

## Response on Question 1

ANNEX A

### *Your question*

1. Could you supply all correspondence sent and received by the government, including internally, all briefings prepared for and minutes/notes from the two meetings Humza Yousaf had with the German Consul General and French Consul General on April 3, between March 1 2024 and May 1 2024?

### *Our Response*

#### Document 1 – March 2024 email chain between CG Pailler and SG official

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Envoyé : mardi 12 mars 2024 13:28

À : @diplomatie.gouv.fr

Objet : RE: FM réunion

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Fantastique. La réunion se déroulera à Bute House.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

From: <stephane.pailler@diplomatie.gouv.fr>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 9:30 PM

To: Sean Bonner <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: FM réunion

Oui super !.

Merci. Stéphane

Sent from Nine

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De : **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot

Envoyé : lundi 11 mars 2024 12:11

À : stephane.pailler@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Objet : FM réunion

Bonjour Stéphane,

Le bureau du First Minister vient de proposer le 3 avril pour la réunion. Est-ce que 15h00 te conviendrait?

Cordialement

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Document 2 – March 2024 email chain between FM Private Office and SG official

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]>@gov.scot]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:20 AM  
**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]>@gov.scot]  
**Subject:** RE: French and German CGs

Morning [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] ,

The CGs can both make those dates. Can we go with German CG at 14:00 and French at 15:00. What will the location be?

Merci/Danke

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] @gov.scot> On Behalf Of First Minister  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]>@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]>@gov.scot  
**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: French and German CGs

Good morning both,

Please could we find out if the Consul Generals are able to meet on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

- 1400-1430
- 1500-1530

Many thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]>@gov.scot> On Behalf Of First Minister

**Sent:** Friday, March 1, 2024 10:33 AM

**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** French and German CGs

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Thank you for speaking with me just now.

As discussed, we will need to move the French CG meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday at 1630.

Further to discussions with [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] yesterday and the diary pressures in the coming weeks, we have agreed that we will postpone the meeting until Easter Recess rather than reschedule and risk having to cancel/postpone again.

For the same reasons we will also need to reschedule the German CG.

I will come back to confirm diary slots during recess once we have a firmer idea of the dates/times we have.

Appreciate your help with this.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Document 3 – April 2024 email chain regarding CG visits – [REDACTED - S.30 - PREJUDICE TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS]**

Document 4 – April 2024 email chain regarding CG visits – [REDACTED - S.30 - PREJUDICE TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS]

Document 5 – March 2024 emails between CG Hullman and SG official

**[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

Am 1. März 2024 11:27, hat "**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot" geschrieben:

Dear Christiane,

I hope you are having a good week!

Unfortunately we have just been advised that FM will no longer be able to meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, so we will need to reschedule your meeting at Bute House. We're now looking at a date in Easter recess due to diary pressures (1-12 April) but are still waiting for a steer from his office on specific dates and times. I'll be back in touch next week to arrange a mutually convenient date but wanted to give you an early heads up!

Best wishes,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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Document 6 – March 2024 emails between German consulate and SG official

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@edin.auswaertiges-amt.de>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** WG: Meeting with the First Minister

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

Christiane is back from her holiday and just reconfirmed the meeting with First Minister on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2 pm. She will be accompanied by her deputy **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**.

Best regards **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**Von:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Gesendet:** Montag, 11. März 2024 14:58

**An:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@edin.auswaertiges-amt.de>

**Betreff:** RE: Meeting with the First Minister

That's great. Thank you for confirming, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. Do you know if the Consul General will be accompanied by anyone?

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 12:08 PM

**To:** .EDIN L Hullmann, Christiane <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@edin.auswaertiges-amt.de>

**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Meeting with the First Minister

Good morning Christiane,

I hope you had a nice weekend, despite the gloomy weather!

The First Minister's office has suggested 3 April for your rescheduled meeting. Would 14:00-14:30 be suitable?

Mit freundlichen Grüßen [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER**

**MEETING WITH THE FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL**

**3 April 2024**

<p><b>Key messages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask the Consul General about his priorities and where he believes the best opportunities for stronger Franco-Scottish cooperation lie.</li> <li>• Ask about French politics since the appointment of the new PM Gabriel Attal in January. What does this mean for upcoming European elections?</li> <li>• We appreciate the interest shown by delegation visits to Scotland. We hope the visit over the weekend of the delegation of French coastal leaders was successful (the group met with Ms McAllan yesterday). We look forward to welcoming the OFB (French biodiversity agency) to Scotland in June. France and Scotland have much to learn from one another and we appreciate the CG’s support in delivering impactful visits.</li> <li>• Scotland deeply values our long and historic relationship with France, which we are working to enhance at the national and regional levels, such as with Brittany, Occitanie and Région Sud. Officials from the Scottish and Breton governments are working together closely to develop new areas for engagement to deliver the aims of the MoU DFM signed in Rennes last year and to bring our Celtic nations and regions together.</li> <li>• Thank the CG for his idea to have a plaque at the Stade de Colombe in Paris to celebrate the life of Eric Liddell, who won gold in the stadium at the 1924 Olympics. The plaque was unveiled on 22 March and is a fitting tribute to the iconic sprinter. The Head of the SG France Hub was delighted to say a few words at the unveiling.</li> <li>• I am honoured to attend June’s D-Day commemoration events in Normandy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What</b></p>	<p>Bilateral meeting</p>
<p><b>Why</b></p>	<p>Strengthen engagement with the French Consul General, hear about the priorities for the Consulate and discuss upcoming engagement with France</p>
<p><b>Who</b></p>	<p><b>Stéphane Pailler, French Consul General</b>                  Pailler took up post last autumn. Previously, he served as Deputy Director for the Environment and Climate Department at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs; Deputy PermRep of France to UN and International Organisations; and Director of International Department of ASN (French Nuclear Safety Regulator).</p>
<p><b>Where</b></p>	<p>Bute House</p>
<p><b>When</b></p>	<p>15:00-15:30</p>
<p><b>Media</b></p>	<p>tbc</p>



<b>Supporting official</b>	<b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b> France and Germany, European Relations <b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b>
<b>Attached documents</b>	Summary France country brief

### Summary

Stéphane Pailler took over as the new French Consul in September 2023 and has since engaged closely with SG at official and ministerial level (meeting with DFM, Mr Robertson and Ms McAllan. Since starting the role he has shown a particular interest in engaging across areas such as renewables, trade and culture.

Recent engagement with France has focused on renewables and biodiversity. We have particularly strong relations with the French biodiversity agency (OFB), who will visit Scotland in June, and with regional partners such as Brittany. Food and drink is a key area of engagement for the SG/SDI teams in Paris, with France a major importer of Scottish produce.

We would like to increase our engagement in energy where we know, for instance, that France has a particular interest in our offshore wind expertise (such as yesterday's coastal leaders visit, meeting with Ms McAllan, offshore wind officials and Crown Estate Scotland). Increased collaboration between businesses and innovators in this area would be mutually beneficial. **[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

Stéphane has also highlighted the UN Conference for Oceans 2025 which will take place in Nice. Officials are exploring opportunities for SG participation.

### Recent engagement

- **2 April 2024** – **Ms McAllan** met with a delegation from the French Association of Coastal Leaders (ANEL) which focused on renewables and coastal economic development
- **22 March 2024** – Head of Hub attended unveiling of Eric Liddell plaque at Stade de Colombes
- **13 March 2024** – **Ms Stewart** attended UNESCO conference celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Salamanca Declaration
- **6 March 2024** – **Mr Robertson** met with CG Pailler (Ms McAllan also met him on 28 Nov)
- **30 Nov 2023** – **Ms Gougeon** co-hosted SG/SDI France St Andrew's Day event in Paris
- **6-7 Oct 2023** – **DFM** visited Paris for the Rugby World Cup
- **11-12 Sept 2023** – **Ms Todd** visited Nice and Marseille for the Rugby World Cup
- **3 Aug 2023** – **DFM** attended the Celtic Forum in Brittany and signed an MOU with the region and a Celtic-wide 'Rennes Declaration'

### Upcoming engagement

- **6 June 2024** – **FM** likely to visit Normandy to commemorate D-Day
- **17-18 May** – **Ms Gilruth** likely to visit Paris for an education related visit and various engagement with OECD
- **24 April 2024** – **Ms McKelvie** to meet CG Pailler to discuss drug and alcohol policy
- **Late April 2024** – **Ms Martin** likely to attend floating offshore wind conference in Marseille



- **26-28 June 2024 – French Biodiversity Agency** (OFB) visit to Scotland to visit Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, engage on offshore wind and (tbc) meet with Ms Slater
- Stéphane has expressed an interest in learning more from Scotland's expertise in offshore wind (especially floating) **[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

## FRANCE COUNTRY BRIEF

**Population:** 67.1m

**Head of State:** Emmanuel Macron (since May 2017, Party: Renaissance (previously La République En Marche (LREM))

**Head of Government:** Gabriel Attal

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** Stéphane Séjourné

**Ambassador to UK:** Hélène Duchêne

**Ambassador to France:** Menna Rawlings



### Hot Topics

- On 9 January 2024, Macron announced that his **new Prime Minister** would be Education Minister **Gabriel Attal**, replacing the outgoing Élisabeth Borne. In the subsequent government formation, most senior ministers remained in post. However, Catherine Colonna was replaced by Stéphane Séjourné as the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Rachida Dati (formerly of the opposition Republicans) has replaced Rima Abdul-Malak as Minister for Culture. The new government is seen as a shift to the right, possibly as a tactic for the upcoming European elections, where the right-wing Rassemblement National will be the main competition.
- **Farmers** across France have been protesting against the high cost of fuel, access to water and overregulation by blocking roads, setting the tone for political debate in the run up to June's European elections. New PM Attal and Rassemblement National leader Jordan Bardella have both tried to address farmers' concerns.
- France remains committed to **nuclear energy**, which provides the majority of the country's energy needs, and softened the blow to gas and oil prices following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. France is keen to push nuclear energy into the forefront of the EU's energy plans (with some success), including allowing nuclear technologies and hydrogen derived from nuclear power to be included in the European Commission's Net Zero Industry Act.
- In mid-October 2022 a pipeline linking Barcelona with Marseille was agreed, which could facilitate the future export of Spanish hydrogen to central Europe.

Document 8 – Note of meeting between FM and French Consul General

<b>MEETING WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR FRANCE</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	3 April 2024
<b>Who</b>	Stéphane Pailler ( <b>SP</b> ), Consul General for France
<b>Key points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SP opened by saying that the approximately 20,000 French people who live in Scotland are well-integrated and appreciate the hospitality shown to them by the Scottish people.</li> <li>• SP explained that his main focus in his role is the climate crisis and renewables. He is eager to encourage French companies to visit Scotland to learn about the opportunities here and the development of the Scottish renewables industry. There will be a call to tender for French offshore wind in 2025, and SP said that Scotland is a laboratory for the world in green energy.</li> <li>• FM explained that trade with France was an important focus, particularly in food and drink, and that we would explore opportunities to engage with trade delegations out to France in the coming year.</li> <li>• SP talked about increasing French engagement with the Scottish space sector, with FM saying that space is a huge industry for Scotland and that SG would be happy to support visits to the north of Scotland and Prestwick where French delegations are interested.</li> <li>• On languages, SP talked about the decrease in Scottish pupils learning French. FM said that encouraging pupils to take languages was an important challenge, recognising the importance of French in business and diplomacy. He said he was pleased to have heard about the meeting between consuls and Cabinet Secretaries Robertson and Gilruth, and that we remain open to exploring avenues to work with consulates, the Institut / Alliance, Goethe Institut and Cervantes to support language learning in Scotland.</li> <li>• <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Attending official</b>	<b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b> , France and Germany, European Relations
<b>Comment</b>	A useful introductory meeting for the First Minister to hear about the Consul General's priorities. <b>[REDACTED - S.30(b)(i) - PREJUDICE TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – FREE AND FRANK PROVISION OF ADVICE]</b>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials to share details of the Floating Offshore Wind 2024 conference in Aberdeen on 9-10 October 2024.</li> <li>• DITI to consider trade delegation opportunities in France.</li> </ul>
<b>Copy list</b>	Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture DG SEA Martin Johnson DD European Relations  Emily Mackintosh Ewan Crawford

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

## Document 9 - Briefing for FM on meeting with the German Consul General

### **BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER**

#### **Meeting with German Consul General Christiane Hullmann**

<b>What</b>	Bilateral meeting with Consul General (CG) Christiane Hullmann
<b>Why</b>	To build on strong relations with the Consul General, in particular with a view to discussing key topics such as hydrogen, language learning and Euro 2024.
<b>Who</b>	Christiane Hullmann – German Consul General in Scotland
<b>Where</b>	Bute House
<b>When</b>	14.00 – 14.30, Wednesday 3 April 2024
<b>Likely themes</b>	Hydrogen, Euro 2024
<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We appreciate the enthusiasm the CG has shown in <u>strengthening Scottish-German relations</u> at the political, economic and cultural levels in support of shared priorities and values. Ask about her priorities in post.</li><li>• We appreciate the interest shown by <u>delegation visits to Scotland</u> in areas such as hydrogen, health, research and life sciences, and look forward to welcoming the Science Ministers of Lower Saxony and Rhineland-Palatinate (Falko Mohrs and Clemens Hoch, respectively) to Scotland in the coming months. These visits demonstrate the value and strength in depth of Scottish-German collaboration in sciences, research and development, and of relations with our partner Länder.</li><li>• We are grateful for our engagement on our <u>common hydrogen ambitions</u>, which will be crucial to collective endeavours to reach net zero. We look forward to working with the UK and German governments to shape the UK-Germany Hydrogen Partnership, and to ensuring that Scotland is able to capitalise on its potential as a major green hydrogen export nation.</li><li>• We are looking forward to <u>Euro 2024</u>. I am delighted to be able to attend the opening match against Germany in Munich, and excited for my wider programme of engagements in the city. We would welcome the CG's support in exploring opportunities to engage with German counterparts at the opening match. Best wishes to Germany as hosts for what will no doubt be an excellent tournament</li><li>• Ask about Germany's continued commitment to support <u>Ukraine</u>, reflecting on the CG's personal links to the country and SG's determination to support Ukraine.</li></ul>
<b>Media</b>	tbc

<b>Supporting official</b>	<b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b> European Relations, <b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b>
<b>Attached documents</b>	Annex A – Agenda and Summary Annex B – Hydrogen Annex C – UEFA Euro 2024 Annex D – German language learning in Scotland Annex E – Germany core brief

**03 April 2024**  
**AGENDA AND SUMMARY**

**ANNEX A**

**[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

**[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]** It was initially scheduled for 19 March, but had to be postponed due to diary pressures. This meeting presents a good opportunity to demonstrate appreciation for our close relationship with the Consulate and discuss areas for future collaboration. **[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

Christiane may raise German language learning, following a meeting Mr Robertson and Ms Gilruth held with key European consuls general in January.

**[REDACTED - S.30 - PREJUDICE TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS]**

The meeting also presents a good opportunity to seek Christiane’s support in securing engagement with German ministerial counterparts at Euro 2024, particularly for your visit to Munich. **[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]**

## HYDROGEN

### Background

- Currently Germany is looking to Norway, North Africa and the Middle East in terms of potential importers of green hydrogen. The signing of the UK/Germany Hydrogen Partnership in Berlin in September 2023 provides the opportunity for us to work with Germany to secure Scotland's role as a major supplier of renewable hydrogen based on geographical proximity, shared values, experience in energy production and the stability of potential supply.
- We do not want Scotland's position outside the EU to act as a barrier to Scotland realising its full potential as part of the locus of hydrogen production and infrastructure emerging around the North Sea. We would like to see direct pipelines between Scotland and Europe considered as part of the hydrogen supply corridors explored by the European Hydrogen Backbone Initiative.

