Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot {Redacted} @gov.scot Wilson A (Amy) <Amy.Wilson@gov.scot>; Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>;[Redacted] @gov.scot [Redacted] @gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot [Redacted] @gov.scot{Redacted}@gov.scot{Redacted}@gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;{Redacted}@gov.scot; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>;{Redacted}@gov.scot [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot) {Redacted}@gov. [Redacted] {Redacted}@gov.scot
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take - arrest of [Redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

[Redacted. Sec 30(b)(ii)] on the arrest of[Redacted]– in connection with the missing girl in Galasheils.

[Redacted. Sec 30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Lines to take:

A Spokesperson said: "This is a live case and it would be inappropriate to comment."

{Redacted}

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2) 18 May email to First Minister from member of the public

Dear Mr Yousaf

I am dismayed that you could not give a straight answer to whether or not [Redacted] would be imprisoned in a male prison.

After the shameful performance of Nicola Sturgeon over [Redacted] it beggars belief that SNP have not got their act together to form a coherent policy over transgender imprisonment for sex offenders. How have you failed to respond to public opinion over this?

How many women and girls safety are you prepared to sacrifice to predatory men by not providing safe spaces for women and girls.

You expressed sympathy for the young victim of [Redacted]. I can only imagine what the family went through listening to you evade the question about where he would be imprisoned. How can there even be the remotest possibility that a female prison would be an option?

From being a fervent supporter of Scottish independence and SNP, I find myself like so many others alienated from what SNP now stands for as well as it's shameful track record in building a Scotland fit for the third millennium. The gender recognition bill alone has made us the laughing stock of the world. There is so much more I could mention.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

3) 18-19 May emails between Cabinet Secretary and officials – clearance of media lines

Part of chain redacted under Sec 30(b)(i)

From[Redacted]@gov.scot. **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Sent: 18 May 2023 16:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink - Org - SG <DeputyDirectorofFoodDrink-Org-SG@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scotJ [Redacted]@gov [Redacted]@gov.sco [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot.

Subject: RE: CAB SEC AND DFM CLEARANCE PLEASE: BID {Redacted}

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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

The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 18 May 2023 15:17

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Subject: CAB SEC AND DFM CLEARANCE PLEASE: BID [Redacted]

Dear DFM, Cab Sec's and PO,

We have been approached by STV looking for our response to the [Redacted] case.

[Redacted] from LBC has also been in touch looking for SG response to [Redacted] comment on the [Redacted] case (included at the end of this email) and for a BID with Ms Robison.

[Redacted Sec 30 (b)(ii)]

BID DETAILS

DATE RECEIVED (DD/MM/YY)	PORTFOLIO	WHO	TOPIC	OUTLET	CONTACT	STATUS	DATE OF BID (DD/MM/YY)	DETAILS	COMMS LEAD
18 May 2023	Social Justice/ Justice and Home Affairs	SR	Trans prisoners and self-id	LBC	[Redacted]	[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]	18 May 2023	[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]	[Redacted]

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Scottish Conservative shadow equalities spokesperson Rachael Hamilton MSP, said: “This case shocked the local community and my thoughts are with the young girl who suffered such appalling crimes at the hands of this dangerous offender.

“It is a vile example of how predatory men are able to and will abuse the system to prey on vulnerable women and girls.

“Shona Robison – the architect of the SNP’s Gender Reform Bill – claimed that there was no evidence abusive men would have to pretend to be anything else when carrying out this type of behaviour, but this horrific case dispels her argument.

“The SNP’s self-ID legislation would allow this predator to access women’s spaces had the UK Government not intervened. Ministers must give an absolute guarantee that if a custodial sentence is handed down, that he will never be housed in a women’s prison.”

Notes:

Shona Robison said that there is no evidence that predatory men have had to pretend to be anything else. In March 2022, Robison said: ‘There is no evidence that predatory and abusive men have ever had to pretend to be anything else to carry out abusive and predatory behaviour.’ (*The Scottish Parliament*, 3 March 2022, [link](#)).

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4) Emails 19 May between Cab Sec and officials – media enquiry

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Subject: For awareness - Scottish Mail on Sunday [Redacted]

[Redacted]

As flagged on our call, we received a follow up query from the Mail on Sunday on

[Redacted]

They wanted to know when the policy referenced in our previously issued reply was put in place.

