

ANNEX A: All communication between the Scottish Government and Baillie Gifford between 1st May 2024 and 6th June 2024.

1. Email between Scot Gov and Ballie Gifford

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com> **On Behalf Of** Philanthropy
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 4:44 PM
To: Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Festivals Philanthropy

Hi Lisa

Many thanks for your kind words of support and good to speak with you earlier.

I could offer a meeting at either of the following times:

3-4pm on Wed 12th
10-11am on Thur 13th

Let me know which suits you best and will get an invite sent across to you and you can pass the invite on to your colleague [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] or send me his email address and I will send directly.

You will have noticed that I go by my Sunday name and my email address is [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] rather than [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] 😊

Look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for the link to the news article too.

Best wishes and enjoy the early evening sunshine.

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

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From: Lisa.Baird@gov.scot <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Sent: 03 June 2024 16:24
To: Philanthropy <Philanthropy@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: RE: Festivals Philanthropy

I mean next week

Lisa

Lisa Baird | Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment | Tel: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] [information out of scope]

email: lisa.baird@gov.scot

From: Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 4:24 PM
To: Philanthropy <Philanthropy@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: RE: Festivals Philanthropy

Good to chat [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] – does next Wednesday or Thursday suit you? I could do either day with some shoogling – afternoon best.

And did you see this: [John Swinney makes free speech claim after Edinburgh book festival sponsorship deal with Baillie Gifford ended \(scotsman.com\)](https://www.scotsman.com/news/John-Swinney-makes-free-speech-claim-after-Edinburgh-book-festival-sponsorship-deal-with-Baillie-Gifford-ended-scotsman.com)

Lisa

Lisa Baird | Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment | Tel: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] [information out of scope]

email: lisa.baird@gov.scot

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com> On Behalf Of Philanthropy
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Festivals Philanthropy

Hi Lisa

I am free for the rest of the afternoon if you wanted a call or am around tomorrow. My number is below, so feel free to call if suits. I am at home and have no meetings.

Speak soon,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] Baillie Gifford & Co
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From: Lisa.Baird@gov.scot <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Sent: 03 June 2024 10:52
To: Philanthropy <Philanthropy@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: FW: Festivals Philanthropy

Forwarding as per OOO (and I have the wrong email address for [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)])

Lisa

Lisa Baird | Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment | Tel: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] [information out of scope]

email: lisa.baird@gov.scot

From: Lisa Baird
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 9:51 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: Festivals Philanthropy

Morning [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] and [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Wondered if you has time today to have a short teams chat about Festivals funding? I am following up on the call the Director for Culture had with [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] last week.

Thanks and Kind Regards,

Lisa

Lisa Baird
Deputy Director Culture and Historic Environment
Scottish Government
Phone: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[information out of scope]

2. Email organising meeting between Baillie Gifford and the First Minister.

Good morning,

Please find the teams link for this morning's (11.10am) call below.

[information out of scope]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 8:55 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com
Cc: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Call between Baillie Gifford and First Minister

Please let me know if there are any issues.

Kind Regards,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
Office of the First Minister
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] | St Andrews House | Regent Road |
Edinburgh | EH1 3DG |

[information out of scope]

3. Email between Scot Gov and Baillie Gifford.

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Strategy and External Affairs
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 4:26 PM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture <CabSecforCEAC@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government <CabSecFLG@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: scot gov
Importance: High

All,

Please see below – copying to you all for your awareness following the discussion at Cabinet.

Best wishes

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

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[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:54 PM

To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: scot gov

Hello again Shona

I just wanted to update you that there will be a press release later this afternoon ending our relationship with EIBF by 'mutual agreement'. Sadly we both feel that our continued involvement makes safe delivery of a 'full-ish' programme in August untenable and so with deep regret we have reached this decision.

I would reassure you that there is no diminution of our desire to help the arts and other sectors within Scotland but our giving will have to be redirected toward less public projects which is the sad outcome of a misguided campaign by the activists.

I wanted to let you know before the press release goes live as per our conversation this morning.