### Key messages

- International cooperation is key to unlocking the hydrogen economy. To address global problems, we need global solutions, and no one company, industry or government can achieve net zero alone.
- As a trusted and reliable trading partner, Scotland could play a central role in securing Europe's future energy supply and accelerating the global transition to net zero.
- We aim to continue developing over the coming years bilateral and multilateral relations with Scotland's near northern neighbours to promote regional cooperation and understanding, and heighten awareness of the region's green hydrogen potential in our northern neighbourhood and to prospective import countries in the EU.
- We aim to drive Scotland's hydrogen production capability to meet an ambition of **5GW of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen by 2030** and **25GW by 2045**. Our economic analysis concludes that Scotland has the potential to deliver up to 126TWh of green hydrogen per year by 2045 (3.3 Mt), with up to 94TWh (2.5 Mt) of hydrogen for export to Europe and the rest of the UK.
- This will put us on the pathway to becoming a leading hydrogen nation by 2045 and provide the potential to secure Scotland's future as a centre of international excellence as we establish the innovation, skills and supply chain that will underpin our energy transition.
- We are taking action now to help realise that potential, including: investing in renewable hydrogen projects; working with the Port of Rotterdam and strategic partners on an LOHC transport pilot; supporting the Hydrogen Backbone Link Project (the North Sea hydrogen pipeline connection between Scotland and Europe); developing a Hydrogen Sector Export Plan and working with the UK Government to facilitate trade.
- In addition to our vast renewables potential, Scotland is well-placed in terms of proximity and infrastructure connectivity to key hydrogen import locations in northern Europe, with the potential to become an export hub linking the North Sea region and the north of Europe.

- If the EU is to meet its ambition to import 10m tonnes of renewable hydrogen by 2030, it will be important to ensure that future hydrogen exporters – many of whom are Third Countries – can benefit from future funding streams such as the EU Hydrogen Bank.



**UEFA EURO 2024****Background**

- Ministerial visits are planned around each match of the group stage. You will be in Munich for the opening match on 14 June. Ms Todd will be in Cologne (v Switzerland, 19 June). Mr Robertson will be in Stuttgart (v Hungary, 23 June).
- German media appear to be relishing Scotland's draw to play Germany in the opening game, with FAZ noting the qualities of "passion" and "team spirit" that it claims the Scotland team possesses "which Germany is currently lacking". The German Football Association's sporting director Rudi Völler is reported to be looking forward to the match against the Scots: "It will be a great contest, they will bring a lot of fans and it will be a great atmosphere." There has been positive coverage of the recent decision to allow Scottish fans to bring bagpipes registered with the SFA inside stadiums during matches.
- Officials are engaging with stakeholders including the German Consulate, Munich and Cologne City Councils, the FCDO, SFA and the Tartan Army to maximise the opportunities to promote Scotland during the Championships and make the most of the ministerial visits.

**Key messages**

- We look forward to making the most of the opportunities to promote Scottish-German relations, in particular with Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg, where we play our group matches. Fortuitously, these states are all priority regions for the Scottish Government in Germany (along with Rhineland-Palatinate and Hamburg), and we look forward to busy programmes of engagement across areas including twinning, youth exchange, renewables and inclusion in sport.
- We appreciate the Consul General's support in helping us make the most of opportunities for engagement around the Euros.
- Officials are looking into how we can use the Euros to incentivise interest in German language learning among young people in Scotland and to help facilitate greater numbers of school partnerships.

## GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING IN SCOTLAND

### Background

- German remains the third most popular language taught as both an L2 and an L3 in secondary schools. The latest survey shows that the number of schools offering German as an L2 is increasing in both primaries and secondaries.
- The latest survey shows that the number of schools offering German as an L2 is increasing in both primaries and secondaries.
- German is the third most popular language at National Qualification level, after French and Spanish. After a downward trend, the number of entries in 2023 at both National 5 and Higher has slightly increased.

### Issues and engagement

- In the current year, we are not aware of any German speaking language assistants placed into state-funded Scottish schools. This issue, which is true for all languages, has been exacerbated because of issues faced by the GET programme from the University of Mainz.
- We have had intermittent bilateral engagement with the Goethe Institut (GI). Education Scotland also works with the GI in Glasgow, liaising on issues relating to the 1+2 policy, sharing pedagogical expertise and responding to their advice and input.
- The GIMAGINE programme, aimed at promoting and supporting the learning of German, has been established in England as part of DfE's wider additional support for languages. It is run alongside a Languages Hub programme, led by the National Consortium for Languages Education (IOE the UCL Faculty of Education and Society) and working with key stakeholders such as the GI and British Council.
- **[REDACTED - S.29 - FORMULATION OF SCOTTISH ADMINISTRATION POLICY]**
- Ms Gilruth will visit Bishopbriggs Academy on 30 May, which was a partner of the GETS scheme and is a participant in the PASCH programme, to learn more about these schemes.
- European Relations are considering opportunities to promote German language learning and make the most of the GI's presence in Glasgow, which we greatly appreciate. The Euros and planned videos of Edinburgh/Munich twinned schools will, we hope, build some excitement in Scotland about German language learning.

## GERMANY CORE BRIEF

**Head of State** – President Frank-Walter Steinmeier (SPD)  
**Chancellor** – Olaf Scholz (SPD)  
**Ambassador to UK** – Miguel Berger (since May 2022)  
**Consul General in Edinburgh** – Christiane Hullmann (since August 2023)  
**UK Ambassador** – Jill Gallard (since Nov 2020)  
**Residents in Scotland** – 31,000 (2021 ONS estimate)



### Politics

- 2023 was the first full year since 2020 in which the German economy contracted, with GDP falling by 0.3%. According to the IMF, Germany was the worst-performing major economy in the world last year.
- Defence Minister Boris Pistorius (SPD) is often billed as a potential Chancellor in waiting. Germany has overtaken the UK in value of military aid supplied to Ukraine. Scholz continues to reiterate continued support for Ukraine, despite budget difficulties. Germany recently signed a bilateral security agreement with Ukraine, pledging long-term security commitments. However, Scholz has been criticised in recent weeks for his repeated refusal to supply Ukraine with Taurus cruise missiles.
- Scholz's SPD/Greens/FDP coalition continues to face a tumultuous period, with widespread apathy and disgruntlement towards the Government. The main conservative opposition CDU and far-right populist AfD remain ahead in the polls ahead of the upcoming European Parliament election and state elections in Brandenburg, Saxony and Thuringia. Recent mass protests against far-right extremism and the emergence of a new populist party on the left (Bündnis Sara Wageknecht) appear to have halted AfD's polling momentum at the federal level, however at Länder level, the AfD remains on track to become the largest party when the three Eastern states go to the polls in September.

### Relations with the Länder

Scotland has 5 regional MoU agreements: Bavaria (2017), Baden-Württemberg (2022), Hamburg (2021) NRW (2022) and Rhineland-Palatinate (2021). The agreement with BW focuses on promoting co-operation on climate and energy. We have hydrogen focussed agreements with Hamburg and Bavaria, and an emerging partnership with Lower Saxony and the wider north Germany region. Our agreement with RLP is focussed on culture, education, higher education and research, while our agreement with NRW has a strong economic focus.

### Upcoming ministerial engagement

- **1 May 2024** – **Mr Robertson** to meet with Lower Saxony Minister for Science & Culture Falko Mohrs in Edinburgh
- **7-8 May 2024** – **Mr Robertson** to attend Arctic Circle Forum in Berlin
- **14 May 2024** – **Ms McAllan** or **Ms Martin** to attend Port of Wilhelmshaven hydrogen event in Berlin (still tbc)
- **June 2024** – **FM, Ms Todd** and **Mr Robertson** to attend Scotland's three Euro 2024 group matches in Munich, Cologne and Stuttgart, with wider visit programmes to focus on twinning, culture, energy, trade and sport

- **19-21 June 2024** – **Mr Gray** and **Mr Dey** to meet with RLP Education & Health Minister Clemens Hoch on his visit to Scotland
- **19 June 2024** – **Mr Robertson** to attend German-British Chamber of Commerce reception in Edinburgh, also meeting with RLP Minister Clemens Hoch
- **8-9 July 2024** – **Ms Martin** to participate in virtual BGA hydrogen event (date tbc) with Lower Saxony Economy Minister Olaf Lies

#### **Recent ministerial engagement**

- **30 Jan 2024** – **Mr Matheson** met the RLP Health Committee in Edinburgh
- **24 Jan 2024** – **Ms Slater** call with German agriculture attaché Meinhard List
- **9-11 Dec 2023** – **Ms Constance** visited Berlin to learn more about Germany's criminal justice system and approach to prosecution of sex crime
- **6 Dec 2023** – **Ms Martin** attended the Nuremberg Hydrogen Dialogue
- **14-15 Nov 2023** – **Mr Lochhead** attended the Space Tech Expo in Bremen
- **26 Oct 2023** – **FM & Mr Robertson** hosted Ambassador Berger at Bute House. The Ambassador also met with **Ms Slater**
- **26-27 Sept 2023** – **Mr Gray** visited Berlin for the UK/Germany Hydrogen Conference, and attended the Bremen Hydrogen Technology Expo

Document 10 – Note of meeting between FM and German Consul General

<b>MEETING WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR GERMANY</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	3 April 2024
<b>Who</b>	Christiane Hullmann ( <b>CH</b> ), Consul General for Germany
<b>Key points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM noted the good relationship between the Scottish Government and the German Consulate, and the value of the German community in Scotland. <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b></li> <li>• FM raised energy security as an important focus for SG engagement with Germany and the UK Government, adding that with the latter we are working together to make the most of the huge opportunity that hydrogen presents, and that grid and infrastructure upgrades will be critical. <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b></li> <li>• <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM said he looks forward to attending the opening match of the European Championships between Scotland and Germany, and that he hopes it will bring further bonds of friendship between our countries. He added that we are eager to make the most of the opportunities presented by three ministerial visits to three of our priority states to develop links in trade, culture and sport, pointing to the importance of increasing business engagement in renewables, food and drink, and financial services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Attending official</b>	Emily Mackintosh, Special Adviser [redacted], European Relations
<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[REDACTED - S.32 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Copy list</b>	Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture DG SEA Martin Johnson DD European Relations  Emily Mackintosh Ewan Crawford  <b>[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]</b>

## Response to Question 2

### *Your Question*

2. Could you supply all briefings and analysis prepared for the First Minister about Israel in the last three months?

### *Our response*

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested under question 2 ("Could you supply all briefings and analysis prepared for the First Minister about Israel in the last three months?") would exceed the upper cost limit of £600.

Under Section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

You may, however, wish to consider reducing the scope of your request in order that the costs can be brought below £600. For example, you could specify the subject matter(s) of the documents you are interested in or restrict your request to a specific business area of the Scottish Government, as this would allow us to limit the searches that would require to be conducted. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for requesting information under FOI and the EIRs' here: <https://www.foi.scot/how-do-i-ask>

### Response to Question 3

#### *Your Question*

3. Could you supply all correspondence sent and received by the government, including internally, all briefings prepared for and minutes/notes about UK and Scotland selling arms to Israel, from the last three months?

#### *Our response*

Information supplied below. A large amount of incoming correspondence and Scottish Government responses were found to be in scope of your request. As the incoming correspondence was seemingly generated by use of a template and responded to using standard text, I have provided one example each to avoid duplication. These can be found at the end of this section responding to Question 3.

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**Subject:** RE: Next steps on UK-Israel FTA for 2024

Further to this, it is worth being aware of Friday's (23 Feb) statement by an eminent group of UN Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts and members of relevant Working Groups. This is relevant also in the context of controversy around the recent ADS Group event at the Scottish Parliament.

Also worth underlining is the potential for personal legal liability on the part of both ministers and civil servants, and the fact that relevant crimes are subject to universal jurisdiction (ie future arrests could be made in jurisdictions like Spain, South Africa or Brazil).

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Arms exports to Israel must stop immediately: UN experts | OHCHR  
"Any transfer of weapons or ammunition to Israel that would be used in Gaza is likely to violate international humanitarian law and must cease immediately.

“States have a responsibility “to do everything reasonably in their power to prevent and stop violations of international humanitarian law by Israel, particularly where a State has influence through its political, military, economic or other relations.

“State officials involved in arms exports may be individually criminally liable for aiding and abetting any war crimes, crimes against humanity or acts of genocide,” the experts said. “All States under the principle of universal jurisdiction, and the International Criminal Court, may be able to investigate and prosecute such crimes.”

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**Subject:** RE: SPAD Clearance: RE: URGENT: FMQ Supp - Ross Greer - funding for companies involved in Israel - 10:30

Thank you. Nothing further to add, content with the draft text from a procurement policy perspective.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Senior Procurement Policy Specialist

The Scottish Government

To the extent that this e-mail contains any comment in relation to matters concerning procurement law such comments do not constitute advice to you. The contents of this e-mail are not to be construed as legal advice or a substitute for such advice, which you should obtain from your own legal advisers if required. We are not and shall not be held responsible for anything done or not done by you as a result of comments in this e-mail.

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Tweaks thanks

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**Importance:** High

Thanks David – that looks good to me. I think [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] is off and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] in a meeting.

SpAds – given timings, I suggest we go with David’s text below.

All the best,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION].

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]- starter for ten on a short version below. It would be possible to add a reference to the Economic Activities of Public Bodies Bill; I think it would be correct to say that if passed, that Bill/Act would mean SG had even less freedom of movement on issues like this in future. However the lead on that sits with procurement colleagues so you shd check with them (I've added [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]). There have been past Ross Greer PQs so I have mentioned that.

*As the Member knows, the Scottish Government has had human rights due diligence rules in place for some years, and even before the current conflict in Gaza we were addressing the question of businesses shown on a UN list as possibly being active in the occupied Palestine territories. Only a few days ago I wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel. The member will also be aware that the Scottish Government can only operate within the bounds of the relevant UK legislation and our devolved powers which limit the activity the Scottish Government can take.*

David

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Not sure [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] is online yet. Think this is the relevant FMQ. <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A45967535/details>

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Bringing in some DITI colleagues who I think would have lines on this. Apologies if it's scattergun.

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**Importance:** High

Colleagues

We understand that Ross Greer will try to raise ending Scottish Government funding for companies 'complicit in Israeli occupation' at FMQs today.

I'd be grateful if you could suggest a short (125 word) response for SpAd clearance, by 10:30. I'd also be grateful if you could confirm when this has been picked up.

I've attached correspondence from Mr Greer and from FM to PM, which may be helpful.

Many thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
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**Subject:** FOR ACTION: Micase 202400402215

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

I am [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and new to post in the Trade and Sustainable Development team. I have been assigned a MiCase (202400402215) which requires a Ministerial response from Ms McAllan to Alex Rowley MSP. Final reply deadline of **28/03/24**.



Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

I've suggested adding in some additional detail to take account of Emily's comments regarding the FM's recent activity/letter to the PM etc in Israel/Gaza.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED: FAO [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]- Draft letter to Ross Greer - OPTs

Yes, content for my part.

David

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Dropping SpAds/FMPO – back to the previous version then.

Procurement colleagues, as per FMPO, can you clear the attached in the next hour?

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (and contributing colleagues),

Thanks for the draft, which the First Minister was grateful for. The response has issued – please find attached the final version for the purposes of record keeping.

Mr Greer has responded stating he's still keen to meet Mr Lochhead, so I will facilitate the meeting between their offices. I'll keep you and **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** copied in relation to supporting the Minister.

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Thanks – this is far better. I’ve made a couple of tiny tweaks.

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issued to Mr Greer before COP, please.

Emily

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With thanks to colleagues, updated draft attached.

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Nothing to add from a procurement perspective.

Regards

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Nothing to add from Trade Policy, adding Iain from Procurement.

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I'd go with below – just shifted the order and added a line at the end.

Thanks,  
Emily

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Hi all,

We're again expecting Ross Greer to try to ask a question at FMQs on commercial involvement with Israel. I've copied the question, and the answer we had for a similar question last week, below.

Grateful if you can review and make any edits required, by 9:30am. Please also confirm when this is picked up.

**Likely question:** *Many of us are grateful for the First Minister's clear moral leadership in opposing Israel's genocidal attack on Gaza following the heinous Hamas assault on October 7th. More than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed in last six months. Children are now being starved to death.*

*In November First Minister agreed in principle to my request that no company profiting from Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine should profit from public grants or contracts here in Scotland. And last week he agreed to look at stopping Scottish Government grants to the arms dealers supplying Israel. He also apologised to the people of Palestine for governments across the world failing to stop this genocide. International pressure on Israel is essential and in banning complicit companies from receiving public money here, the Scottish Government can add to that pressure. But these words need to translate into actions.*

*So, can I ask the First Minister how he will ensure they are taken forward with the urgency they deserve?*

- As the Member knows, the Scottish Government has had human rights due diligence rules in place for some years, and even before the current conflict in Gaza we were addressing the question of businesses shown on a UN list as possibly being active in the occupied Palestine territories.
- The member will also be aware that the Scottish Government can only operate within the bounds of the relevant UK legislation - which limits the activity the Scottish Government can take.
- That said, I wrote to the Prime Minister last month calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and I will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.