We have pointed them to published Scottish Prison Service correspondence from 8 Feb, confirming the policy: [Review of Transgender Prisoner Policy | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Best

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)

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Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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m: [Redacted]

FOLLOW UP QUERY

We asked if an assurance could be given that [Redacted] would be kept in a male prison after First Minister Humza Yousaf was asked the other day and claimed he couldn't comment. But he could – the case is not live and as we now have confirmation of, there is a policy for this exact situation.

As per the comment issued from the Scottish Government that: "The current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women (including sexual offences against women) will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers."

When was this policy put in place, please?

[Redacted] Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)

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Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Mail on Sunday – [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted], Cab Sec has cleared.

[Redacted] (he/him)

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Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Mail on Sunday – [Redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

The Mail on Sunday are following up on the FM's refusal to comment on the [Redacted] case yesterday where he said he would say no more as it's a 'live case'. They've disputed this, and are asking if the prisoner will remain in a men's prison.

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]
Many thanks

[Redacted]

Issue

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]

Suggested comment

[cleared 18 May] A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "As is well known, the Scottish Government does not comment on individual cases.

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)] The current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women (including sexual offences against women) will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers.

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Senior Media Manager
Justice and Home Affairs
Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 19 May 2023 14:27
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Scottish Mail on Sunday enquiry

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for taking my call.

On the face of it I can see why this was initially directed towards justice dpt but it's a follow-up question from what was asked of the First Minister yesterday and is asked of him.

Can there be assurances offered that [Redacted] will remain in male prisons in the lead up to and after any custodial sentence is imposed? I appreciate Mr Yousaf said he was *currently* in a male prison estate and he commented it is a live case and as such cannot say anything. It is not a live case, the accused admitted his offences and members of the judiciary including any judges cannot be prejudiced or influenced.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

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Reporter

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5) 25 May emails – commission for FOI 202300358416

From:[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 3:25 PM

To: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Fisher Q (Quentin) <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)><[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; >[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot); [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot); [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: FOI Search Commission- 202300358416

Good Afternoon,

We have received the FOI request below:

Under FOI, I would like to request all correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefings, WhatsApp messages or otherwise) which includes the terms [Redacted]

I would be grateful if you could conduct the relevant searches of your mailboxes and send me any material that is within scope of this request.

If you have any views on whether any of the material you provide should be subject to exception from release then please do let me know and I will include in consideration.

I would be grateful for any relevant material or nil responses by COP Wednesday 31 May.

Many thanks for
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

[Redacted]

From [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: FOI Search Commission Query

Hi [Redacted]

I've been pointed in your direction by a colleague so hoping you might be the right person to advise on this.

I'm handling an FOI that is seeking:

Under FOI, I would like to request all correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefings, WhatsApp messages or otherwise) which includes the terms [Redacted]

[redacted]

Apologies, I'm a bit new to FOIs so still learning the ropes, grateful for a steer!

Thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[\[Redacted}@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted}@gov.scot)

[Redacted]

6) 29 May Emails – Cab Sec and officials email exchange – media enquiry

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 3:32 PM

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot @gov.scot>

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: Re: For clearance please - media query - Prison Trans Policy Postponed - The Sun

Hi [Redacted]

Ms Constance is content.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary - Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

From [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 2:27:10 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot ov.scot>; Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Neil Rennick <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: For clearance please - media query - Prison Trans Policy Postponed - The Sun

Good afternoon PO,

[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]

SG spokesperson said:

“Ministers are clear that the current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women - including sexual offences against women - will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers.”

[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]

QUERY

Thanks for your time on the phone.

As discussed, here is the story regarding the SPS policy on transgender prisoners.

A MINISTERIAL ban on the transfer of trans prisoners with a history of violence against women into female jails forced prison chiefs to postpone unveiling their new-look trans policy, it can be revealed.

SNP ministers were forced to step in and block the transfer of transgender prisoners with convictions for violence or sex offences against women to female prisons in the wake of the outcry over [Redacted] being initially sent to a women’s jail earlier this year.

While Scottish Prison Service (SPS) chiefs refuse to confirm whether any trans prisoners have since been transferred into the women’s estate, it can be revealed that the long-awaited review of its transgender and transgender reassignment policy has been postponed as a result of the ministerial intervention.

Minutes of the SPS' March board meeting state: "SPS is responding to the ministerial announcement regarding transgender individuals and continues to work through the implications of these changes.