Best regards

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: Shona.Riach@gov.scot <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:46:50 AM

To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>

Subject: RE: scot gov

It is indeed a small world!

And do let me know if helpful to speak again.

Shona

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:31 AM

To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: scot gov

Thanks for your time this morning Shona. I have sent you a LinkedIn invite. It turns out we have a mutual connection in [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] who I was at [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] with many moons ago!

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: Shona.Riach@gov.scot <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 8:54:24 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: RE: scot gov

Great. thanks

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 8:54 PM
To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: scot gov

Thanks Shona - yes that works for me. Ill call you on that number then. [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: Shona.Riach@gov.scot <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 8:32:20 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: RE: scot gov

Thanks for getting back to me. 9 would work for me. Do you want to call me on [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]?

Shona

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 5:53 PM
To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: scot gov

Correction 9&10.30

Apologies

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: Shona.Riach@gov.scot <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 5:13:30 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com>
Subject: scot gov

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

Angus Robertson asked me to reach out to you to discuss the Edinburgh Book Festival. Do you have time to talk this evening or tomorrow morning?

Shona

Shona Riach
Director External Affairs and Culture
Scottish Government
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[information out of scope]

4. Note of communication between First Minister and Baillie Gifford.

Meeting:

First Minister of Scotland and Baillie Gifford 4 June 24

Attending: (by teams)

FM (and his private office)
Davie Hutchison, Special adviser
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)], Baillie Gifford
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)], Baillie Gifford
Shona Riach, Director Culture and External Affairs
Lisa Baird, Deputy Director Culture and Historic Environment

Key points of discussion:

The First Minister said that he was deeply troubled to see the unfolding of events played out in the media over literary festivals withdrawing from funding partnerships with Baillie Gifford. He wanted to reassure Baillie Gifford that they were very much valued and respected by Scottish Government and that their support for ventures was greatly appreciated.

Baillie Gifford said that it was very difficult to defend themselves against activists and, whilst they remained committed to reinvesting in Scottish society and cities, they needed to get to a better place/ consider if funding the arts is the right thing for corporates in Scotland.

FM reflected that it would be helpful to have space to consider options / navigate a route through and think about what Government can say to provide a message of support. Baillie Gifford said they would be keen to contribute to that message.

FM closed the meeting reiterating his appreciation for Baillie Gifford and suggested that a further, fuller discussion take place when time allows.

ANNEX B: All communication between the Scottish Government and Edinburgh Book Festival between 1st May 2024 and 6th June 2024.

1. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 1:03 PM
To: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>
Cc: Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Joe Griffin - Invitation from Jenny Niven and the Book Festival team

Thanks [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)].
We are delighted that Joe can make the launch tomorrow and look forward to meeting him in person.
With very best wishes,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGSEA@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:35 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; DGSEA@gov.scot
Cc: Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot; [redacted under FOISA Section.38(1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Joe Griffin - Invitation from Jenny Niven and the Book Festival team

Good Afternoon,

I hope this finds you well, and thank you for email. I would like to confirm Joe will be attending tomorrow's event, he looks forward to the evening.

Kind Regards,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] | [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] to DG Strategy and External Affairs | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG|

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:37 AM
To: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>
Cc: Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: FAO: Joe Griffin - Invitation from Jenny Niven and the Book Festival team

FAO: Joe Griffin
Director-General Strategy & External Affairs

Dear Joe,

My name is [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] – I'm the [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] at the Edinburgh International Book Festival and work closely with Jenny Niven. We wanted to make sure you have received the invitation to our Edinburgh launch, which takes place at the Edinburgh Futures Institute (EFI) next Tuesday, 4 June, from 6pm to 8pm. We would be thrilled if you could attend. Please find the full details below.

We hope you can join us, Joe. It would be lovely to meet you in person.

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
Edinburgh International Book Festival

[information out of scope]

2. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 12:19 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] – I have come out of the meeting and just taken some info out of the brochure which might be useful as a starting point before you get the press release. It outlines the 9 different strands that the programme is made up of and includes Jenny's thoughts at the beginning.