Thanks,

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Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

I hope that you are well. Apologies for the delay in coming back to you, we're a bit thin on the ground at the moment. Yes, thank you – that's great.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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Due to Covid-19, I am working from home as are the majority of Scottish  
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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Are you content for the below line to be used in my response to MiCase  
202400402215, as set out below.

*“The First Minister wrote to the Prime Minister last month calling for a ban on arms  
exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this  
issue.”*

Thanks

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

I am [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and new to post in the  
Trade and Sustainable Development team. I have been assigned a MiCase  
(202400402215) which requires a Ministerial response from Ms McAllan to Alex  
Rowely MSP. Final reply deadline of [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL  
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The specific ask from Mr Rowely is: *“What is the Scottish Government doing to  
ensure that the human rights checks being carried out by Scottish Enterprise are*

*providing accurate information and Scottish Enterprise funding is not being given to companies who are supplying countries with poor human rights records?"*

Could you please provide me with a line regarding FM calling for arms exports to Israel to be stopped

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Scottish Govt & Legal advice on Arms Trade

I think there is a policy team (in DED?) responsible for the arms industry. Worth seeing whether this MiCase shd be transferred to them rather than us leading on it – because in any case I suspect we'd need them to write most or all of it.

David

David Barnes

Deputy Director, Trade Policy

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

CC'ing David in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]absence.

I completed a MiCase (202400402215) and FOI (202400399079) requests recently both of which focussed more on the human rights due diligence guidance than specifically Gaza. Lines which could be of help in crafting a response, taken from the MiCase response which [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]signed off and which colleagues contributed to are below. However, I would recommend bringing [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] into the chain if you have not already approached them.

- *The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.*
- *This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. It is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers*
- *In addition, the Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.*
- *The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. However, the First Minister wrote to the Prime Minister last month calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.*

Thanks

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**Subject:** FW: Scottish Govt & Legal advice on Arms Trade

Morning [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

I've been sent the micase below regarding arms exports to Israel and human rights. Am I remembering correctly that you were looking at something on Gaza more generally?

Thanks,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**  
**Senior Policy Adviser – International Trade Regulations**  
The Scottish Government  
Directorate for International Trade and Investment  
Trade Policy Division

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 5:18 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Scottish Govt & Legal advice on Arms Trade

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**To:** First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot  
**Subject:** Scottish Govt & Legal advice on Arms Trade

Dear Humza,

I am writing to you after speaking extensively to your SNP colleagues in Westminster. I'll keep this email brief as it is my hope to arrange a meeting with you next week or the week after to discuss at greater length my request/proposal. In a nutshell I'd like to make a formal suggestion regarding legal advice on the Arms Trade and export licensing criteria in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government. The regulation of international trade remains a reserved matter, with import and export control falling under 'head C – Trade and Industry' of the social and economic policy reserved to Westminster. However, the Scottish government does have published policy on international trade and also has an international trade and investment directorate.

Of particular interest is the 'Good Governance' section of the June 2023 annual report Scotland's Vision for Trade which specifically highlights that "Scotland is committed to being a good global citizen and trading partner, respecting international law, supporting human rights and seeking to build global relationships based on trade".

Keeping the above in mind, my ask to you is whether you might agree to commission a full report and publication of legal advice on Scotland's obligations as a devolved governing body of a third state. This legal advice would specifically look at the export and import of arms and other components utilised for military purposes which are being manufactured by businesses and at sites located in Scotland. The overall idea is that having a devolved administration publish such legal advice on whether there is even a risk that arms and components produced within your jurisdiction might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law (IHL) and if this could then force the UK government in Westminster to (i) acknowledge this advice and (ii) conduct its own full inquiry and report on the same which would then pre-empt a full suspension of export licenses to human rights violating states including Israel. This would be of great assistance to organisations such as Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) and specifically in relation to Israel-Palestine it would give assistance to Al-Haq and the Global Legal Action Network (GLAN) as they pursue judicial review of the UK government's potentially unlawful decisions to continue granting arms export licences for trade with Israel.

The scope of such legal advice and a full report would be to ultimately answer the question of whether there is a risk that the Scottish government (and by default the UK government) might be failing to uphold its international obligations and relevant commitments vis-a-vis international humanitarian law and the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty to which the UK is a signatory. Any such report should also clearly outline the obligations of (i) the Scottish government and (ii) the UK government, as well as potential consequences i.e. the risk of prosecution or referral so as to hold relevant authorities and decision makers legally responsible and accountable. Of course, this should all be consulted upon throughout the process with input from legal experts and human rights organisations. It is aimed at trying to expose complicity in human rights violations and to get positions on whether Scotland and Scottish businesses can continue exporting any arms and components where there is a clear risk of them being used to violate international humanitarian law.



As time is of the essence I would aim to drive up to Edinburgh from where I am based here in Newcastle Upon Tyne for a formal meeting with you at some point next week or the week after if your understandably busy schedule would permit it?

I very much look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [Independent cross-party consultant on Israel-Palestine](#)  
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**Subject:** MiCases

Hello

As discussed earlier, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] from International Development asked if she could reassign some MiCases to myself. I have had a quick look at her current MiCases and there are currently approx. 5 which all have the below wording (in italics). Let me know if you think I should accept them?

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

*I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and*

*Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.*

*Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*

*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

*So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.*

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government



**From: [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 1:41 PM

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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Thanks for sharing **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**.

The lines used on SE's Due Diligence Procedure seem fine to me as, if I remember rightly, SE had approved these for inclusion in the Alex Rowley letter you refer to. Can I check whether you've flagged these letters or the main points being raised with SE directly to make them aware? It might be useful for them to know about the accusations being made, especially if this is going to be the start of a new campaign. SE will also be able to consider whether the lines are still the most appropriate to use.

Regards

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** FW: Time sensitive: Gaza Open Letter - Oxfam

FYI – the letter was signed and sent

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (he/him)**

Head of Trade and Sustainable Development

Trade Strategy Division - Trade Policy - Directorate for International Trade and Investment

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**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 9:46 AM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: Time sensitive: Gaza Open Letter - Oxfam

Morning **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

With thanks for the extension, please see the below advice and attached draft reply for the First Minister's consideration.

**[REDACTED – S.30(b)(i) - PREJUDICE TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS]**

Please do let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Middle East, North Africa and Latin America Policy Officer, International Division,  
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**Subject:** RE: Time sensitive: Gaza Open Letter - Oxfam

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

I hope that you are well. I am not sure if there is a missing attachment but, based on the letter content below, I am broadening the copy list to this as it crosses over policy areas, though not for International Relations to lead on. We think this is best placed with Human Rights colleagues for stakeholder engagement and relations (with Oxfam) and Trade colleagues for arms export and supply to Israel and the EAPB

Bill/UK Government activities. I have also included for awareness colleagues in International Development.

I can provide top lines on the topic of ceasefire, though, in the attached FMQ style brief.

Thanks

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**Subject:** FW: Time sensitive: Gaza Open Letter - Oxfam  
**Importance:** High

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

See the attached. Grateful for urgent advice and draft response – noting the Oxfam deadline of 15 March, grateful for something by lunchtime tomorrow. Apologies for the short notice.

Regards

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:28 PM

**To:** First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

**Cc:** frances.johnston@parliament.scot; ross.ingebriigtsen@parliament.scot

**Subject:** Time sensitive: Gaza Open Letter - Oxfam

Dear First Minister,

I warmly welcome your powerful contributions to date on the devastation unfolding in Gaza, and I am contacting you today to urge you to again speak out – this time in direct solidarity with Oxfam, our supporters, our partners and other influential voices.

As you will know, Oxfam GB not only has staff and partners within Gaza, but has been campaigning for an immediate and permanent ceasefire since the terrifying escalation of violence against civilians in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank in October 2023. As part of the next phase of our campaign, we are calling on the UK government to immediately suspend arms licences and exports to the Government of Israel.

I know you have already called for the UK Government to stop arming Israel and may have already written to the UK Government on this matter. Your engagement on this issue is very much welcome.

Since 2015, the UK has licensed at least £474 million worth of military exports to Israel. This includes components for combat aircrafts, missiles, tanks, technology, small arms, and ammunition. The F-35 stealth bomber aircraft contains many parts that have been made in the UK. These same fighter jets are being used to reduce parts of Gaza to rubble, striking fear into the hearts of people on the ground and destroying countless lives. Gaza is fast becoming completely uninhabitable - more than 60 per cent of homes have already been destroyed. The UK government is refusing to suspend arms licences and exports to the Government of Israel – even though there is a clear risk UK made weapons are being used to commit serious violations of international law.

I am getting in touch today as **we will publish a joint open letter on our website on 18<sup>th</sup> March** calling on the Trade Secretary and Foreign Secretary to immediately suspend arms licences and exports to the Government of Israel.



We are writing to prominent individuals to ask them to sign up to the open letter in advance of its publication – after which we will also be asking members of the public to add their name. We hope this approach will help to demonstrate the breadth of support for the suspension of arms licences and exports and we believe your early support for this letter would therefore be highly significant.

I am therefore writing to ask if you would be willing to add your name to this Oxfam-led letter, which can be viewed here:

<https://oxfam.box.com/s/4f1fbsn1q3m1kuyskutfqrduokg56ik6> (embargoed)

If so, to enable us to include your name in the first publication of the letter please let me know by **12pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – although we would still be very happy to add your name at a later point if you are not able to confirm by that date.

Given we are simultaneously seeking the backing of prominent individuals and organisations for this letter at both UK and Scotland levels in advance of asking members of the public to give their support, we are unable to amend the letter wording.

An important part of our strategy for this campaign is increasing the general public's knowledge on UK arms sales and licences to the Israeli Government. We would therefore like to ask if in addition to adding your name you would be willing to share messages about this issue with your social media audiences? Please let me know if you would like us to share more details about our plans for social media for the day.

Many thanks, **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**Head of Oxfam Scotland

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:27 PM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** MiCase 202400405022

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, in relation to the MiCase you allocated me earlier (202400405022) there are (I think) 2 parts to it.

1. The specific request of *"calling on the Scottish Government to lay out their own commitments in clear point form, indicating the precise measures, interventions and other actions it is taking to show that they are adhering to ICJ protocols and not enabling the genocide."*
2. And then the principal points they would like to see covered in such a plan:
  - a. *"Issue a public acknowledgement of South Africa's case before the ICJ, which accepts the "plausible case" of a genocide being committed by Israel.*
  - b. *State clearly what you will do, with all your available powers and influence, to secure an immediate embargo on all arms from Scotland to Israel.*
  - c. *Reiterate Scotland's call upon the UK Government to ban all arms to Israel.*
  - d. *Instruct a comprehensive review of all funding streams for arms companies and ancillary/supply firms, most specifically funds awarded by Scottish Enterprise to aerospace and defence companies that export to Israel, despite Scottish Enterprise's avowed human rights procedures of 2019.*
  - e. *Publish a directive to all councils and local governing bodies with guidelines to ensure that they are not unwittingly complicit in the genocide.*
  - f. *Publicly state how you will support trade unions and workers who refuse to handle weapons and components bound for Israel.*
  - g. *Use all possible powers to ensure that Lothian Pension Fund divests the £160 million they have in companies that are enabling Israel, and instruct a review of other pension funds, such as Strathclyde Pension Fund, to show where funds are invested and divestment actions being taken.*
  - h. *Commit to a reconsideration of the IHRA document, showing that the general public are capable of knowing the essential difference between antisemitism and legitimate criticism of Israel."*

Do you agree that a response should stick to the first part, as the principal points that they wish to see covered in a plan are out with the realm of the MiCase? Also, planning to commission the below people for lines, can you please suggest anyone you think I may have missed:

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** - Sponsorship Manager  
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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** - International Relations Team Leader  
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Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Content for our lines; copying in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] for info.

Kind regards

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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Thanks

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**Cc:** SE Government Enquiry Team <SEGovernmentEnquiryTeam@scotent.co.uk>  
**Subject:** [CORR/1272] For review: Human Rights Due Diligence  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Just to confirm the line is up to date and we are happy for you to use.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
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**Importance:** High

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Hello

I am [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] from the Trade and Sustainable Development team. We previously spoke in early March regarding a line for a response to Alex Rowley MSP (email attached to help with memories).

I am emailing you today however in regards to several pieces of correspondence that I have been assigned and which all contain the same text, and which may be the start of a new letter writing campaign. The text and my proposed response are attached. Can you please review by **COP Friday, 22 March** and let me know you are content, specifically with the line:

*“Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise’s Customer Due Diligence Procedure, sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence.”*

To note, my colleague **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** has reviewed the attached and is happy with the above line. But flagged that it may be useful to also highlight and confirm with yourselves.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

Hello CCU Colleagues,

I hope that you are all well. I just wanted to flag that cases below (and with similar content/subject) should sit with our colleagues in DITI – [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] in copy.

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

I think that this case might be a duplicate that I have seen before.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Middle East, North Africa and Latin America Policy Officer, International Division,  
External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government

( [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | \* [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot

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**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 9:12 AM

**To:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

Morning,

Please add to micase as an OR. We have received numerous correspondence on this subject.

Thanks,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:39 PM

**To:** zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade <ministersbit@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

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Dear Richard Lochhead,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.

Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.

If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.

So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Yours sincerely,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:24 AM

**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hello!

Hope your well! Not at all – all good. Yes, we Cn continue to use that line below. At the moment we have a bit of a backlog on responses from UK Government (generally).

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**



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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Sorry if you came back on this – my inbox is overdue for a cull..

Could you please confirm if the below line (which is in para 5 of the proposed  
response attached) is still accurate / up-to-date?

*“The First Minister wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to  
Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.”*

Thanks

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Thanks

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:59 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – to see.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – because this involved the First Minister, and a live and sensitive issue (Israel/Gaza), and was urgent (letter to be drafted and to issue all within the day) on future occasions if I am away pls can you forward to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (plus whoever [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] suggests out of [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]). If I'm in, then flag it to me but also still forward.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], would it be possible to add another Trade Policy person to your standing cc list? Maybe [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], as the working level contact. Thanks.

David

David Barnes  
Deputy Director, Trade Policy  
Scottish Government  
Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ  
Pronouns: he/him  
Tel (mobile) [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]<[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], other contributing colleagues,

Many thanks for the rapid turnaround on this ask today. To confirm, the letter has now issued – please find attached the final version for record-keeping purposes.

[ATTACHMENT REDACTED - S.25 – INFORMATION OTHERWISE ACCESSIBLE HERE <https://www.gov.scot/publications/call-ban-arms-sales-israel-letter-prime-minister/>]

We'll let you know if/when we receive a response to any of the First Minister's recent letters.

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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION](he/him)  
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**Subject:** RE: FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be issued to the PM shortly, FM has made an amendment to the last line.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Private Secretary to the First Minister

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**Subject:** RE: FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

With thanks to SGLD colleagues for speedy advice, please find attached a draft letter as requested.

All the best,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** |Team Leader, International Relations |Directorate for External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**<**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:42 AM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

**Importance:** High

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],**

As discussed via Teams, following the latest development of the killing of aid workers by Israeli strikes, the First Minister would like to write to either the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (will leave this with you to decide) **today** to demand an immediate end to arms sales to Israel. Grateful for a draft letter as soon as possible today.

To confirm, the FM has still not received a response to his letter to the PM dated 23/02 on this subject.

Many thanks,

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Subject: RE: Gaza - Legal profession letter to the UKG

Hi all,

Yes, we added this to the DEXA SCANCE note in early-March:

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Thanks,

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Thanks David. Copying in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]too,  
for awareness.

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On arms sales I wd say SG has done all it can, with repeated FM to PM  
correspondence.

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David

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**Subject:** Gaza - Legal profession letter to the UKG

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For awareness.

You will have seen media coverage of a letter sent to the PM by a large group of  
leading UK lawyers, including four former UK Supreme Court justices  
Fourth former UK supreme court judge signs letter over Israeli actions in Gaza |  
Foreign policy | The Guardian)

The letter (Gaza-letter-FIN-3-April.pdf (lawyersletter.uk)) makes clear that the UK's  
international legal obligations require the UKG to take five priority actions. Two of  
these have potential relevance from a Trade point of view (below). Action 3 might  
perhaps also apply. One would assume that commercial entities will have been  
careful not to make such statements, but almost anything now seems possible.

1. to work actively and effectively to secure a permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
2. to take all available measures to ensure safe access to and delivery of the  
essentials of existence and medical assistance to Palestinians in Gaza, including  
confirmation that UK funding to UNRWA will continue with immediate effect;



3. to impose sanctions upon individuals and entities who have made statements inciting genocide against Palestinians;  
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UKG reply to FM's letter to the PM on arms sales .