"The launch of the new gender identity and gender reassignment policy has been postponed to consider these changes but it is still the intention to publish this later in the year."

In a bid to defuse the furious backlash over [Redacted] the then Justice Minister Keith Brown had announced that all transgender offenders sent to prison would "initially" be sent to jails matching their birth gender.

It was a U-turn of the SPS's policy dating to 2014, which stated that where an individual is permanently living in a gender other than that assigned at birth, "establishment allocation should usually be the new gender in which they are living".

The policy controversially facilitated moves for inmates including [Redacted] who was allowed to switch to a female prison and [Redacted] as well as [Redacted]

The issue came to the fore once more over fears that [Redacted] 53, could also ultimately be sent to a women's jail to serve his sentence.

[Redacted]

First Minister Humza Yousaf initially refused to say if Miller would serve his sentence in a male or female jail before conceding that he would expect Miller, due to be sentenced in August, to remain in the male estate.

Campaigners insist there is an urgent need for transparency with the SPS' rules for trans prisoners left in disarray after the [Redacted] scandal.

Scottish Conservative shadow community safety minister Russell Findlay, said: "The previous guidelines introduced gender self-ID into Scotland's prisons by stealth, putting vulnerable women at risk from predatory men.

"The dangers of the SNP's self-ID law were exposed when a male rapist was sent to a women's prison.

"It is clear that the prison guidelines are not fit for purpose and it's vital for dithering SNP ministers to ensure that the new guidelines are published without any further delay and that they must prioritise women's safety."

Former Justice Secretary and East Lothian MP Kenny MacAskill said: "Both the delay and deliberate obfuscation are unacceptable.

"This [policy] commenced in 2014 when I was Justice Secretary but was not told about it. The issue is now out in the open and the farce of it, as well as the dangers for vulnerable women, there for all to see. England and Wales have rolled back on this and it's time this all ended in Scotland.

"SPS have a duty to prisoners whose care they are charged with to protect them not cover for the views of the Scottish Government."

[Redacted], of the feminist campaign group Women Won't Wheesht, said: "It is extraordinary that the SPS have delayed so long on producing a workable policy. The fact around sending the double rapist [Redacted] initially to Cornton Vale shows how little they consider the safety of women within the prison system."

"The SPS needs to get a move on and place male offenders no matter their identity status within the male prison estate."

In March, under FOI laws, it was revealed that of 19 transgender prisoners in custody 12 (63 per cent) began their transition "after their date of admission".

It was revealed there were seven trans women -- men identifying as female -- serving their sentences in the women's estate.

Ends

[Redacted]

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M [Redacted]

7) 5 June email “FOI Progress Update – Prison Policy Team”

From: [Redacted@gov.scot]

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Cc: [Redacted@gov.scot], [Redacted@gov.scot],
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Subject: FOI Progress Update- Prison Policy Team

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted{

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FOI Live	3	Overdue-None				
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MiCase - View Case 358416	[Redacted]	[Redacted] Correspondence	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	21-Jun	Search commission sent, responses due COP 31/05. [Redacted]
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8) Briefing Extracts –22 May 2023, 1 June, 8 June and 15 June

[Redacted – out of scope]

18 May: Coverage following court hearing involving [Redacted], who has admitted abducting a primary school girl while dressed as a woman before sexually assaulting her at his home in the Scottish Borders. He pleaded guilty to the charges at the High Court in Edinburgh. The court was told that [Redacted] is in the process of transitioning to female. SPS have advised that he has stated that he intends to go through the judicial process as a male. [Redacted]

[Redacted – out of scope]

[Redacted]

It would be completely inappropriate for me to comment on the specifics of any particular case. This remains an active court case and is sub judice.

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Kind regards

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Sent: 08 February 2023 13:34
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot {Redacted} @gov.scot Wilson A (Amy) <Amy.Wilson@gov.scot>; Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>;[Redacted] @gov.scot [Redacted] @gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot [Redacted] @gov.scot{Redacted}@gov.scot{Redacted}@gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>;{Redacted}@gov.scot; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>;{Redacted}@gov.scot [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot) {Redacted}@gov. [Redacted] {Redacted}@gov.scot
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Lines to take - arrest of [Redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

[Redacted. Sec 30(b)(ii)] on the arrest of [Redacted]– in connection with the missing girl in Galasheils.

[Redacted. Sec 30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Lines to take:

A Spokesperson said: "This is a live case and it would be inappropriate to comment."