We are putting together information on each of these strands for you (you have the expo funded Justified Sinner 200 information already) but this should help give more context on the programme and where the main highlights are.

The press release will give you a briefer summary of course.

Just jumping into another meeting now but will come back to you ASAP.

Best,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:53 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hey [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

That's great, thanks and happy to see a draft so long as it has the key info on the programme in there, as I don't need to see quotes for these purposes – thanks [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]. As I mentioned though this may be moot, due awaiting advice from the internal doyens of ministerial governance and conduct on the pre-election guidance but I am hoping this can still be squeezed into the permitted pre-election activity for Ministers.

Good luck with the BG/Hay discussions! x

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:44 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Of course, you did say this indeed – the press release is still in draft but our Marketing Director has said that she can get this across to you after our meeting today so before 1pm if that works? Let us know if it's too late?
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:26 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thanks – it's fine, don't feel the need to leave the meeting, but I did ask you this a couple of weeks ago in advance of the programme launch next week – it is the usual info on the programme, international activity etc that we always need for Ministers, and press releases are usually an easy way to get all that:

“As he will need to be well briefed for the event and the speech, please can you send me information on the upcoming festival – happy to wait for a draft news release if it's going to be available by 21st May, but otherwise grateful for full details by this time next week please in advance of the programme launch.”

It would be good to get an update on the BG/Hay discussions when you get a chance too please.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:19 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Apologies - I missed the fact you would need the press release today for the purposes of his speech.

I'm in a meeting now about the events that have happened over the weekend with Baillie Gifford and Hay.

Do you need info right now? Let me know the time and exactly what you require - I can give you some info on the various strands right now if I leave this meeting.

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[information out of scope]

On 28 May 2024, at 10:45 [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot wrote:

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Hope you had a good weekend – I am not sure that she is using a mailbox so currently her email is Shona.Riach@gov.scot and her job title is Director for Culture and External Affairs.

I have not yet had the details I need for next week's launch which I really need quite urgently now please...however I do need to warn you that on Friday we received pre-election guidance which I am currently querying centrally as to whether the election period precludes Ministers from attending events such as these where he would be announcing funding for the festival. I will let you know as soon as I hear back, but in the meantime it would be very helpful to have the info for next week. Thanks for sending the August info though, much appreciated.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2024 8:37 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],
We'd like to ensure that your new boss Susan receives an invite to the launch.

Can you let me know her email and her new title – I understand it will no longer be: Director of Culture & Major Events?

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:14 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hey [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] – I'm actually now off until Tuesday as it's a 4 day weekend for public holidays, so don't worry about rushing for today, but if I can have it for when I sign back on Tuesday that would be great please. Have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:54 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] – just dashing into a meeting but should have the doc ready by 4.15 at the latest – is that OK for you. [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:48 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Thanks! x

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:45 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Of course – bear with me I'll have it over to you later today. [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 11:41 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Hope all's well – just wondering if you're going to be able to send me that info please, as I need to get Mr Robertson the details of the event and what your 2024 plans are early next week? It is also a 4 day weekend for SG for public/bank holidays, so I'll only be back in on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:14 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Hope all's well.

As you may have gathered Ms Stewart is no longer Culture Minister and has not been replaced. I have however now had confirmation that Mr Robertson would be delighted to attend and speak at the opening in her place.

He may not be able to stay for the full two hours, so if you can send me a clearer idea of the timings before too long that would be great please.

As he will need to be well briefed for the event and the speech, please can you send me information on the upcoming festival – happy to wait for a draft news release if it's going to be available by 21st May, but otherwise grateful for full details by this time next week please in advance of the programme launch.

On that can you share with me some suggestions for events for him to attend over the festival please, ideally with the usual EXPO and PlaCE focus? Happy to get that list/table after we catch up next week.