Let's leave it to DEXA to advise on any next steps, but you shd be aware as background to the MiCases.

David

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Please see the attached response received this afternoon from Lord Ahmad of  
Wimbledon – welcome any views on next steps and I will share with the First  
Minister in the interim.

Copying Comms for awareness.

Many thanks,  
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Attachment:

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08 April 2024

Dear Humza,

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 February and follow-up of 3 April to the Prime Minister about Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories. I am replying as the Minister of State for the Middle East.

Israel suffered the worst terror attack in its history at the hands of Hamas and Palestinian civilians are facing a devastating and growing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. We want to see an immediate end to the fighting in Gaza to get aid in and hostages out, then progress towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to destruction, fighting and loss of life. On 25 March, the international community took a significant step towards achieving that. We welcome United Nations Security Council resolution 2728, which reflected widespread international support for Britain's position and considerable efforts by our diplomats to secure a consensus.

All parties must act within International Humanitarian Law (IHL), which is why we continue to call for IHL to be respected and civilians to be protected. A shocking number of civilians have been killed and we want to see Israel protecting civilians

and stop destroying homes. Israel is the occupying power in Gaza, it is responsible and that has consequences, including when we look at if Israel is compliant with IHL, which is why we keep advice on Israel's adherence to IHL under review.

We need an immediate stop in fighting to allow humanitarian actors and Palestinians in Gaza to operate and move safely and enable all hostages to be released. We have set out very clearly five steps that Israel needs to take, including: An immediate stop in fighting to get more aid in and the hostages out; increased capacity inside Gaza to fully enable the UN's operating requirements; increased access for aid through land routes and to fully open Ashdod Port; an expansion of the types of aid allowed into Gaza; and, the provision of electricity, water and telecommunications, to both the north and the south of Gaza.

We were shocked and appalled by the killing of three British Aid workers in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza. We condemn these actions and have made strong representations, to the Israeli Government including at Prime Ministerial level. We are providing support for their families and the Foreign Secretary has spoken with his Israeli counterpart to underline that the deaths of these aid workers is completely unacceptable. Israel must provide a full, transparent explanation of what happened and make major changes to ensure the safety of aid workers on the ground.

The Government takes its defence export responsibilities extremely seriously and operates some of the most robust export controls in the world. We regularly review advice about Israel's compliance with International Humanitarian Law through continuous assessments supported by a detailed evidence base, including analysis of the conflict and reporting from NGOs, international bodies and partner countries, statements and reports by the Israeli Government and military representatives. We act consistently with advice on these assessments when considering export licences. We can and do respond quickly and flexibly to changing international circumstances. All licences are kept under careful review and we are able to amend, suspend, refuse or revoke licences, as circumstances require.

With 1.2 million people sheltering in Rafah a land offensive will result in devastating consequences of unimaginable human suffering and we have made clear our strong views in this respect to the Israelis.

Five vital elements are required for a lasting peace: the release of all hostages; the formation of a new Palestinian Government for the West Bank and Gaza, accompanied by an international support package; removing Hamas's capacity to launch attacks against Israel; Hamas no longer being in charge of Gaza; and a political horizon which provides a credible and irreversible pathway towards a two-state solution, of Israel and Palestine living in peace and security.

The Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and I have reiterated these messages in contacts with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other senior Israeli political leaders, as well as leaders in Qatar, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Egypt and UAE in recent weeks. Throughout these discussions, as I have outlined, the immediate priority must be a stop in the fighting, which is the best route to secure the safe release of hostages and significantly step up the aid reaching Gaza. We want to see this cessation lead to a sustainable ceasefire without a return to further fighting and

that remains the primary focus of all our diplomatic efforts. Thank you again for raising these concerns. I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
LORD (TARIQ) AHMAD OF WIMBLEDON  
Minister of State  
Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict

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Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – appreciate the v quick turnaround.

Emily

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, other contributing colleagues,

Many thanks for the rapid turnaround on this ask today. To confirm, the letter has now issued – please find attached the final version for record-keeping purposes.

We'll let you know if/when we receive a response to any of the First Minister's recent letters.

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be issued to the PM shortly, FM has made an amendment to the last line.

Many thanks,

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With thanks to SGLD colleagues for speedy advice, please find attached a draft letter as requested.

All the best,

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**Subject:** FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

As discussed via Teams, following the latest development of the killing of aid workers by Israeli strikes, the First Minister would like to write to either the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (will leave this with you to decide) **today** to demand an immediate end to arms sales to Israel. Grateful for a draft letter as soon as possible today.

To confirm, the FM has still not received a response to his letter to the PM dated 23/02 on this subject.

Many thanks,

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Great thanks all much appreciated!

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Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. Format for this is a short para rather than bullet points so I have rejigged slightly.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – two candidates from Trade Policy:

*By the middle of this week the Scottish Government had received about 70 letters about human rights due diligence checks and SG funding, through the Enterprise Agencies, to companies that may have elsewhere produced **arms for sale to Israel**. This letter-writing campaign is coordinated by the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT).*

*So far individual responses are being sent, but internal guidance says that if a very large number of similar letters is received then a single response can instead be sent to the coordinating organisation. The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter and the FM has written to the Prime Minister twice this year (23 Feb, 03 Apr) calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel.*

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David

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Hello

Please see the proposed text below. Also attached, in case helpful, is the letter text we have been receiving in the MiCases and the response we have been issuing.

- *SG has received approx. 68 letters from individuals about SG funding received through the Enterprise Agencies to companies that may have produced arms which may have been sold to Israel, and the related human rights due diligence checks.*
- *The campaign is coordinated by the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT).*
- *So far individual responses are being sent, but officials are monitoring numbers and SG internal guidance says that if a very large number are received then a single response can be sent to the coordinating organisation.*
- *The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter and the FM has written to the Prime Minister twice this year (23 Feb, 03 Apr) calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel.*

Thanks

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Not sure if it strictly meets the criteria for inclusion but I think we shd offer something like:

SG has received ... letters from individuals about arms sales to Israel, in a campaign being coordinated by .... So far individual responses are being sent, but officials are monitoring numbers and SG internal guidance says that if a very large number are received then a single response can be sent to the coordinating organisation. Licensing of arms exports is reserved and the FM has written twice about it to the Prime Minister in the last ...

Plse cd you draft something, and I can sign it off later today. Copying **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** in case he needs to do anything tomorrow in my absence. Thanks.

David



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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – thanks.

The letter has been issued – please find attached the final version for record keeping purposes. I’ve also attached a word doc for Comms colleagues to lift the text for publication. The First Minister is content with the proposed approach of a news release/tweet.

[ATTACHMENT REDACTED – S.25 – INFORMATION OTHERWISE ACCESSIBLE HERE: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/uk-arms-sales-israel-letter-lord-ahmad/>]

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],**

Thanks for the draft. The First Minister has proposed a number of small edits – please see attached. Grateful if you can please review and confirm you’re content with the wording, and we’ll get this issued.

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Confirming that @**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** and I discussed - he will draft a response to go back to UKG on this, which comms will publish as soon as it has been issued.

Many thanks,

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Copying other comms colleagues due to leave, and reattaching letter for their sight. We will consider the First Minister's ask and revert with advice.

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Please see the attached response received this afternoon from Lord Ahmad of  
Wimbledon – welcome any views on next steps and I will share with the First  
Minister in the interim.

Copying Comms for awareness.

Many thanks,  
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Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – appreciate the v quick turnaround.

Emily

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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], other contributing colleagues,

Many thanks for the rapid turnaround on this ask today. To confirm, the letter has now issued – please find attached the final version for record-keeping purposes.

We'll let you know if/when we receive a response to any of the First Minister's recent letters.

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be issued to the PM shortly, FM has made an amendment to the last line.

Many thanks,

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With thanks to SGLD colleagues for speedy advice, please find attached a draft letter as requested.

All the best,

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**Subject:** FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

As discussed via Teams, following the latest development of the killing of aid workers by Israeli strikes, the First Minister would like to write to either the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (will leave this with you to decide) **today** to demand an immediate end to arms sales to Israel. Grateful for a draft letter as soon as possible today.

To confirm, the FM has still not received a response to his letter to the PM dated 23/02 on this subject.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

For FM's awareness, please see below comms to support the letter which we will issue this evening.

The following has been agreed with policy colleagues and SpAds.

Many thanks,

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**NEWS RELEASE:**

**First Minister's concerns over UK decision to continue to arm Israel  
Latest exchange as British nationals among dead.**

Noting that the Prime Minister did not agree to his call to end the license of arms exports to Israel, the First Minister has written to Lord Ahmad to warn that the UK Government is in danger of being complicit in the killing of innocent civilians.

The full text of the letter: UK arms sales to Israel: letter to Lord Ahmad - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

**POST FOR xSCOTGOVFM:**

In a letter to @FCDOGovUK Minister Lord Ahmad, First Minister @HumzaYousaf warned that by continuing to arm Israel, the UK Government is in danger of being complicit in the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza.

*[Link to news release]*

**Quote for graphic:** *“If the death of British nationals among at least 35,000 dead – the majority of whom are innocent women and children – is insufficient to change your policy, what more will it take?”*

**Graphic:**



“ If the death of British nationals among at least 35,000 dead – the majority of whom are innocent women and children – is insufficient to change your policy, what more will it take? ”

**Humza Yousaf**  
First Minister

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All

Thanks for this. I've drafted a response based on the First Minister's steer and pre-existing text. Ccing SGLD colleagues, though as there are no new elements other than a mention of the recent open lawyers/judges' letter, I don't think it needs cleared again.

Regards,

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Please see the attached response received this afternoon from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon – welcome any views on next steps and I will share with the First Minister in the interim.

Copying Comms for awareness.

Many thanks,  
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Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**– appreciate the v quick turnaround.

Emily

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, other contributing colleagues,

Many thanks for the rapid turnaround on this ask today. To confirm, the letter has now issued – please find attached the final version for record-keeping purposes.

We'll let you know if/when we receive a response to any of the First Minister's recent letters.

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**Subject:** RE: FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be issued to the PM shortly, FM has made an amendment to the last line.

Many thanks,

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**Importance:** High

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With thanks to SGLD colleagues for speedy advice, please find attached a draft letter as requested.

All the best,

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**Importance:** High

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

As discussed via Teams, following the latest development of the killing of aid workers by Israeli strikes, the First Minister would like to write to either the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (will leave this with you to decide) **today** to demand an immediate end to arms sales to Israel. Grateful for a draft letter as soon as possible today.

To confirm, the FM has still not received a response to his letter to the PM dated 23/02 on this subject.

Many thanks,

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**To:** Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: For SPAD response - Campaign against arms trade letter campaign re SE support for defence companies re Gaza etc

Sorry Richard – thought I'd come back last week.

I think the text is fine, and since it's gone to folk already, is fine to just be sent to the rest.

Thanks,  
Emily

**From:** Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 2:45 PM

**To:** Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: For SPAD response - Campaign against arms trade letter campaign re SE support for defence companies re Gaza etc

Any thoughts on this ?

**From:** Richard Rollison

**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:06 PM

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Callum/Emily

(Comms – for awareness)

I've been made aware that we've received about 70 letters from the Campaign Against the Arms Trade on support for defence companies re Gaza. These have come through FM or Mr Lochhead's office with a request for an official response. The text of the letter and our response is below. About 35 responses have already gone out.

The response uses previously agreed lines but given the issue and FM's interest I think we should have run it by you and possibly Ministers first – apologies that we haven't.

I don't think it would make sense to change our response now. However, I wanted to make you aware of this. Please give me a call if you wish to discuss and/or you think we need to put Ministers in the picture.

Thanks

Richard

### **Text from Campaign Against Arms Trade:**

*I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.*

*Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are*

*funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*

*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

*So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.*

## **Response:**

Thank you for your correspondence of XX [March] 2024 regarding Human Rights Due Diligence. I work in the Directorate for International Trade and Investment and have been asked to respond on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.

This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.

Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.

The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.

I hope this is helpful.

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Helpful response from [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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Hello,

The relevant text from the CAAT letter is below:

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Thanks

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Thanks Richard and David

For info, please see attached sent by **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, CEO at SE, in response to the concerns raised, which I received this morning.

Grateful if someone could pass on the CAAT letter that Richard refers to below please.

Thanks

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I think our letter re CAAT provides most of the response here plus some of what you say re Russian 'sanctions' checks below



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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. Adding Richard and Trade Policy colleagues for awareness, since this is a high profile subject.

I don't know how formal a response you need to give (Eg do you want to seek an SGLD view?), but hopefully the following is a helpful starting point.

The issue being raised by PCS with UKG (DBT) is about UK licensed arms exports to Israel – to paraphrase, if arms are exported to Israel and a court later says that Israel used them to do something contrary to international law, where does that leave the civil servant who processed the export licence? Because export licensing is reserved, that specific activity and PCS' query about it are not relevant to SG or SE.

The PCS email to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] talks about 'sanctions checks' done by SE relating to Russia. There are two elements to this which sometimes get conflated.

First there is the legally-binding UK sanctions regime, involving asset freezes, travel bans etc. This is reserved. Whilst it has been highlighted in the last couple of years because of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, it has existed for a long time and affects countries other than Russia. In other words, it is established business as usual work for SE and in my view is unaffected by the Israel point being raised by PCS.

Then the second element is SG's specific policy towards Russia, which simply says that where SG and public bodies can legally do so using our discretionary powers, we should avoid supporting businesses or activities linked with Russia (and Belarus). This is not legally binding but is just a policy position of Scottish ministers. So it has no Israel angle (because it is specific to those two countries mentioned) and in any case if something were to go wrong, that would merely be contrary to a ministerial preference (albeit a strong one) rather than a breach of the law.

Therefore, though it's understandable that PCS might raise this, in my (policy official) view it is not an issue for SE staff.

Happy to discuss how you might put this back to SE if that would be helpful.

David

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**Subject:** FW: On behalf of union members

Afternoon all

Please see email below from colleagues at Scottish Enterprise.

Grateful if you could provide any advice on this request or let me know if other SG colleagues are better placed to help.

Thanks

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**Subject:** FW: On behalf of union members

Morning [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

I hope you're well.

We've received the email below from our Local Trade Union Chair.

Adrian has acknowledged receipt, but this seems quite a complex matter that we feel requires direction on the required standard SG response rather than anything we should provide at a local SE level.

Is this something that you've been made aware of, and would you or one of your colleagues be able to help in relation to a response please?

Thanks in advance for support on this.

**Regards**

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] Head of People Operations & Reward

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@scotent.co.uk>

**Subject:** On behalf of union members

Dear **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

As Chair of the SE PCS Union branch, I am writing to you on behalf of members who have raised concerns regarding the potential action PCS is taking with the Department of Business and Trade. This is regarding the civil servants being potentially complicit in war crimes should Israel be found to have broken international law, please see Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel | Politics News | Sky News

As you know we do Russian sanctions checks just now so it would be useful to know if this area is being considered within the Scottish Government and if this will affect our members, for example, for support to any defence contractors and their supply chain companies for the provision of weapons to Israel. Any guidance that can be issued to staff or members would be welcome. This issue is gaining traction among our members so I have said I would raise this issue directly with you.

Thanking you in advance

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**Subject:** RE: Scottish Enterprise - request for advice

Some suggestions in red, mainly to shorten it and to word it suitably for an audience outside SG.

The highlighted sentence is not a policy issue so I suggest SGLD advise on whether to include that.

David

David Barnes  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Scottish Enterprise - request for advice

Morning David

I have drafted the following in response to the email of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from SE re concerns raised by the SE PCS Chair. Grateful for any views on accuracy etc.

Good morning / afternoon

Thank you for your email of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 highlighting the concerns raised by the SE's PCS Chair. The following sets out the policy position.

- The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.
- This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.
- **We are aware that, building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise has adopted its own detailed Customer Due Diligence Procedure which sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. ~~Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence.~~** The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.
- The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.
- The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.

With specific reference to the point raised concerning 'sanctions checks' done by SE relating to Russia. There are two elements to this which sometimes get conflated.

First there is the legally-binding UK sanctions regime, involving asset freezes, travel bans etc. This is reserved. Whilst it has been highlighted in the last couple of years

because of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, it has existed for a long time and affects countries other than Russia. In other words, it is established business as usual work for SE and therefore could be argued unaffected by the Israel point being raised by PCS.