{Redacted}

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2) 18 May email to First Minister from member of the public

Dear Mr Yousaf

I am dismayed that you could not give a straight answer to whether or not [Redacted] would be imprisoned in a male prison.

After the shameful performance of Nicola Sturgeon over [Redacted] it beggars belief that SNP have not got their act together to form a coherent policy over transgender imprisonment for sex offenders. How have you failed to respond to public opinion over this?

How many women and girls safety are you prepared to sacrifice to predatory men by not providing safe spaces for women and girls.

You expressed sympathy for the young victim of [Redacted]. I can only imagine what the family went through listening to you evade the question about where he would be imprisoned. How can there even be the remotest possibility that a female prison would be an option?

From being a fervent supporter of Scottish independence and SNP, I find myself like so many others alienated from what SNP now stands for as well as it's shameful track record in building a Scotland fit for the third millennium. The gender recognition bill alone has made us the laughing stock of the world. There is so much more I could mention.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

3) 18-19 May emails between Cabinet Secretary and officials – clearance of media lines

Part of chain redacted under Sec 30(b)(i)

From[Redacted]@gov.scot. **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Sent: 18 May 2023 16:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink - Org - SG <DeputyDirectorofFoodDrink-Org-SG@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scotJ [Redacted]@gov [Redacted]@gov.sco [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot. [Redacted]@gov.scot.

Subject: RE: CAB SEC AND DFM CLEARANCE PLEASE: BID {Redacted}

Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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

The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

M[Redacted] | Email: DFMCSF@gov.scot

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 18 May 2023 15:17

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink - Org - SG <DeputyDirectorofFoodDrink-Org-SG@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>;

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 Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: CAB SEC AND DFM CLEARANCE PLEASE: BID [Redacted]

Dear DFM, Cab Sec's and PO,

We have been approached by STV looking for our response to the [Redacted] case.

[Redacted] from LBC has also been in touch looking for SG response to [Redacted] comment on the [Redacted] case (included at the end of this email) and for a BID with Ms Robison.

[Redacted Sec 30 (b)(ii)]

BID DETAILS

DATE RECEIVED (DD/MM/YY)	PORTFOLIO	WHO	TOPIC	OUTLET	CONTACT	STATUS	DATE OF BID (DD/MM/YY)	DETAILS	COMMS LEAD
18 May 2023	Social Justice/ Justice and Home Affairs	SR	Trans prisoners and self-id	LBC	[Redacted]	[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]	18 May 2023	[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]	[Redacted]

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Scottish Conservative shadow equalities spokesperson Rachael Hamilton MSP, said: “This case shocked the local community and my thoughts are with the young girl who suffered such appalling crimes at the hands of this dangerous offender.

“It is a vile example of how predatory men are able to and will abuse the system to prey on vulnerable women and girls.

“Shona Robison – the architect of the SNP’s Gender Reform Bill – claimed that there was no evidence abusive men would have to pretend to be anything else when carrying out this type of behaviour, but this horrific case dispels her argument.

“The SNP’s self-ID legislation would allow this predator to access women’s spaces had the UK Government not intervened. Ministers must give an absolute guarantee that if a custodial sentence is handed down, that he will never be housed in a women’s prison.”

Notes:

Shona Robison said that there is no evidence that predatory men have had to pretend to be anything else. In March 2022, Robison said: ‘There is no evidence that predatory and abusive men have ever had to pretend to be anything else to carry out abusive and predatory behaviour.’ (*The Scottish Parliament*, 3 March 2022, [link](#)).

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4) Emails 19 May between Cab Sec and officials – media enquiry

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc [Redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs

<CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot

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<Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: For awareness - Scottish Mail on Sunday [Redacted]

[Redacted]

As flagged on our call, we received a follow up query from the Mail on Sunday on

[Redacted]

They wanted to know when the policy referenced in our previously issued reply was put in place.

We have pointed them to published Scottish Prison Service correspondence from 8 Feb, confirming the policy: [Review of Transgender Prisoner Policy | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Best

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e: [Redacted]@gov.scot

m: [Redacted]

FOLLOW UP QUERY

We asked if an assurance could be given that [Redacted] would be kept in a male prison after First Minister Humza Yousaf was asked the other day and claimed he couldn't comment. But he could – the case is not live and as we now have confirmation of, there is a policy for this exact situation.