Speak soon ☐

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

3. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:56 PM

To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Programme Presentation- meeting reschedule

Thanks [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)], I'll send over a calendar invite now.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Take care,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:36 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Programme Presentation- meeting reschedule

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Apologies I thought I had replied! Yes, that is fine – unfortunately [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] cannot make that time, but she'll let me know what she would have told you and I'll do my best to do justice to it!

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:19 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Programme Presentation- meeting reschedule

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

That's fantastic, I'll pop a diary invite across – shall we say 1pm at our offices?

Best wishes,
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:17 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Programme Presentation- meeting reschedule

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thank you for the well wishes ☐ Hope you had a good long weekend.

That day is fine for both of us – I've added [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] again too – and early afternoon would most likely work best if that is OK with you?

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:09 PM

To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Programme Presentation- meeting reschedule

Hello [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

I hope everything is okay, I'm just reaching out to reschedule and wondered whether May 20 would work for you for the programme presentation?

If so, @[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot would this also work for you?

Once confirmed we can lock a time in and get in the diaries.

I look forward to hearing from you both.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

4. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 1:43 PM

To: Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>

Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Hi Jenny,

Pleasure, and wish we were chatting on better circumstances.

The key reason is we always keep Ministers abreast to any emerging issues in the culture sector and wanted to understand what was being picked up in the media.

If there are any further developments, I or one of the many colleagues you have been speaking to in the past week or so will be in touch, and if there are any changes on your side please don't hesitate to advise me. Our DG Joe and our new Director Shona Riach are coming tomorrow too, so I'm sure they will be able to update further too if they have more to add.

Hope planning for the launch in your new home is going well!

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 1:01 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
<[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Dear [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],
Thanks for your email and glad you'll be coming tomorrow.
Can you share what the specific purpose of the enquiry is? Can we expect any further correspondence or perhaps another meeting soon?
I'm being asked in media about the role of SG in this, of course. I've said we've been discussing with you throughout.
Thanks
Jenny

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: 03 June 2024 12:59
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jenny Niven
<Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38
(1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38
(1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Thank you for making Ministers aware [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
and for your kind words. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:13 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jenny Niven
<Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
<[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thank you very much for sending that information over – Ministers have been made aware of this helpful summary. On a personal note, it's tough to read this so I hope you are all managing as well as you can, and look forward to seeing you tomorrow for the launch.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 4:45 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Dear [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] and [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

We hope the following information is useful. This has been prepared today amidst numerous activities. We trust it is clear and comprehensible but if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. I'm including Jenny's number here and she is happy to be contacted on: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

Baillie Gifford has been a sponsor of the Edinburgh International Book Festival for over 20 years. Since 2015 they have been the Lead Sponsor, primarily supporting the Children and Schools Programme, with a focus on increasing equality of access through initiatives including low ticket prices for the public programme, a Bus Fund to support schools to bring their pupils, and free tickets for all schools programme events. Over the last two years, increased investment has also allowed every pupil who attends to receive their own free book by the author they came to see.

[redacted under FOISA Section.33 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 3:38 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

I am needing to finish up now for the weekend, so I am copying in [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] who has been working on this too, so if you can include her in any response that would be great please.

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:38 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Yes, bear with me and I'll come back to you as soon as possible.
Best,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:36 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Of course – Ministers are interested to know how much BG provided you annually, and ideally in total since the partnership began, and a rough idea of what it was for, such as the Schools Gala Day – is that something you can share with me in confidence for Ministers please? If so, can you send it fairly soon please?

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:00 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Thank you. I appreciate that [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]. Hope to see you at next week's launch

x

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 10:59 AM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thanks for sending that on to me, and I know that our Director has been having conversations with [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] at BG and Jenny.

Sorry to hear it had to come to that and hope you're all doing OK.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 5:37 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: An update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford

Dear [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

We wanted to make sure you saw the most recent update on our partnership with Baillie Gifford. This news has just been released:

<https://www.edbookfest.co.uk/news/an-update-on-our-partnership-with-baillie-gifford>

With very best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
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[information out of scope]

5. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 3:34 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at EIBF Launch

Hi [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thanks for the call earlier, it was a helpful update.