Then the second element is SG's specific policy towards Russia, which simply says that where SG and public bodies can legally do so using our discretionary powers, we should avoid supporting businesses or activities linked with Russia (and Belarus). This ~~is not legally binding but is just a policy position of Scottish ministers. So it~~ has no Israel angle (because it is specific to those two countries mentioned) and in any case ~~it is a policy position and not legally binding.~~

If you would like further information on the above, please contact David Barnes david.barnes@gov.scot

We would expect that PCS will have its own legal advisors to guide staff who are questioning the bounds of their terms of employment.

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**Subject:** RE: Scottish Enterprise - request for advice

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

This just looks like attention-seeking from the SE PCS Chair so I'm not sure there's a significant SG legal issue to consider. Obviously Israel isn't in the same position as Russia from a legal point of view and sanctions are a fully reserved matter. The posited concern about SE staff complicity in war crimes can politely be described as

absurd. The PCS will have its own legal advisors to guide staff who are questioning the bounds of their terms of employment.

I suggest going with David's more eloquent lines.

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**Subject:** RE: Scottish Enterprise - request for advice

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Grateful if you could let me know if you can help with this please?

Thanks

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**Subject:** Scottish Enterprise - request for advice

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Grateful if you could help, or point me in the right direction please.

**Background**



We received the following emails from colleagues at SE seeking some support:

“As Chair of the SE PCS Union branch, I am writing to you on behalf of members who have raised concerns regarding the potential action PCS is taking with the Department of Business and Trade. This is regarding the civil servants being potentially complicit in war crimes should Israel be found to have broken international law, please see Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel | Politics News | Sky News

As you know we do Russian sanctions checks just now so it would be useful to know if this area is being considered within the Scottish Government and if this will affect our members, for example, for support to any defence contractors and their supply chain companies for the provision of weapons to Israel. Any guidance that can be issued to staff or members would be welcome. This issue is gaining traction among our members so I have said I would raise this issue directly with you.

Thanking you in advance”

And

“SE’s CEO has acknowledged receipt, but this seems quite a complex matter that we feel requires direction on the required standard SG response rather than anything we should provide at a local SE level.

Is this something that you’ve been made aware of, and would you or one of your colleagues be able to help in relation to a response please?”

### **Policy Views (David Barnes copied)**

David provided the following initial response:

The issue being raised by PCS with UKG (DBT) is about UK licensed arms exports to Israel – to paraphrase, if arms are exported to Israel and a court later says that Israel used them to do something contrary to international law, where does that leave the civil servant who processed the export licence? Because export licensing is reserved, that specific activity and PCS’ query about it are not relevant to SG or SE.

The PCS email talks about ‘sanctions checks’ done by SE relating to Russia. There are two elements to this which sometimes get conflated.

First there is the legally-binding UK sanctions regime, involving asset freezes, travel bans etc. This is reserved. Whilst it has been highlighted in the last couple of years because of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, it has existed for a long time and affects countries other than Russia. In other words, it is established business as usual work for SE and in my view is unaffected by the Israel point being raised by PCS.

Then the second element is SG’s specific policy towards Russia, which simply says that where SG and public bodies can legally do so using our discretionary powers, we should avoid supporting businesses or activities linked with Russia (and

Belarus). This is not legally binding but is just a policy position of Scottish ministers. So it has no Israel angle (because it is specific to those two countries mentioned) and in any case if something were to go wrong, that would merely be contrary to a ministerial preference (albeit a strong one) rather than a breach of the law.

Therefore, though it's understandable that PCS might raise this, in my (policy official) view it is not an issue for SE staff.

### **Policy Views (Campaign Against the Arms Trade Response Letter Text)**

The following lines have been developed for use in a response to letters received in relation to the above campaign:

- The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.
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- The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.

### **ASK**

Grateful for any advice you can provide to inform a response to the email from SE and in particular:

- Are you aware of any other enquiries received by SG related to the queries raised in the original email and / or specifically related to the action potentially being brought by PCS against UKG?
- Would a response that draws together the lines above under the CAAT heading and from David Barnes's view be appropriate?

- Any other issues you think would be useful to consider in gathering information to inform a response.

Apologies for the length of this email and happy to discuss if helpful.

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Ok for you to pick this up.

Ok to use their original line (without need for additional line from defence colleagues).

Could you get in touch with public engagement unit regarding whether we should allocate this as a response from Mr Lochhead in this case (i.e. when it is from a constituent of a Minister, but that Minister is not the lead Minister on the subject matter).

If these lines are from their FMQ line they will also be cleared to use for Ministers so happy for you to use the same lines.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

To see exchange below – this doesn't feel any different to me than the CAAT template your side is already dealing with, and the query particularly chimes with the CAAT line "*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse.*"

We could pass you a sentence to cover wider economic value of the industry but in the main the response shouldn't deviate from the response spads cleared earlier in the week.

We will re-assign to your team.

Thanks,

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*Please note I do not work Fridays*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 -

**PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Looks like it has been to Trade Strategy (**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**) who recommended NMCU or Defence colleagues. Forwarded then to us.

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:33 PM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Ah. Has it been through trade policy? Looks like the CAAT letter template that they've had about 70 copies of.

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**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:31 PM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

I put too much faith in the system then! The original email is attached and text included below as further backup:

*I am writing regarding the war in Gaza. Firstly, I would like to commend the actions that you Government has taken in response to the war - I was glad to see the Scottish Parliament vote for a ceasefire.*

*It has come to my attention that in 2021 the Scottish Government was found to have provided taxpayer money to firms which have provided arms to Israel. Has the Government taken steps to prevent Scottish taxpayer's money from being spent in this way in the context of the current crisis? If not, why?*

Cheers,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:28 PM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Only got my workphone with me - can I be a pain in the hoop and get you to forward on the original email?

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**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

This looks like it's beyond our limited remit; if there is a contact elsewhere, I can re-assign.

Cheers,  
[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** Scottish Government Case Handling Service  
<casehandling.service@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

A member of your team, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], has been assigned a case on MiCase: <https://micase:8443/#/view/409542>

Assignment Message: Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], would this MiCase be for you or your team?

MiCase

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:11 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: MiCase 202400410896

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Yes agree that the standard text works for this response also.

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**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** MiCase 202400410896

Hello

I have received a MiCase (202400410896) which although follows the CAAT template does have some additional text (mainly first para highlighted). I believe our stock response is appropriate, but just wanted to make you aware in case you disagreed?

*Firstly I'd like to mention that my friend and neighbour, and many others in my neighbourhood work or have worked for Connex Selex and other local arms companies. My standpoint is not against these people but the companies and their funding. The issue also goes hand in hand with their engineering brilliance being directly funnelled into the people and climate killing war machine, rather than into essential industries that will help fight climate change and SAVE lives.*

*I am deeply concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.*

*It also seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*

*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

*So I, along with many others in Scotland supporting CAAT, demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.*

Thanks

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*Every second Friday is my non-working day*



**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2024 7:18 AM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Herald / MiCase 202400410990

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**.

If I'm reading this all correctly, it's the same central allegation as the other one – that the SG has been funding companies linked to arms firms supplying Israel (albeit with a different timeframe and different figures?). Is that correct?

I read with abject horror and disgust a piece in today's Herald confirming the worst fears of many Scottish residents, that our tax payments are going to firms involved in arming Israel.

You know as well as anyone what this means. We have been made complicit in the murder, starvation and torture of innocents and children. Blood is on our hands.

Please tell me these payments will be halted immediately and no further support will be given to the likes of Raytheon, BaE, etc by the Scottish Government. If it is in your power to prevent equipment or parts being produced in Scotland for the so-called Israeli Defence Force I would also hope that you look into moving these levers.

I believe recent polling suggests the majority of Scots would agree with me.

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Apologies, just spotted this. Slight change, but otherwise the lines are pretty static.

Thanks,

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Hello

To include in our contribution to a briefing for an FM-Amnesty International meeting this week, and for potential use in future correspondence, could you please review the below article in the Herald and confirm whether the line you have previously provided in response to the CAAT correspondence (below) is still appropriate, and whether an additional line needs to be provided for the FM-Amnesty Int briefing? To note Neil Cowan, the new Scotland programme director at Amnesty International, is quoted in the article and he is to also be present at the meeting with FM.

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With apologies, the deadline for our contribution to the briefing is **asap today**. James McKenzie, who is pulling the briefing together has had no indication from FMPO that this meeting will not go ahead as planned.

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To note, I asked Defence colleagues to review the Herald article and asked whether they wanted to amend or add to the defence lines (below). The only change they made is in red.

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

On the briefing, please see below the proposed contribution to the briefing pack for the FM-Amnesty International meeting for this week for your review/sign off. We have been asked to provide this **today, as soon as possible**.

DRAFT - Trade Policy Contribution - FM / Amnesty International Meeting - 29 April 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Thanks

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I have spoken to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] who reached out to FMPO on Friday and they advised that as things stood (on the Friday) the meeting was going ahead. Obviously there has been developments since then (Humza Yousaf live updates: Scotland's first minister to resign 'as early as Monday' - BBC News). He has not heard or received anything since from FMPO and is continuing to prepare for the meeting until he hears otherwise and says he will keep me updated.

Thanks

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Further thought. We'll need to cover the allegation for the amnesty briefing, as [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] points out in his email, so we will likely need a bit more from the defence folk. However, it seems pretty unlikely that this meeting will go ahead this week. Can [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] check with the briefing coordinator if they've heard anything from PO/if they are checking? I think it's 2 days notice for the Parliament's business bulletin for VONC, but it's obviously very difficult to guess how this week will play out. I just don't want us to do loads of work on this if the meeting isn't happening.

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Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION].

If I'm reading this all correctly, it's the same central allegation as the other one – that the SG has been funding companies linked to arms firms supplying Israel (albeit with a different timeframe and different figures?). Is that correct?

I read with abject horror and disgust a piece in today's Herald confirming the worst fears of many Scottish residents, that our tax payments are going to firms involved in arming Israel.

You know as well as anyone what this means. We have been made complicit in the murder, starvation and torture of innocents and children. Blood is on our hands.

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**Subject:** MiCase 202400405022

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Hope you are feeling better! I thought it may be easier to come back to your Teams message via email.

Are you able to share your original response to them of 04 March? The lines we have are in response to the letter campaign from the Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) which you fed into: MiCase Response (multiple letters) to CAAT campaign - Human Rights Due Diligence - 18 March 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

For the bullet points the correspondent wishes to address, I feel the majority of which fall out with my area. However I have put some notes pin red down below:

*“These are the principal points we would like you to address in your plan:*



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- *Reiterate Scotland's call upon the UK Government to ban all arms to Israel. [As above.]*
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- *Publicly state how you will support trade unions and workers who refuse to handle weapons and components bound for Israel.*
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**Subject:** RE: We Don't Want to Fund Warmongers!

Great, thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION].

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

That's for me!

We have received quite a few – CAAT have a campaign on: CAAT - Scotland: Stop Funding Repression!

Feel free to assign this and others like it to me on MiCase, they tend to copy and paste the CAAT text so they are easy to spot.

Thanks

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**Subject:** FW: We Don't Want to Fund Warmongers!

Morning [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – correspondence below has reached me, but doesn't actually touch on procurement – it's SE grants to arms exporters. Is that one for you or DEXA?

Thanks

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**To:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: We Don't Want to Fund Warmongers!

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Good morning,

For MiCase, OR please.

Thanks,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** – Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade, Richard Lochhead MSP

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**Sent:** Saturday, May 11, 2024 2:49 PM

**To:** zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade <MinisterSBIT@gov.scot>

**Subject:** We Don't Want to Fund Warmongers!

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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Dear Richard Lochhead,

**I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.**

**Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.**

If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.

So we demand that the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Yours sincerely,

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**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Please see below. I have also cc'd in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] who may wish to review / confirm he is happy for the inclusion of the text relating to the Enterprise Agencies (last two bullet points).

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**Subject:** Skotia Letter

Hello

The Skotia letter mentioned in relation to the Gaza FMQ is attached. Skotia issued correspondence to FM with questions regarding Israel's actions in Gaza which DEZA received from the FMQ team as part of the Gaza FMQ request.

Thanks

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Morning both

Cleared lines attached.

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Are you able to confirm what lines went to The Ferret from SG regarding the story below, which was published today?

Scottish Government agency still giving grants to arms firms supplying Israel (theferret.scot)

Thanks

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SE have provided the following quote to the Ferret for a story they're expecting to be published this week so sounds like it's the same one as below:

*"We have repeatedly stated our position that Scottish Enterprise does not provide support for the development of munitions or weaponry. The projects referred to here are unrelated to the deeply distressing situation in the Middle East. Instead, they include training support for sustainable and modern shipbuilding on the Clyde, product development for diversification into civilian markets, and job creation including graduate roles and apprenticeships."*



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Just picking up on our call from a moment ago. If the SG wants to comment it would be great to get something back asap as we plan to run the story tomorrow.

The business agency, Scottish Enterprise, has given hundreds of thousands of pound of taxpayer money to arms companies supplying Israel since it began its bombardment of Gaza.

The Ferret has learned that Raytheon, BAE Systems and Leonardo have all received six figure grants from business agency Scottish Enterprise since Israel began bombing Gaza in retaliation to a Hamas terror attack on 7 October 2023, which killed around 1200 people, mostly Israeli civilians.

BAE was paid its grant – worth £360,000 – on 4 April, the day after then-first minister Humza Yousaf wrote to the UK Government calling for an end to UK arms sales to Israel. BAE partners with a US firm on the F-35 fighter jet which Israel has used in its bombing of Gaza.

The Ferret also found via a freedom of information request that Scottish Enterprise has had no discussions about changing its human rights due diligence process when giving grants to defence companies linked to the war.

More than 35,000 people — the majority women and children — have been killed in Gaza since Israel launched its offensive.

This week the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court applied for arrest warrants for war crimes and crimes against humanity for leading Hamas figures as well as Israeli premier, Benjamin Netanyahu.

That prompted the SNP leader at Westminster, Stephen Flynn, to claim that the UK Government was “complicit” in the deaths of “thousands of civilians” in Gaza because it had failed to halt the supply of arms to Israel.

But opposition parties at Holyrood claimed, given its public statements, many would find it “utterly shocking and inexplicable” to learn that the Scottish Government’s enterprise agency was still funding companies allegedly “fueling” the war in Gaza.

Amnesty said it was “staggering” that arms firms supplying the Israeli military had been “waived through Scottish Enterprise due diligence processes”.



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Especially **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**and **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**(see below)

With many thanks to Mel for the original draft and to copy recipients for input, please find below link to the GAZA FMQ, Israel-Gaza - FMQ - 22 May 2024 - DRAFT (A48613417), taking on board the following:

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*Skotia Media: 21/05/24*

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Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

The DFM is content to clear.

Thanks

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**Subject:** For Clearance - Media Query - Scottish Enterprise grants to arms firms linked to Israel - The Ferret - 16:00

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The Ferret has asked for comment on a story they'll run tomorrow around Scottish Enterprise giving funding for companies linked to supplying arms to Israel.

We've agreed the following response with Officials and SpAds. Grateful for DFM's clearance, please. For info – SE's response pasted below my sign-off.

With thanks – copying my duty comms colleague Michael to issue the line once DFM has considered.

**A Scottish Government spokesperson said:**

“The Scottish Government has already stated that our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide support for the development of munitions or weaponry. The support referred to here is unrelated to the deeply distressing situation in the Middle East. Instead, it includes training support for sustainable and modern shipbuilding on the Clyde, product development for diversification into civilian markets, and job creation - including graduate roles and apprenticeships.”

**Background**

Our enterprise agencies have appropriate safeguards in place to ensure that any funding provided is used only for the specific purpose intended. Robust human rights due diligence checks are central to the application process. Any funding agreement Scottish Enterprise enter into with a company must comply with UK and Scottish law.

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“The current situation in the Middle East is deeply distressing, however, we have repeatedly stated that Scottish Enterprise does not provide support for the development of munitions or weaponry. Our robust due diligence process fully aligns with Scottish Government guidance, and any funding agreement we enter into with a company must obviously comply with UK and Scottish law.

“The projects referred to have included training support for sustainable and modern shipbuilding on the Clyde, product and technology development support for the diversification away from defence markets and job creation including graduate roles and apprenticeships.

“Our support helps those Scottish sites to diversify into civilian markets and differentiate from other potential sites within a parent company’s operation. Scottish Enterprise is a ‘gap’ funder, providing a minority percentage contribution, with companies having to invest significantly more in Scotland and their Scottish workforce to unlock any funding from us.”

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Just picking up on our call from a moment ago. If the SG wants to comment it would be great to get something back asap as we plan to run the story tomorrow.

The business agency, Scottish Enterprise, has given hundreds of thousands of pound of taxpayer money to arms companies supplying Israel since it began its bombardment of Gaza.