As per the comment issued from the Scottish Government that: "The current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women (including sexual offences against women) will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers."

When was this policy put in place, please?

[Redacted] Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)

Senior Media Manager

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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m: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs
Sent: 19 May 2023 18:23
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs
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[Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Mail on Sunday – [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted], Cab Sec has cleared.

[Redacted] (he/him)

Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs : Angela Constance MSP
T: [Redacted] | M: [Redacted] | E: [Redacted]@gov.scot
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From [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 6:06 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs
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[Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: Scottish Mail on Sunday – [Redacted]

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

The Mail on Sunday are following up on the FM's refusal to comment on the [Redacted] case yesterday where he said he would say no more as it's a 'live case'. They've disputed this, and are asking if the prisoner will remain in a men's prison.

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]
Many thanks

[Redacted]

Issue

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)]

Suggested comment

[cleared 18 May] A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "As is well known, the Scottish Government does not comment on individual cases.

[Redacted Sec 30(b)(i)] The current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women (including sexual offences against women) will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers.

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[Redacted]

Senior Media Manager
Justice and Home Affairs
Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 19 May 2023 14:27
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Scottish Mail on Sunday enquiry

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for taking my call.

On the face of it I can see why this was initially directed towards justice dpt but it's a follow-up question from what was asked of the First Minister yesterday and is asked of him.

Can there be assurances offered that [Redacted] will remain in male prisons in the lead up to and after any custodial sentence is imposed? I appreciate Mr Yousaf said he was *currently* in a male prison estate and he commented it is a live case and as such cannot say anything. It is not a live case, the accused admitted his offences and members of the judiciary including any judges cannot be prejudiced or influenced.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

Redacted

Reporter

T: Redacted e Redacted@mailonsunday.co.uk



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5) 25 May emails – commission for FOI 202300358416

From:[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 3:25 PM

To: Director of Justice <DirectorofJustice@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Fisher Q (Quentin) <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)><[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; >[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>; [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot); [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot); [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: FOI Search Commission- 202300358416

Good Afternoon,

We have received the FOI request below:

Under FOI, I would like to request all correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefings, WhatsApp messages or otherwise) which includes the terms [Redacted]

I would be grateful if you could conduct the relevant searches of your mailboxes and send me any material that is within scope of this request.

If you have any views on whether any of the material you provide should be subject to exception from release then please do let me know and I will include in consideration.

I would be grateful for any relevant material or nil responses by COP Wednesday 31 May.

Many thanks for
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Prison Policy Officer |Community Justice Division| St Andrews House| Edinburgh| EH1 3DG

[\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

[Redacted]

From [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: FOI Search Commission Query

Hi [Redacted]

I've been pointed in your direction by a colleague so hoping you might be the right person to advise on this.

I'm handling an FOI that is seeking:

Under FOI, I would like to request all correspondence (including emails, attachments, typed or handwritten notes, letters, notes/records of phone calls, minutes of meetings, briefings, WhatsApp messages or otherwise) which includes the terms [Redacted]

[redacted]

Apologies, I'm a bit new to FOIs so still learning the ropes, grateful for a steer!

Thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[\[Redacted}@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted}@gov.scot)

[Redacted]

6) 29 May Emails – Cab Sec and officials email exchange – media enquiry

From: [Redacted}@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 3:32 PM

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot @gov.scot>

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: Re: For clearance please - media query - Prison Trans Policy Postponed - The Sun

Hi [Redacted]

Ms Constance is content.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary - Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

From [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 2:27:10 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot ov.scot>; Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot Neil Rennick <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: For clearance please - media query - Prison Trans Policy Postponed - The Sun

Good afternoon PO,

[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]

SG spokesperson said:

“Ministers are clear that the current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women - including sexual offences against women - will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to the female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers.”

[Redacted Sec 30 (b) (ii)]

QUERY

Thanks for your time on the phone.

As discussed, here is the story regarding the SPS policy on transgender prisoners.

A MINISTERIAL ban on the transfer of trans prisoners with a history of violence against women into female jails forced prison chiefs to postpone unveiling their new-look trans policy, it can be revealed.

SNP ministers were forced to step in and block the transfer of transgender prisoners with convictions for violence or sex offences against women to female prisons in the wake of the outcry over [Redacted] being initially sent to a women's jail earlier this year.