Sincere apologies, but I have now heard back from both Cabinet Secretariat (the Ministerial governance team in SG) and Mr Robertson's private office and unfortunately they are of the view that his attending and speaking at the launch would not comply with pre-election guidance sadly. As such please accept his and our apologies, but due to the timing of the UK Government's announcement we are bound by these rules. And of course that means please don't rush to try and provide me with that additional info, but I would still be grateful for a Word copy of the final press release when that's available please.

I am waiting to find out if the pre-election guidance extends to press release quotes from Ministers/SG as well, though I am hoping it doesn't count there too!

Apologies again and speak soon.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[information out of scope]

6. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 5:16 PM
To: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>; Jenny Niven <Jenny.Niven@edbookfest.co.uk>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@edbookfest.co.uk>
Subject: Event - John Swinney and Mark Drakeford

Dear [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] and [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

Thank you for visiting the Book Festival offices today. It was lovely to meet you both in person. [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] and I hope you enjoyed our programme presentation.

As discussed, I will update our document with our priority events for Scottish Ministers and send it to you later this week.

We appreciate your offer to follow up on our invitation to John Swinney for the event with Mark Drakeford on Tuesday, 20th August at 20:30. There will be a chair for this event (chairperson to be confirmed), and the discussion will reflect on 25 years of devolution.

Please pass on Jenny's heartfelt gratitude to the First Minister for his letter. She was deeply moved by his kind words about the Book Festival.

As mentioned, we are in touch with Mark Drakeford's office and understand our event proposal is of interest. Please advise whether we should email the First Minister's Special Advisor directly about this invitation.

We'd be grateful if you could share the contact details of Mr. Swinney's Special Advisor once you have them. As I mentioned earlier today, we would be open to exploring the possibility of the First Minister's Festivals reception taking place at The Futures Institute this year if that is of interest.

@[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot We are delighted that Mr. Robertson is confirmed to speak at our Edinburgh launch on 4th June. We will be in touch with logistical details, our press release, and a briefing note for his address. We will also coordinate with the Edinburgh Futures Institute regarding any messaging from their perspective.

Best wishes,

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

7. Note of corporate roundtable between Scot Gov and Culture Sector stakeholders including Edinburgh International Book Festival representatives.

**Corporate Social Sponsorship
Scottish Government Roundtable 1
Wednesday 05 June 2024, 1 pm, MS Teams**

Please see annex for attendees

1. Welcome and introductions

JG thanked attendees for joining the call at short notice and introduced SR as the new Scot Gov Director for Culture and External Affairs.

2. Scene setting

JG set out in broad terms what has been happening across the culture sector over the last few weeks in terms of activism targeted at removing Baillie Gifford sponsorship from cultural organisations. He invited open discussion from attendees on how the Scot Gov might provide leadership in mitigating impact but also to share perceptions on what has been happening more generally.

3. Discussion

Key points raised in open discussion are captured below.

Key discussion points:

Impact on sector

- Concern that addressing the issue is urgent with thousands of pounds in corporate sponsorship having already left the sector with more to follow if potential sponsors come to view the sector as problematic.
- Recognition that if a corporate sponsor withdraws, individual donors may also avoid funding the arts
- Characterisation of the online nature of activism being experienced with targeted personal attacks on individual staff members in Baillie Gifford and cultural organisations.
- Recognition that activism is misdirected at cultural organisations and artists/cultural producers and illogical as it will have no bearing on the issues being raised. A year of trying to set out logical arguments to address the issue has failed and activity continues to impact access to art and the work of the sector. It also goes beyond any one individual corporate sponsor.