The Ferret has learned that Raytheon, BAE Systems and Leonardo have all received six figure grants from business agency Scottish Enterprise since Israel began bombing Gaza in retaliation to a Hamas terror attack on 7 October 2023, which killed around 1200 people, mostly Israeli civilians.

BAE was paid its grant – worth £360,000 – on 4 April, the day after then-first minister Humza Yousaf wrote to the UK Government calling for an end to UK arms sales to Israel. BAE partners with a US firm on the F-35 fighter jet which Israel has used in its bombing of Gaza.

The Ferret also found via a freedom of information request that Scottish Enterprise has had no discussions about changing its human rights due diligence process when giving grants to defence companies linked to the war.

More than 35,000 people — the majority women and children — have been killed in Gaza since Israel launched its offensive.

This week the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court applied for arrest warrants for war crimes and crimes against humanity for leading Hamas figures as well as Israeli premier, Benjamin Netanyahu.

That prompted the SNP leader at Westminster, Stephen Flynn, to claim that the UK Government was “complicit” in the deaths of “thousands of civilians” in Gaza because it had failed to halt the supply of arms to Israel.

But opposition parties at Holyrood claimed, given its public statements, many would find it “utterly shocking and inexplicable” to learn that the Scottish Government’s enterprise agency was still funding companies allegedly “fueling” the war in Gaza.

Amnesty said it was “staggering” that arms firms supplying the Israeli military had been “waived through Scottish Enterprise due diligence processes”.

Could you respond to these claims?

Kind regards,

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Thanks, changes accepted.

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Thanks for sharing [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. Have suggested a couple of small amendments, and added to the background note.

Cheers

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Hello

Please see below lines on SG human rights due diligence guidance which, if to be included, we recommend to be included in the background as it likely does not match the tone you are looking for. I have added **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** who may wish to review / confirm he is happy for the inclusion of the text relating to the Enterprise Agencies (last two bullet points).

**The Scottish Government's Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies before entering into an investment relationship with them.**

- This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world.
- This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.
- Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with.
- Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

Thanks

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Colleagues

Thanks for your quick responses. The link below takes you to a document that has a draft reply and background note. I will need to send it for DD clearance shortly, but if you have any comments please make them now:

Background note - FM - Hunger Strike (A48648283)

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Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Some lines from us covering overall position and arms export licenses. Have copied in DITI colleagues and reattached the letter in case there is more they would like to add on the divestment point.

On the conflict:

The Scottish Government has been consistent in our call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire by all sides.

We are deeply concerned about the order to evacuate parts of Rafah and reports that over 800,000 people have been forced to flee from Rafah since the Israeli forces started their military operation on 6 May. 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.

On arms embargo:

The Scottish Government operates within the bounds of the relevant UK legislation and our devolved powers, however we have called upon the UK Government to introduce an immediate ban of licenced arms exports to Israel. The banning of export of arms would act as a clear signal to the Israeli Government in light of its recent actions in Rafah. By continuing to arm Israel, the UK is in danger of being complicit in killing innocent civilians.

Thanks

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Please see suggested lines to inform the response:

The Scottish Government fully supports individuals' rights to freedom of expression. Universities are places where freedom of expression should always be promoted and fostered, but not where that harasses others.

Regards

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**Subject:** IMMEDIATE: Contributions required: Urgent demands from a hunger  
striker.

**Importance:** High

Colleagues

Please see the attached letter. We need to pull together a response and advice for the FM in the next couple of hours and would appreciate your assistance with this. We are looking to provide a short sympathetic response to this for the FMs consideration and would be grateful for a contribution from you. Please note, there is a very high chance that the response issued by the FM will be circulated among protestors and could be read out at the weekly protests that are taking place. We are proposing that the reply should include the following contributions:

**For International colleagues** – Lines to reaffirm the SG position in relation to the conflict.

**For Policing colleagues** – Lines confirming that operational policing is a matter for Police Scotland. Is there anything more that you would want to say here?

**For Community Safety colleagues** – Lines on the right to protest – we can respond positively to the ask in relation to the right to protest and the SG upholding human rights in relation to this.

Sorry for the extremely tight deadline, but responses as quickly as possible would be welcomed.

Happy to discuss.

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**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 -  
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**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; John Primrose





**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:30 PM  
**To:** First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Urgent demands from a hunger striker.

Good Evening

Dear First Minister

We are writing to you on behalf of an anonymous hunger striker. (Attached is their letter that they've attempted to deliver to you)

It is now day 21 (3 weeks) of their hunger strike.

Their demands need to be heard personally by you and a motion need to be submitted to government / parliament about their demands.

These demands include divestment from Israel, reaffirming the right to protest and pressuring the UK government for a complete arms embargo.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind regards

Real Edinburgh (A not for profit community group)

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**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

You may want to add to the issues box, copying in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – anything to add re letter?

**22 May:** Gaza Solidarity Camp Scotland, which includes at least one hunger striker at the Scottish Parliament, wrote to the FM around policing issues in relation to protests and their demands for divestment.

**11 May:** The Scotsman, Evening Standard, The Herald report that a group of students from Edinburgh University Justice for Palestine Society (EUJPS) are on hunger strike. The students call for an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict, demand that the university cease its investments in companies they see as linked to the Israeli military, refuse to be educated by a university that they claim “directly contributed to the colonisation of Palestine” through its close ties with Lord Arthur Balfour and assert that they are not being listened to by the University authorities.

#### Lines

- As autonomous bodies, universities are responsible for the management of their own affairs, including the safety and wellbeing of their staff and students.
- The Scottish Government fully supports individuals’ rights to freedom of expression. Universities are places where freedom of expression should always be promoted and fostered, but not where that harasses others.
- As autonomous bodies we also expect universities to have in place measures to safeguard students and staff and continue to build interfaith relations on campus.

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John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Currently I do not believe any of my areas lines are included, however if needed please see below. I have added [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] to the chain who may wish to review / confirm he is happy for the inclusion of the text relating to the Enterprise Agencies (last two bullet points). Also, in case helpful, The Ferret article referenced in your top box was published this morning: Scottish Government agency still giving grants to arms firms supplying Israel (theferret.scot)

**The Scottish Government's Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies before entering into an investment relationship with them.**

- This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world.
- This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.
- Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with.
- Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Hi All,

I hope that you are well. Thank you for your work on the Gaza-Israel FMQ for this week, it has been requested for next week. FMQ Team have provided a 10:00 hours deadline on Tuesday 28 May, because of the long weekend. With apologies, can I please ask for your contributions by 09:00 hours on Tuesday 28 May so as John Primrose can clear it?

Thanks

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**Subject: RE: Gaza FMQ**

Hi All,

I've also now attached the Skotia letter/FMQ team ask. Thank you for coming back to me so quickly.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject: RE: Gaza FMQ**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],**

See defence manufacturing lines if needed:

### **Top Lines**

- The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions.
- Our enterprise agencies that they have appropriate safeguards in place to ensure that any funding provided is used only for the specific purpose intended.
- Our support for defence sector companies – which provide thousands of high value jobs across Scotland – is focused on non-military commercial projects and business diversification.
- For example, laser guidance systems have a broad range of civilian navigation uses, including for search and landing guidance for civilian helicopters.
- Licences for arms sales are provided by the UK Government.

**The aerospace, defence and shipbuilding sectors are vital to Scotland's economy**

- We have a crucial role in supporting these industries that, together, employ 16,000 people in Scotland.
- Our agencies' support is focused on creating an environment in which sectors can continue to grow and prosper.
- This includes ensuring that companies operating in Scotland have the opportunity and support to compete for contracts.
- All aerospace, defence and marine projects supported by Scottish Enterprise show significant economic impact in return for funding.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Israel-Gaza - FMQ - 22 May 2024 - DRAFT (A48613417)

Hi All,

Here is the link to the now scaled back FMQ that focusses on the below points for you to contribute to. I've also added in recognising Palestine

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

I have left the section on UNWRA as its still a hot topic for ID, but you can take it away if you still think it's unnecessary for now.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** FW: Gaza FMQ  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

I hope that you are well. I'm sorry about the very tight turnaround/timescale but can you please provide the lines below for our updated FMQ – Im sorry but we would appreciate sight of this by 12:00 hours.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
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**Subject:** Gaza FMQ

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Thanks as ever for taking on the Gaza FMQ. I've agreed with [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] that we'll get a draft to him for 12:30.

It'll need to focus on:

- call for immediate ceasefire,
- arms sales to Israel\*,
- recognition of Palestine, and

- ICC/ ICJ lines.

\*The arms sales stuff will need to reflect what was in the Skotia letter as below:

- In April 2024, First Minister Humza Yousaf called for an immediate end to arms sales to Israel from the UK in a letter to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Does John Swinney support the position of his predecessor?
- Five arms companies with a presence in Scotland have applied for export licences to sell arms to Israel. Research from The Ferret in 2021 had previously highlighted that these companies received £10 million in publicly-funded grants through Scottish Enterprise. The Herald has reported that, over the last three years, £1.636m has been awarded to defence firms linked to supplying Israel – Raytheon, Leonardo and BAE Systems – including £778,725 in grants in 2023/24 alone. Does John Swinney support the suspension of these grants

I think that we can assume that FM will follow FFM lead in calling for a ban to arms sells to Israel. Do you have the lines from DITI for the last bullet above?

If you could get the updated FMQ to me by 12:15, that'll be great! Let me know if that sounds utterly unreasonable!

Many thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FCDO Ministerial response to your correspondence of 12th April ? Our ref: N10#2024/10048

Dear MP\_NAME,

Thank you for your correspondence dated CORRESPONDENCE\_DATE.

Please find an attached response from RESPONDING\_MINISTER.



Yours sincerely,

**Parliamentary Correspondence Team**  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
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**Subject:** MiCase 202400407116

Hello

I have been assigned a new MiCase (202400407116) regarding funding for arms companies. The text differs from the other MiCases I am currently replying too however the theme is very similar (MiCase text in italics below). Are you therefore content for me to issue the same response (link below) which we agreed last week to it?

DRAFT - MiCase Response (multiple letters) - Human Rights Due Diligence - 18 March 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

*“Dear Mr. Yousaf and Mr. Lochhead,*

*The Scottish government’s funding body, Scottish Enterprise, has provided over £8 million in public grants to multi-billion-pound arms companies that profit from conflict and repression. This is despite budgets being slashed across crucial public services and thousands of people living through a cost-of-living crisis in Scotland.*

*Meanwhile, the situation in Gaza is beyond catastrophic. Israel is committing war crimes amounting to genocide against the Palestinian people and companies in receipt of funds from the Scottish public purse are reaping the profits from the death of Palestinian children.*

*The Scottish government claims to champion human rights and yet continues to line the shareholder’s pockets of Leonardo, Raytheon and Chemring. These companies do not align with the values of the Scottish parliament or the people they represent; the majority of Scots do not support the genocide we are witnessing in Palestine, nor do they support the bombardment of Yemen – while companies like BAE Systems and Thales still profit from all this death and destruction.*

*Please stop this funding immediately.”*

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser |  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: MiCase - ref 202400399952 - SG contracts with Israeli companies

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Is this the requested line? Just to flag however, that we (i.e. Trade Strategy) do not own this line and it was instead provided by [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] from [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] area.

*“The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.”*

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: MiCase - ref 202400399952 - SG contracts with Israeli companies

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

These sorts of letters have been ending up all over the place! Feel free to send this one to me in the first instance for a procurement-led response. For others' benefit, I've pasted the content of the letter below. **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, could you just ping me over the line about FM writing to PM about export licences please? **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, do you have a regularly-used one or two lines about ceasefire / two-state solution etc. that we can add in?

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Dear Mr Yusaf and Mr McDonald

I am a constituent of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth (**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**) and have been an SNP supporter for many years. I thank you for giving us a party to vote for in Scotland that does not support the murderous Zionist regime of Israel which is currently carrying out a genocide in Gaza. It seems citizens in England and USA do not have much choice in this with Tory, Labour, Democrats and Republicans all bowing to the rich Israeli lobbyists. So thank you.

The matter I wish to draw to your attention is the surveillance system installed in Glasgow City Centre. While I appreciate that security and safety is its purpose, I do not believe that it is in the hands of a company I would trust to gather data on Scottish citizens. This company is run by veteran Israeli IDF soldiers and I suspect the system could eventually be used to against Scottish citizens who are exerting their right to freedom of speech on issues not palatable to the Israeli government. I am also convinced that other high tech Israeli surveillance systems will already have been used in smear campaigns against your own party - esp. where private messages on communication devices have mysteriously made their way into the public domain. So I ask you, I beseech you, to remove this surveillance system from the streets of Glasgow and stop paying money to an Israeli arms company to operate it.

I also ask you to cancel any other contracts the Scottish government has with Israel and to pressurise the Westminster government to do the same with their contracts. In particular, all trading in arms and weaponry with Israel must stop. Sanctions and boycotts are essential to pressurise this government to stop its annihilation of the defenceless people of Gaza.

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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** MiCase - ref 202400399952 - SG contracts with Israeli companies

Hi all,

The Community Safety Policy and Prevention Unit has been assigned a MiCase (202400399952) that on the surface looks like it is about CCTV in Glasgow however, the main focus of the correspondence is actually about SG contracting with Israeli companies and the correspondent's request is that SG cancel contracts it has with Israel and that it pressurise the Westminster government to do the same, particularly in relation to trading in arms and weaponry.

The only line I could offer in relation to CCTV would be to say that CCTV is a matter for local authorities and this would not answer the correspondent's concerns or address her main questions. Is this something any of you might be able to pick up?

I'm afraid that this was assigned to someone on leave and so it was lost in an inbox and the deadline was 18 March.

Thanks

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I am currently working from home and can be contacted via email or on mobile:  
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*My working pattern is all day Monday to Wednesday and Thursday morning*

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**Subject:** MiCase 202400410465

Hello

Amongst the MiCases I am receiving for the CAAT campaign, one is slightly different. I have highlighted the differences below: yellow highlight is new text which does not feature in the CAAT template and therefore new text; scored out text is text which is in the CAAT template but which has been removed by the sender. Flagging this MiCase to you in case you think we need to address any of the new text in our response? My personal opinion is that our stock response is fine but wanted to check with yourself.

*I am writing to express ~~my deep concern about the~~ **my horror that** £8,367,691 **of our much needed public expenditure has been** handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen.*

***Prior to learning that the Scottish Government gives our money to arms companies I was proud of our governments stance on calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. It appeared to show Scotland and its inhabitants as decent people.***

*The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, ~~who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children.~~ This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now. Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*

*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

**Particularly in light of the UN finally calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people** So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government

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**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],**

With thanks to **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, that's the bullet on skotia now added.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**  
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**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** see the 1 pager here for you to look at: DRAFT - Director Aide Memoire - Trade and Human Rights (incl. OPT's and Russia) - May 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

In parallel **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** has sourced the Skotia letter. **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, could you add a line on that after this bullet point:

- *There has been consistent public and parliamentary scrutiny over the record of the Scottish Government in ensuring the guidance is adhered to, and of financial support from Scottish Enterprise to companies in the defence sector.*

As an update, Mags has let **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** know that the committee meeting is next Wednesday and (considering the public holidays) we should aim to get this to Richard tomorrow.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Cc:**

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**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

Thanks David.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Our core brief on this issue summarises most of this. Let's dig it out tomorrow and see if we can distil it down a bit more.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** RE: Gaza FMQ

Correct formatting this time:

**The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies before entering into an investment relationship with them.**

- This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world.
- This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.
- Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with.
- Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

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**Subject:** Gaza FMQ

Hello

Are you content for me to provide the below lines (taken from the MiCase response we have been using for the CAAT campaign) to DEXA for their Gaza FMQ? I will cc [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] into the response as he provided the third para. Deadline for return is [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

*The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.*



*This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.*

*Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.*

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** FW: Gaza FMQ  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

I hope that you are well. I'm sorry about the very tight turnaround/timescale but can you please provide the lines below for our updated FMQ – Im sorry but we would appreciate sight of this by 12:00 hours.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
Middle East, North Africa and Latin America Policy Officer, International Division,  
External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government  
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Due to Covid-19, I am working from home as are the majority of Scottish Government employees.

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**Subject:** Gaza FMQ

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Thanks as ever for taking on the Gaza FMQ. I've agreed with [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] that we'll get a draft to him for 12:30.

It'll need to focus on:

- call for immediate ceasefire,
- arms sales to Israel\*,
- recognition of Palestine, and
- ICC/ ICJ lines.