While Scottish Prison Service (SPS) chiefs refuse to confirm whether any trans prisoners have since been transferred into the women's estate, it can be revealed that the long-awaited review of its transgender and transgender reassignment policy has been postponed as a result of the ministerial intervention.

Minutes of the SPS' March board meeting state: "SPS is responding to the ministerial announcement regarding transgender individuals and continues to work through the implications of these changes.

"The launch of the new gender identity and gender reassignment policy has been postponed to consider these changes but it is still the intention to publish this later in the year."

In a bid to defuse the furious backlash over [Redacted] the then Justice Minister Keith Brown had announced that all transgender offenders sent to prison would "initially" be sent to jails matching their birth gender.

It was a U-turn of the SPS's policy dating to 2014, which stated that where an individual is permanently living in a gender other than that assigned at birth, "establishment allocation should usually be the new gender in which they are living".

The policy controversially facilitated moves for inmates including [Redacted] who was allowed to switch to a female prison and [Redacted] as well as [Redacted]

The issue came to the fore once more over fears that [Redacted] 53, could also ultimately be sent to a women's jail to serve his sentence.

[Redacted]

First Minister Humza Yousaf initially refused to say if Miller would serve his sentence in a male or female jail before conceding that he would expect Miller, due to be sentenced in August, to remain in the male estate.

Campaigners insist there is an urgent need for transparency with the SPS' rules for trans prisoners left in disarray after the [Redacted] scandal.

Scottish Conservative shadow community safety minister Russell Findlay, said: "The previous guidelines introduced gender self-ID into Scotland's prisons by stealth, putting vulnerable women at risk from predatory men.

"The dangers of the SNP's self-ID law were exposed when a male rapist was sent to a women's prison.

"It is clear that the prison guidelines are not fit for purpose and it's vital for dithering SNP ministers to ensure that the new guidelines are published without any further delay and that they must prioritise women's safety."

Former Justice Secretary and East Lothian MP Kenny MacAskill said: "Both the delay and deliberate obfuscation are unacceptable.

"This [policy] commenced in 2014 when I was Justice Secretary but was not told about it. The issue is now out in the open and the farce of it, as well as the dangers for vulnerable women, there for all to see. England and Wales have rolled back on this and it's time this all ended in Scotland.

"SPS have a duty to prisoners whose care they are charged with to protect them not cover for the views of the Scottish Government."

[Redacted], of the feminist campaign group Women Won't Wheesht, said: "It is extraordinary that the SPS have delayed so long on producing a workable policy. The fact around sending the double rapist [Redacted] initially to Cornton Vale shows how little they consider the safety of women within the prison system."

"The SPS needs to get a move on and place male offenders no matter their identity status within the male prison estate."

In March, under FOI laws, it was revealed that of 19 transgender prisoners in custody 12 (63 per cent) began their transition "after their date of admission".

It was revealed there were seven trans women -- men identifying as female -- serving their sentences in the women's estate.

Ends

[Redacted]

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The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

M [Redacted]

7) 5 June email “FOI Progress Update – Prison Policy Team”

From: [Redacted@gov.scot]

Sent: 05 June 2023 09:51

To: Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted@gov.scot], [Redacted@gov.scot],
[Redacted@gov.scot];[Redacted@gov.scot];[Redacted@gov.scot]

Subject: FOI Progress Update- Prison Policy Team

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Policy Manager | Prison Policy Team | Community Justice Division | St Andrews House | Edinburgh |
EH1 3DG | [Redacted] [Redacted@gov.scot]

FOI Live	3	Overdue-None				
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8) Briefing Extracts –22 May 2023, 1 June, 8 June and 15 June

[Redacted – out of scope]

18 May: Coverage following court hearing involving [Redacted], who has admitted abducting a primary school girl while dressed as a woman before sexually assaulting her at his home in the Scottish Borders. He pleaded guilty to the charges at the High Court in Edinburgh. The court was told that [Redacted] is in the process of transitioning to female. SPS have advised that he has stated that he intends to go through the judicial process as a male. [Redacted]

[Redacted – out of scope]

[Redacted]

It would be completely inappropriate for me to comment on the specifics of any particular case. This remains an active court case and is sub judice.

The current policy for the placement of transgender prisoners by the Scottish Prison Service means that no transgender person with a history of violence against women (including sexual offences against women) will be placed in the female estate or moved from the male to female estate. Any exception to this would require the approval of Ministers

[Redacted – out of scope]

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