- Factors that individual organisations are having to weigh up around continuation or otherwise of BG sponsorship right now includes: existing/potential corporate sponsorship; personal, staff, audience and participant security including additional costs; time lost to dealing with activism issues; the profile of those in any resultant programming or offer potentially being non-representative ie. likely to be white, middle class with a particular age profile.
- Risk that online disruption will become a physical presence during the summer festival season in Edinburgh and that showing a united front as a sector will not provide adequate mitigation.
- Understanding that some artists/creative producers are in support of the activism and others are not and there may also be a generational divide so it is difficult to assess impact going forward. Perception that audiences have not clearly voiced their opinion on the issue but feeling that the silent majority may be afraid rather than supportive.
- Note that those being sponsored by companies with direct links to fossil fuels; e.g., in sports are not being targeted in the same way as the culture sector. This underlines the need to stand firm as a collective so as not to be seen as the easy target.
- The scale of the issue for the sector has not yet been quantified, however, many organisations have sought to diversify their funding base through corporate social sponsorship to meet public sector match-funding requirements and initial Creative Scotland findings show increasing support from corporate social investment over time.

Potential approach going forward – suggestions

- General consensus that the sector needs to stand united and send a strong message that cultural organisations have ethical funding strategies in place to which they adhere.
- Understanding that making decisions around ethical funding can feel isolating and could be more powerful if there was a collective approach, potentially developed and held elsewhere, so that individual organisations do not feel exposed.
- Scot Gov provided clarity that there is no additional funding available from the public purse to plug any funding gaps resulting from sponsorship withdrawal.
- Perceived need for cross-sector 'big picture' discussion to include corporate sponsorship, philanthropic giving and fund raising and ensure smaller organisations cannot be isolated and targeted.
- Welcomed recent statements from Mr Swinney and Robertson but stronger leadership needed from Scot Gov including via a clear narrative from the top that the sector can sit below potentially setting out the operating context as one of transition to net zero etc. and consider ways of making corporate social sponsorship more acceptable through alternative mechanisms.
- Highlighted that SMEs being targeted have little recourse to support for staff under duress and whether something could be put in place to help with duty of care.
- Awareness that the ramifications of activity affect all of the UK and that the response in Scotland should not have unintended consequences by creating

an internal market. Urged Scot Gov to meet urgently with DCMS and devolved administrations to discuss a whole UK approach.

- Need for awareness around charitable giving and charity law which is underpinned by an OSCR framework and legal process which may compel charitable organisations to receive donations over and above any ethical considerations. It may be worth seeking an OSCR view on current issues.
- Offer of support from Creative Scotland and including to galvanise a strong collective position whilst recognising that areas of the sector are beyond Creative Scotland's remit. Also consideration of what Culture and Business Scotland's role could be in supporting discussion.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:

- JG and SR to report to and advise DFM/FM/Cab Sec on the discussion and asks of Ministers/Scot Gov from the sector.
- SR to continue to meet and discuss with individual stakeholders.
- Scot Gov to continue to show support to Baillie Gifford at all levels.
- Scot Gov to consider how best to communicate shared values and to project strength of the sector and what opportunities there may be for Ministers to support that messaging.
- [redacted under FOISA Section. 29(1)(a)]
- [redacted under FOISA Section. 29(1)(a)]
- [redacted under FOISA Section. 29(1)(a)]
- [redacted under FOISA Section. 29(1)(a)]
- All to consider who else needs to be involved in discussions going forward e.g. Culture and Business Scotland, OSCR.

4. DONM

JG suggested a series of in person meetings if possible with the same invitee list. The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 13 June at 13.00 in St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh.

ANNEX

ATTENDEES:

Scottish Government: Joe Griffin, Director General, Strategy and External Affairs (Chair); Shona Riach, Director Culture and External Affairs; Lisa Baird, Deputy Director Culture and Historic Environment; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

Culture Sector: Jacky Hardacre, Chief Executive, Scottish Youth Theatre; Steven Roth, Executive Director, Scottish Ballet; Chris Hampson, CEO, Scottish Ballet; Vicky Williams, CEO, Sistema; Alex Reedijk, General Director, Scottish Opera, Chair of Citizens Theatre Glasgow and Beacon Arts Centre Greenock; Helen Ireland, Director of External Communications, National Museums Scotland; Isabella Miller, Director of Audience and Development, National Galleries Scotland; Donella Steel, Director of Finance, National Galleries of Scotland; Fran Hegyi, Executive Director,