\*The arms sales stuff will need to reflect what was in the Skotia letter as below:

- In April 2024, First Minister Humza Yousaf called for an immediate end to arms sales to Israel from the UK in a letter to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Does John Swinney support the position of his predecessor?
- Five arms companies with a presence in Scotland have applied for export licences to sell arms to Israel. Research from The Ferret in 2021 had previously highlighted that these companies received £10 million in publicly-funded grants through Scottish Enterprise. The Herald has reported that, over the last three years, £1.636m has been awarded to defence firms linked to supplying Israel – Raytheon, Leonardo and BAE Systems – including £778,725 in grants in 2023/24 alone. Does John Swinney support the suspension of these grants

I think that we can assume that FM will follow FFM lead in calling for a ban to arms sells to Israel. Do you have the lines from DITI for the last bullet above?

If you could get the updated FMQ to me by 12:15, that'll be great! Let me know if that sounds utterly unreasonable!

Many thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: PQ S6W-26777

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Please find links below:

Israel-Gaza - FMQ - 11 April details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk) [[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] confirmed this AM that this is the latest version]

DRAFT - PQ S6W-26777 - PO Deadline 24 April 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Currently waiting on sub from [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – will send on once I have it.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:09 PM  
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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Arms exports - SE PCS Union  
**Importance:** High

Hello

(Sorry David for duplicating an email in your inbox!)

I have received the below email regarding the chain below from [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], Chair of the SE PCS Union branch writing on behalf of members who have raised concerns regarding the potential action PCS is taking with the DBT. This is regarding the matter of UKG civil requesting to cease work in relation to export licenses to Israel amid concerns that civil servants could potentially be complicit in war crimes should Israel be found to have broken international law (Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel | Politics News | Sky News).

The lines in response that I would offer up (taken from the response to the CAAT Letter) are below, though this seems slightly complex and I am unsure if it would adequately cover off the point regarding the supply chain companies of defence contractors in relation to the provision of weapons to Israel. I think we may need SGLD input?

[To note these lines were supplied by colleagues so I would run them past them again before a response was issued.]

- *The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue*
- *The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.*

Thanks

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**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: On behalf of union members  
**Importance:** High

Hello [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Would you be able to help with the request below, or be able to direct me on to someone who can please?

Thanks

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@scotent.co.uk>  
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**Subject:** On behalf of union members

Dear [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

As Chair of the SE PCS Union branch, I am writing to you on behalf of members who have raised concerns regarding the potential action PCS is taking with the Department of Business and Trade. This is regarding the civil servants being potentially complicit in war crimes should Israel be found to have broken international law, please see Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel | Politics News | Sky News

As you know we do Russian sanctions checks just now so it would be useful to know if this area is being considered within the Scottish Government and if this will affect our members, for example, for support to any defence contractors and their supply chain companies for the provision of weapons to Israel. Any guidance that can be issued to staff or members would be welcome. This issue is gaining traction among our members so I have said I would raise this issue directly with you.

Thanking you in advance

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** Team Leader, Clean Heat & SEGEN

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**Subject:** FW: On behalf of union members

Afternoon all

Please see email below from colleagues at Scottish Enterprise.

Grateful if you could provide any advice on this request or let me know if other SG colleagues are better placed to help.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** FW: On behalf of union members

Morning Jessie

I hope you're well.

We've received the email below from our Local Trade Union Chair.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** has acknowledged receipt, but this seems quite a complex matter that we feel requires direction on the required standard SG response rather than anything we should provide at a local SE level.

Is this something that you've been made aware of, and would you or one of your colleagues be able to help in relation to a response please?

Thanks in advance for support on this.

**Regards**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Head of People Operations & Reward

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:31 PM

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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@scotent.co.uk>

**Subject:** On behalf of union members

Dear Adrian

As Chair of the SE PCS Union branch, I am writing to you on behalf of members who have raised concerns regarding the potential action PCS is taking with the Department of Business and Trade. This is regarding the civil servants being potentially complicit in war crimes should Israel be found to have broken international law, please see Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel | Politics News | Sky News

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Thanking you in advance

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**Subject:** Campaign against arms trade letter campaign re SE support for defence companies re Gaza etc

Have agreed with Emily McIntosh that existing response is fine so we can now send out remaining replies

**From:** Richard Rollison

**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:06 PM

**To:** Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Communications Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Rural Affairs <CommunicationsWellbeingEconomyNetZeroandRuralAffairs@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** For SPAD response - Campaign against arms trade letter campaign re SE support for defence companies re Gaza etc

Callum/Emily

(Comms – for awareness)

I've been made aware that we've received about 70 letters from the Campaign Against the Arms Trade on support for defence companies re Gaza. These have come through FM or Mr Lochhead's office with a request for an official response. The text of the letter and our response is below. About 35 responses have already gone out.

The response uses previously agreed lines but given the issue and FM's interest I think we should have run it by you and possibly Ministers first – apologies that we haven't.

I don't think it would make sense to change our response now. However, I wanted to make you aware of this. Please give me a call if you wish to discuss and/or you think we need to put Ministers in the picture.

Thanks

Richard

**Text from Campaign Against Arms Trade:**

*I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.*

*Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*

*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

*So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.*

**Response:**

Thank you for your correspondence of XX [March] 2024 regarding Human Rights Due Diligence. I work in the Directorate for International Trade and Investment and have been asked to respond on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies,

including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.

This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.

Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.

The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.

I hope this is helpful.

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 2:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: MiCases

FYI

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: MiCases

Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

That makes sense.

Best,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: MiCases

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Yes, if we feel they sit more under DEXA's umbrella we have been passing them over. I have normally passed them to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] but as this topic is growing in attention and Richard has specifically passed on our response to SpAds I will send / assign to Adam in the first instance for his awareness and for him to reassign in his team as he feels is necessary.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:51 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: MiCases

Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

I think the first one **MiCase: 202400408952** although it is in response to your original letter, doesn't focus the further questions on the due diligence guidance, but focuses mostly on:

- Whether the licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter – this would fit with the DEXA work on arms exports (i.e. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]'s team - who handled the letter to UKG on arms sales).
- Levels of military spending in Scotland – this would sit with defence colleagues.

Would it be consistent with how we've been handling these to date to ask DEXA if they want to pick this up (but to flag also that the original response to the correspondent is now with SPADs for their views)?

I think the second one **MiCase: 202400409008** – this covers both a ceasefire and the end to arms sales – would sit better with DEXA (i.e. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]'s team who handled the letter to UKG on arms sales). Is that consistent with how we have been doing these cases previously?

Let me know what you think.

Thanks!

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 9:38 AM

**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** MiCases

Hello,

I currently have 2 MiCases assigned to me and would appreciate your thoughts on them (i.e. response or whether they are even for our area). Both have a final reply deadline in May so this is not currently urgent, though the deadline for accepting 202400409008 was yesterday.

**MiCase: 202400408952**

- The correspondent initially sent a letter using the CAAT template, and is now replying to my issued response.
- They have cc'd in a number of politicians and political party HQs. They also request ref no. for correspondence with some of them which I do not believe I could obtain? (i.e. they have contacted parliamentary inboxes)
- I understand Richard has asked for no more responses to the CAAT letter to be issued until after we hear back from SpAds but flagging this MiCase now as I have read it a few times and still unclear as to what is being asked!
- Para 2, they reference multiple links in my response to them, for clarity there was only one hyperlink to the due diligence guidance and I therefore assume they are referring to the hyperlinks on *that* webpage.
- Para 3, I have no idea what they are inferring regarding the meaning on the number of asterisks of varying lengths. The disclaimer they are referring to is, I believe standard, so I don't feel I need to acknowledge that point?
- Para 5, I believe they are challenging the position as the licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter SG does not have control over it. I can ask for SGLD input here if you wish but I had thought this to be a rather black and white point?
- Para 6, does not have (as far as I can see) have a clear point. It does however wrongly state that Ukraine has joined NATO.
- Para 7, infers that the timing of the response to their CAAT letter was coordinated to occur after, not before, David Cameron's statement on Gaza whilst in the US.
- Para 8-13, Unsure of points which we would respond to.

**MiCase: 202400409008**

- It specifically asks what the SNP Gov doing to ensure that the world knows that the Scottish population is against the supply of weapons to Israel.
- A potential draft response as a starting place is below, however do you think is more of a comms questions rather than a trade one? (i.e. would we reassign)

*Thank you for your correspondence of XX April 2024 regarding the supply of arms to Israel. I work in the Directorate for International Trade and Investment and have been asked to respond on behalf of the Scottish Government.*

*The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.*

*The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.*

*I hope this is helpful.*

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government



**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:07 PM

**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Cc:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers! campaign

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Providing you with the below chain in case helpful.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers! campaign

No worries, will do.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

from PEU also sent me some guidance on 'rolling up' MiCase's (essentially allowing me to respond to multiple MiCase's in one go which should be useful for managing the numbers and saving me time).

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:16 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers! campaign

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

For now we should continue with your option 1 but have a think about what would constitute an unmanageable number and we can go back to David at that point.

Best,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers! campaign

Yes. Also we shd consider flagging this in the weekly note from the DG to the Cab Sec – I'll send you the separate email.

David

David Barnes  
Deputy Director, Trade Policy  
Scottish Government  
Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ  
Pronouns: he/him  
Tel (mobile) [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:22 AM  
**To:** David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers! campaign

Hi David,

You may be aware we have been receiving a high number of letters from a campaign led by the Campaign Against Arms Trade – approx. 70 have currently been received (of which 20 [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] has responded to).

The campaign: CAAT - Scotland: Stop Funding Repression! calls for a *review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and .... implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist* (full letter, below).

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] has spoken to the Public Engagement Unit for advice on handling campaigns. As below:  
Option 1 – we can continue as we are, which is currently manageable for [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] – the risk here is that we receive an influx of future letters which would become less manageable.  
Option 2 – we respond directly to CAAT and issue no further responses. This would likely come from you, David. The risk is that individuals would no longer receive a response (and may not be informed by CAAT that they have received a response from SG).

Do you prefer that we continue with option 1 until we reach a higher number of letters?

Best regards,



[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

Hello

Had a helpful chat with [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], as he set out we essentially have two options:

1. Continue with the current process of me responding to each piece of correspondence individually
2. Issue one response to the source which in this case is CAAT. All other pieces of correspondence received would then be either rejected or removed from MiCase.

To note, Andrew flagged that one response being issued to campaigns does occur regularly but our correspondence is in a bit of a grey area due to correspondents copy and pasting the text before sending it themselves.

The current number of Micases, although not ideal, is manageable and therefore Option 1 is an adequate approach. However, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] highlighted that the focus should be less on the current situation and be more about hedging our bets for the future. It is not possible to forecast how many more pieces of correspondence we will receive, or when we will receive them, and there is a possibility of the numbers rising dramatically in a short space of time. If this occurs there will be obvious resourcing implications and could push us into having to adopt Option 2. Option 2 carries some potential reputational risks as we have already issued responses to some correspondents and would not be doing so for others. It was recommended that if chosen, Option 2 should be issued to CAAT by the policy area (i.e. us) I am not sure however if that would / should come from myself or a higher band / David?

For awareness, I currently have approx. 13 of these Micases assigned to me and expect at least another 35 this week. I would appreciate your thoughts regarding an approach to take.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:21 PM  
**To:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL

**INFORMATION]** <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

Are you able to provide any advice on how to handle this correspondence campaign? We have become recently aware that the text in these MiCases is likely from a template provided by the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) who have shared an email template online for people to use to contact SG (link below) – in most cases the text in the MiCases is identical. I currently have responded to approx. 20 and have a further 13 currently assigned to me on MiCase, not including the 35 you have referenced below to be expected via FMPU.

The Saltire Guidance states to contact the Public Engagement Unit for advice regarding campaigns but the email listed is for the Central Correspondence Unit.

CAAT - Scotland: Stop Funding Repression!

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

FMPU have received the below, there are around 35 of these that they are looking to get responses issued.

Just to flag up to you, we will get these over to you later this week – any issues or questions please give me a shout.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (he/him)  
Public Engagement Unit Team Leader  
CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot

[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]<[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:28 AM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Stop Funding Genocide Profiteers!

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**  
**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@btinternet.com

Dear Humza Yousaf,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.

Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.

If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.

So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Yours sincerely,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:01 PM  
**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**>

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**Cc:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

We haven't had any previous relationship or engagement with CAAT, either directly or indirectly

Likewise, not aware of any engagement between CAAT and ADS Scotland

Kindest regards

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:41 PM  
**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

Just wondering if your area has a relationship, or had any previous engagement with CAAT, either directly or via ADS Scotland? We are continuing to receive a steady stream of MiCases using their template (below link).

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:20 AM  
**To:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>;

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>**  
**Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response**

Morning,

For awareness / information, I came across the below link for the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) yesterday evening and believe this may be where the template used for the MiCases has originated from (as the wording is identical). Have cc'd in a couple of colleagues who may benefit from being aware.

CAAT - Scotland: Stop Funding Repression!

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From: [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>**  
**Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 4:12 PM**  
**To: [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>**  
**Cc: [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>**  
**Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response**

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

No, as of yet I do not know where the template has originated from.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From: [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>**  
**Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:31 PM**  
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**Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Micase Response**

Small typo "Has wrote to the Prime Minister" rather than just "wrote to the Prime Minister" – apart from that, content.

Do we know where the template has originated from?

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Hi [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

Content for our lines; copying in [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] for info.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Micase Response

Hello,

I have been assigned several MiCases (approx. 16) which all contain the same text and which may be the start of a new letter writing campaign. The proposed response is attached and borrows heavily from the lines that were provided in response to Alex Crowley MSP (202400402215). Could you please review the text attached for your interests and confirm you are content **by COP Friday, 22 March**.

Thanks  
[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government

**From:** David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Export licences/IHL

Good idea to make factual reference to it in the background box, but I'd steer clear of SG making any comment on it (which in any case of course we couldn't do without checking with SGLD). We're already in what I expect Ministers would think is a reasonably comfortable place, thanks to the FM's letters to the PM.

Just to flag that next week we will be a bit thin on the ground in Trade Policy. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] has now left us, and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and I will both be on leave. But [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] will be back, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] is picking up that part of [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] work at least for now, and [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] will be overseeing.

David

David Barnes  
Deputy Director, Trade Policy  
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John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Export licences/IHL

David

I've just seen this story about civil servants in London threatening to refuse to work on arms licences for Israel, due to fears that they might be found to breach IHL.

Civil servants request to stop work over arms sales to Israel (msn.com)

Do you think we need to update our FMQ? Speaks to the recent letters.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** |Team Leader, International Relations |Directorate for External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:32 AM

**To:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: No Funding for Genocide

Morning,

Please see below and attached. Please add to micase as an OR. We have received multiple correspondence on this subject.

Thanks,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade – Richard Lochhead MSP**

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | E: MinisterSBITT@gov.scot | T: **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**<**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@blueyonder.co.uk>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:45 PM

**To:** zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade <ministersbit@gov.scot>

**Subject:** No Funding for Genocide

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**



**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@blueyonder.co.uk

Dear Richard Lochhead,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.

Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.

If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.

So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Yours sincerely,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:39 AM

**To:** Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

**Cc:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: MiCase Correspondence

Hello CEU

I am enquiring as to whether the two emails in the attached email were added to MiCase as an 'Official Response' as requested by Mr Lochhead's PO?

I ask as I am currently responding to numerous MiCase's which all share the same text, which includes the attached email from 16 March at 1645. However, although I have searched MiCase for the two emails in the attached email using the names and email addresses of the correspondents I have not been able to find anything.

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government



**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 5:11 PM  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

Thanks both. I made a few changes, and I've asked [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] to follow up what lines were given to The Ferret (I know the lines in the FMQ, but I'm wondering if they're the same). Alternatively, we could just say that these are the lines from the FMQ. Let's see where we are tomorrow – if parliament is dissolved, the EAPB Bill will fall, and we'll have to revise this.....sigh.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]  
[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

With thanks to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], that's the bullet on skotia now added.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**From:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Human rights/Russia/Israel aide memoire for Committee next week

Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]see the 1 pager here for you to look at: DRAFT - Director Aide Memoire - Trade and Human Rights (incl. OPT's and Russia) - May 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

In parallel [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] has sourced the Skotia letter. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION], could you add a line on that after this bullet point:

- *There has been consistent public and parliamentary scrutiny over the record of the Scottish Government in ensuring the guidance is adhered to, and of financial support from Scottish Enterprise to companies in the defence sector.*

As an update, Mags has let [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] know that the committee meeting is next Wednesday and (considering the public holidays) we should aim to get this to Richard tomorrow.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: SLT - Performance and Delivery - UPDATES REQUIRED - COP 16TH MAY

Thanks Catherine.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** RE: SLT - Performance and Delivery - UPDATES REQUIRED - COP 16TH MAY

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

If you replace the existing text with the new lines highlighted below please that would be great.

**[REDACTED - OUT OF SCOPE]** Additionally, the First Minister wrote for a second time to the Prime Minister asking for UKG to stop licensing arms exports to Israel. At the FM's request, Mr Lochhead met with Ross Greer MSP about SG's approach to companies allegedly active in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Senior Policy Advisor | Customs and Borders | Directorate for International Trade and Investment

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Area 1J North | Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ | The Scottish Government | Riaghaltas na h-Alba

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>

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I sent that too soon! Could you just send any adjusted line to me ta, rather than putting it into the doc. I can do that when I've revised my bit.

Similar query re the sitrep that Hannah has just come back on – anything you would want to tell the others about how it's going/anything we're having to get involved in since it happened? Sitrep often covers the same issues from week to week. No worries if there is nothing to say though!

Thanks

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: SLT - Performance and Delivery - UPDATES REQUIRED - COP 16TH MAY

Hi both

It's ok to put in something that has passed – a lot of the other entries are like that. It was more if there was an update in terms of any difficulties there have been, is the SIs bit still a problem?

Ta

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** FW: SLT - Performance and Delivery - UPDATES REQUIRED - COP 16TH MAY

Hi both

I confess I don't really know what this is (!), but this was the entry in the last one:

- [REDACTED - OUT OF SCOPE] Additionally, the First Minister wrote for a second time to the Prime Minister asking for UKG to stop licensing arms exports to Israel. At the FM's request, Mr Lochhead met with Ross Greer MSP about SG's approach to companies allegedly active in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Could you update your bit please?

Thanks,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Ah, thanks. I didn't spot that this morning. I haven't looked at the draft reply again but, assuming you've looked at the things I mentioned, I'm happy for you to send it forward. You may have already sent it off of course.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** has updated that based on your comments.

This is the line on the review which is in the standard response:  
This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.

Are you happy for him to go ahead on that basis.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Thanks. Broadly happy, but can you look again at rewording the first para to remove duplication of JF's job title. Is there a standard set of wording PEU use when one minister replies for another? On the strikethrough para, should we not leave that in? I know the correspondent hasn't specifically mentioned SE, but surely that's what the 2021 allegation relates to (rather than SG specifically?). Final question – didn't we have a bit in the standard reply about DD guidance being kept under continual review? Did we drop that, or are we not using it for these ones? I noticed that on the other one I replied to this morning.

David doesn't need to clear.

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Head of Trade Strategy | Directorate for International Trade and Investment | Scottish Government, Area 1J North, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ | **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** FW: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Hello **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** has prepared the below response for the case from a constituent of Joe Fitzpatrick.

I am happy with the text as set out by **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (which is largely the same as the campaign response). Are you happy with that? This is a Ministerial response from Mr Lochhead rather than an official response – does anyone else need to clear it (e.g. David)?

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**  
**From:** **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** <**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Hello

Please see the draft response to this for review below. New text is in red, suggested deletions have been scored through. **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**.

DRAFT - MiCase 202400409542 - Ministerial Response - April 2024 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

Ok for you to pick this up.

Ok to use their original line (without need for additional line from defence colleagues).

Could you get in touch with public engagement unit regarding whether we should allocate this as a response from Mr Lochhead in this case (i.e. when it is from a constituent of a Minister, but that Minister is not the lead Minister on the subject matter).

If these lines are from their FMQ line they will also be cleared to use for Ministers so happy for you to use the same lines.

Thanks,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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As mentioned on Teams

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**Subject:** RE: Team Member MiCase Assignment Ref: 202400409542

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

To see exchange below – this doesn't feel any different to me than the CAAT template your side is already dealing with, and the query particularly chimes with the CAAT line "*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse.*"

We could pass you a sentence to cover wider economic value of the industry but in the main the response shouldn't deviate from the response spads cleared earlier in the week.

We will re-assign to your team.

Thanks,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** | Team Leader | New Market Clusters Unit  
Industrial Transformation and Office of the Chief Scientific Adviser  
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Just accept it, and use the same line as we've been using. If the Minister is unhappy, he can ask for more. I don't think I would bother with the additional line [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] suggests – likely to just be inflammatory.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]

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As mentioned on Teams

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[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION],

To see exchange below – this doesn't feel any different to me than the CAAT template your side is already dealing with, and the query particularly chimes with the CAAT line “*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse.*”

We could pass you a sentence to cover wider economic value of the industry but in the main the response shouldn't deviate from the response spads cleared earlier in the week.

We will re-assign to your team.

Thanks,

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | Team Leader | New Market Clusters Unit  
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**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 7:35 AM

**To:** [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] <[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: MiCases

Thanks [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]. I spoke to David about these yesterday.

Neither of us are totally sure, and I was trying to find if we had directly comparable ones before. I've gone through what I had, but I'm not 100% sure if [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] accepted some of the ones he did because he thought we were in the lead, or because they landed on us so close to the deadline.

Given there are a number of similar cases, could you say to her that we want to speak to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] about these, that he will be back on Monday, and that we'll get back to [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] then? I just want to be totally sure that we only accept them if we genuinely think we have the lead interest. [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL

**INFORMATION]**– grateful if you, me and **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** could discuss on Monday. I'm particularly mindful of course that **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** will be leaving us in a couple of weeks' time, so I want to be quite tough about whether we accept this sort of thing as for us to lead. This looks like the start of a campaign, which I imagine will only get worse!

Please copy me in to your reply to **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**. Thanks.

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**Subject:** MiCases

Hello

As discussed earlier, **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** from International Development asked if she could reassign some MiCases to myself. I have had a quick look at her current MiCases and there are currently approx. 5 which all have the below wording (in italics). Let me know if you think I should accept them?

**[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]**

*I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.*

*Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.*



*If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.*

*So we demand that both the First Minister and the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.*

Thanks

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** (he/him) | Senior Policy Adviser | Trade and Sustainable Development | Trade Strategy Division | Scottish Government



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**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 4:21 PM

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<Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

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<**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Ewan

Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>

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<Julie.Grant@gov.scot>  
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Yep happy, thanks very much.

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Thanks Tom – content with that change. If policy colleagues are happy I'll schedule this to issue from xScotGovFM at 5pm this evening.

[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] | Senior Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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Thanks, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION].

Aye, best to remove.

Concern is perhaps not strong enough.

‘warned that’?

In a letter to @FCDOGovUK Minister Lord Ahmad, First Minister @HumzaYousaf **warned that** by continuing to arm Israel, the UK Government is in danger of being complicit in the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza.

Full text of the letter: [LINK](#)

Thanks,  
Tom

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FM removed "...fear" from the final draft, so "his fear" should probably come out of the tweet.

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Thanks, **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**.

Would suggest tweak to add letter context, remove hyphen at reiterate and add 'in Gaza' at end (278/280):

In a letter to @FCDOGovUK Minister Lord Ahmad, First Minister @HumzaYousaf has reiterated his fear that by continuing to arm Israel, the UK Government is in danger of being complicit in the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza.



Full text of the letter: [LINK](#)

Text in quote graphic for quote is a wee bit big compared to title etc, might be worth making it a point or two smaller when tweaking to add missing 'are'. Do we have a version of the image without background removed so Bute backdrop is visible? Might look better but not certain of what would be in frame in background.

Thanks,  
Tom

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Hi Tom – please see final copy of the letter attached.

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Thanks, [REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION].

Do you have a copy of the final letter?

Does it also reference international law more explicitly?

Thanks,  
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**POST FOR xSCOTGOVFM:**

First Minister @HumzaYousaf has re-iterated his fear that by continuing to arm Israel, the UK Government is in danger of being complicit in the killing of innocent civilians.

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**Quote for graphic:** *“If the death of British nationals among at least 35,000 dead – the majority of whom innocent women and children – is insufficient to change your policy, what more will it take?”*

**Graphic:**



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publication. The First Minister is content with the proposed approach of a news release/tweet.

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Attached with a couple of minor changes, two stylistic and one grammatical. The draft tweet will have to change with the 35,000 number (which is fine to use – 33,545 confirmed deaths but many more still undiscovered).

All the best,

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All

Thanks for this. I've drafted a response based on the First Minister's steer and pre-existing text. Ccing SGLD colleagues, though as there are no new elements other than a mention of the recent open lawyers/judges' letter, I don't think it needs cleared again.

Regards,

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All,

Confirming that @[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION] and I  
discussed - he will draft a response to go back to UKG on this, which comms will  
publish as soon as it has been issued.

Many thanks,

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In relation to Lord Ahmad's response, and the UK Government's stance, the First Minister has suggested we should confirm publicly that we have received a response, which confirms that the UKG will continue to send arms to Israel. The FM has stated that by their own admission UKG will keep their export licences under close consideration, and they will look to amend these when circumstances change. The First Minister has questioned: if British civilians being killed, as well as over 30,000 Gazans – the majority being innocent children and women – doesn't change UKG's mind, what more will it take?

Grateful if this steer can be taken forward.

Thanks,

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Please see the attached response received this afternoon from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon – welcome any views on next steps and I will share with the First Minister in the interim.

Copying Comms for awareness.

Many thanks,  
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Thanks **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** – appreciate the v quick turnaround.

Emily

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**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, other contributing colleagues,

Many thanks for the rapid turnaround on this ask today. To confirm, the letter has now issued – please find attached the final version for record-keeping purposes.

We'll let you know if/when we receive a response to any of the First Minister's recent letters.

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Hi **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be issued to the PM shortly, FM has made an amendment to the last line.

Many thanks,

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**Importance:** High

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With thanks to SGLD colleagues for speedy advice, please find attached a draft letter as requested.

All the best,

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**Subject:** FM commission - letter to UKG re. Gaza/Israel arms sales  
**Importance:** High

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**,



As discussed via Teams, following the latest development of the killing of aid workers by Israeli strikes, the First Minister would like to write to either the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary (will leave this with you to decide) **today** to demand an immediate end to arms sales to Israel. Grateful for a draft letter as soon as possible today.

To confirm, the FM has still not received a response to his letter to the PM dated 23/02 on this subject.

Many thanks,

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:40 PM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: Meeting between the Minister and Ross Greer MSP

Just to flag, I'm on annual leave next week, copying Trade Policy colleagues who can pick up any actions during that time.

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Head of Trade and Sustainable Development

Trade Strategy Division - Trade Policy - Directorate for International Trade and Investment

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 8:04 PM

**To:** Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade <MinisterSBITT@gov.scot>

**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL**

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Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Meeting between the Minister and Ross Greer MSP

Private Office,

Following contact between Ross Greer and the First Minister regarding companies involved in the Israel/Gaza conflict, the FM has asked for Mr Lochhead to meet with Mr Greer. For background/context, please find attached Mr Greer's letter and the FM's response. And you'll find a record of Mr Greer and the FM's exchange at FMQs on 16/11 via: Meeting of the Parliament: 16/11/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website

I have copied the relevant lead Officials, **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]** and **[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**, who I'm sure will be happy to support the Minister.

I said to Mr Greer's office I would help facilitate this meeting, so I'll send an email after this making the introduction. We would be very grateful if this meeting could be organised at the earliest mutually convenient date/time.

Thanks v much,

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**Sent:** Saturday, May 11, 2024 2:49 PM

**To:** zzzMinister for Small Business, Innovation & Trade <MinisterSBIT@gov.scot>

**Subject:** We Don't Want to Fund Warmongers!

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

Dear Richard Lochhead,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the £8,367,691 handed over in the last three years from the Scottish Government through Scottish Enterprise to multi-billion-pound arms companies

**that have been profiting from the genocide in Gaza and the bombardment of Yemen. The values and priorities our Scottish parliament claims to uphold do not align with the work of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Raytheon, who focus on reaping profits from the death of Palestinian children. This cosy relationship between Scottish Enterprise and arms companies must stop now.**

**Furthermore, it seems impossible that Holyrood could possibly berate the UK government for licensing weapons to Israel while the Scottish government are funding the development of these weapons for use by the Israeli forces on people in Gaza.**

If the Scottish government actually want to champion human rights, then they should question how six arms companies that have applied for export licences to 22 of the 30 countries on the FCDO Human Rights Priority list have received over £8 million from the public purse. This is a massive failure of the supposed Human Rights Due Diligence checks deployed by Scottish Enterprise; they must take responsibility and not leave it up to the warmongering arms companies to declare that they are morally bankrupt.

So we demand that the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation lead an extensive review of the policies and priorities of Scottish Enterprise and its partner bodies - including Highlands and Islands Enterprise - and ensure the implementation of a new, functional, Human Rights Due Diligence checklist to ensure that public funding does not fall into the hands of arms companies who profit from conflict and repression and do not align the priorities of the Scottish people.

Yours sincerely,

**[REDACTED - S.38 - PERSONAL INFORMATION]**

**Text of Scottish Government response template to the above correspondence**

Our Reference: [Reference]

Your Reference: Stop Funding War Profiteers!

[Date]

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your correspondence of [Date] regarding Human Rights Due Diligence. I work in the Directorate for International Trade and Investment and have been asked to respond on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government's 2018 Guidance on Due Diligence: Human Rights sets out how the Scottish Government, our executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPB) should undertake appropriate due diligence on companies, including their human rights record, before entering into an investment relationship with them.

This should include an assessment of whether an individual or company, including any parent or subsidiary, has been associated with human rights abuses anywhere in the world. This guidance is kept under continual review and it is for the accountable officer of each agency and NDPB to ensure that their organisation complies with guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.

Building on the 2018 guidance, Scottish Enterprise's Customer Due Diligence Procedure sets out the process that it follows to undertake human rights due diligence checks on companies it works with. Such checks are based on a rigorous process and independent evidence. The other enterprise agencies have similar processes in place.

The licensing of arms exports is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control. The First Minister however, wrote to the Prime Minister calling for a ban on arms exports to Israel, and will continue to press the UK Government to take action on this issue.

The Scottish Government and our enterprise and skills agencies do not provide funding for the manufacture of munitions. Our support for defence sector companies is instead primarily focused on helping firms to diversify their activities and technologies and ensure Scotland continues to benefit from significant economic returns and thousands of jobs in the defence, aerospace and shipbuilding sectors.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

## Response to Question 4

### *Your question*

Humza Yousaf said on April 16 that he had not been briefed on situation in Iran, could you supply all documentation you have surrounding this topic since April 1 2024?

-Can this include correspondence sent and received, briefings, analysis and minutes/notes from meetings?

- <https://www.thenational.scot/news/24257095.humza-yousaf-says-still-not-briefed-iran-situation/>

### *Our response*

Information supplied below:

**Document 1: SGEUD – Reporting – Special European Council Summit – April 2024 Final (A48140379)**

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**Document 2: Extract from First Minister briefing – EID Event – Scottish Parliament – 16 April 2024 (A48044358)**

### **IRAN ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL**

**I condemn Iran’s actions, just as I’ve condemned all regional escalation, and have repeatedly called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza over the last six months.**

- It is clear there is not going to be a military solution to the conflict, there can only going to be a political and diplomatic solution.
- Violence begets violence. It is imperative that the international community demands that all parties abide by UN Security Council resolutions, including the call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.
- An immediate ceasefire is, I believe, the bedrock of peace in the region. Innocent civilians have already paid far too high a price, and therefore we need to urgently see de-escalation as opposed to any further escalation.”

Document 3: Extract from: Israel-Gaza – FMQ – 7 May 2024 - DRAFT (A48318961)

### IRAN ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL

**I condemn Iran’s actions and call on all sides to de-escalate urgently. I am deeply concerned about regional escalation, and have repeatedly called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza over the last six months.**

- It is clear there is not going to be a military solution to the conflict, there can only be a political and diplomatic solution.
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Document 4: Extract from: Cabinet – SCANCE – Written Items and Speaking Notes – 16 April 2024 (A47924180)

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Document 5: Extracts from: Community Cohesion - FM Meeting with Palestinian Community on 17 April 2024 - First Minister Briefing - April 2024 (A48079855)

Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [REDACTED - OUT OF SCOPE] I condemn Iran’s actions, just as I’ve condemned all regional escalation, and have repeatedly called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza over the last six months.</li><li>•</li></ul>

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ANNEX C

**ISRAEL/GAZA FMQ UPDATE**

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Document 6: Extract from: Cabinet - SCANCE - Written Items and Speaking Notes - 23 April 2024 (A48101237)

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