Edinburgh International Festival; Julia Amour, Director, Festivals Edinburgh; Laura McLister, Interim Director, Edinburgh Science Festival; Belinda McElhinney, Chief Executive, International Childrens Festival; Shona McCarthy, CEO, Edinburgh Fringe; Jenny Niven, Director, Edinburgh International Book Festival; David Greig, Artistic Director, Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh; Iain Munro, CEO, Creative Scotland; Isabella Miller, Director of Audience, National Galleries of Scotland; Fiona Gibson, CEO, Capital Theatres; Gavin Reid, CEO, Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Joan Parr, Director for Culture and Wellbeing, City of Edinburgh Council; Fiona Bradley, Director, Fruitmarket Gallery.

ANNEX C: Any letters or emails sent by the Cabinet Secretary specifically regarding the Edinburgh Book Festival between 26th May 2024 and 6th June 2024.

1. Email between officials and Mr Robertson's private office.

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:44 AM
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent advice on philanthropic sponsorship by Baillie Gifford

Hi all

As discussed on Portfolio Directors' call just now, please see the amends as proposed by Mr Robertson – he is content with the lines with these changes.

Thanks

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

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[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]
Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot
St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

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From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 7:56 AM

To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent advice on philanthropic sponsorship by Baillie Gifford

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)],

DFM suggests the below – is Mr Robertson content?

Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes said:

“The Edinburgh International Book Festival has an established reputation as a champion of literature that gives voice to the voiceless. This decision was entirely a matter for the Festival, and there is no agreement in place with the Scottish Government to replace private funding with public funding.

The Scottish Government recognises the importance of the Edinburgh International Book Festival, and pays tribute to Baillie Gifford’s longstanding sponsorship of this important event.

“We continue to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the Middle East, agreed by all sides, with the immediate release of all hostages. To prevent further deaths, the bombs and rockets must stop, humanitarian and medical facilities must be protected, and civilians must be given unrestricted access to the basic necessities of life, wherever they are.”

Thanks

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

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[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

The Scottish Government | St Andrew’s House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] Email: DFMCSEG@gov.scot

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2. Email

From: Angus Robertson <Angus.Robertson@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: Record of EIBF Sponsorship Issue

Last Friday the Hay Book Festival in Wales confirmed the cancellation of sponsorship from Scottish investment managers Baillie Gifford, following a campaign by authors critical of the company's investments in the energy sector and with firms involved in Israel. Campaigners indicated that their attention would now turn to the Edinburgh International Book Festival (EIBF) which is also sponsored by BG.

I have subsequently been in touch with Jenny Niven, Director of the EIBF and [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] at Baillie Gifford. The EIBF has not yet made any formal final decision on their course of action, but are in active discussions with BG.

I undertook that SG should be in direct touch with both EIBF and BG to understand their discussions and any final decision, given the potential impact on the festival and wider cultural sector. This has been confirmed with Joe Griffin and Shona Riach and I am recused from the issue given my constituency interests.

Contact details are as follows:

Jenny.niven@edbookfest.co.uk
[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com

3. Email

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Note from Mr Robertson following Conversations with Baillie Gifford and EIBF

Apologies, resending from Cab Sec CEAC inbox. Grateful if this can please be used going forward/on eRDM.

From: [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 2:56 PM

To: Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>

Subject: Note from Mr Robertson following Conversations with Baillie Gifford and EIBF

Good afternoon all

Mr Robertson has shared the below message following discussions he has held with [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)], Baillie Gifford yesterday 28 May and Jenny Niven, Edinburgh International Book Festival today.

Mr Robertson has confirmed that he made no commitments during any of these conversations and also made clear to [redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)] and Jenny that he has been recused from decisions relating to EIBF and other organisations in his constituency, with further discussions to take place at a senior official level. I would be grateful if this note can please be saved onto eRDM for the official record.

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Contact details are as follows:

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[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]@bailliegifford.com

Kind regards

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted under FOISA Section.38 (1)(b)]

Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

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