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3 July 2023

Dear Minister,

RE: STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023

In the Members' business debate on motion S6M-08901 "Drowning Prevention Week" on Thursday 29 June 2023, you stated that the Barnett consequential (received by the Scottish Government following the UK Government's announcement of £63million in new money for swimming pools on the Wednesday 15 March 2023): "have been added to the local authority funding block".

Can you please clarify when this was done and, if it has not been done, will you now correct the Official Report?

From my previous written question to the Scottish Government (S6W-17998), there was no mention of anything being added to local authority funding – so I was surprised by your answer to Parliament on Thursday 29 June 2023. In the interests of transparency, I urge you to clarify the use of the Barnett consequential that were received as a result of this UK Government announcement.

To aid this process, please find the appended email from John Swinney MSP.

I am sure you would agree that our local public swimming pools are vital to our communities and it would only be right for this funding to be passed on to our local authorities to save our swimming pools from unnecessary closure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DL', is centered on a light grey rectangular background.

Douglas Lumsden MSP
Member of the Scottish Parliament for the North East Region

Appendix:

From: Swinney J (John), MSP <John.Swinney.msp@parliament.scot>

Sent: 31 May 2023 20:51

To: Presiding Officers <PresidingOfficers@parliament.scot>

Cc: Lumsden D (Douglas), MSP <Douglas.Lumsden.MSP@Parliament.scot>;

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MSP <Alex.Cole-Hamilton.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Correction to a statement made in Parliament today

Dear Presiding Officer,

In the Members' Debate this evening, I intervened on the Minister to state that a comment made by Douglas Lumsden MSP, that funding from the U.K. Swimming Pool Fund was additional to the previously allocated funding by the U.K. Government, was incorrect. I have now realised that I was in fact incorrect and the funding was allocated in March 2023, and not October 2022 which I stated, which makes Mr Lumsden's point correct.

I would like to apologise for the error I have made and I express my apology to Mr Lumsden, to whom this letter is copied. I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Minister for Social Care, Mental Health and Sport, the Minister for Parliamentary Business and the other Business Managers along with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP.

I am also placing a copy of this letter in SPICe.


Yours sincerely,

John Swinney
MSP for Perthshire North

Link to corresponding chamber discussion:

https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/official-report/search-what-was-said-in-parliament/meeting-of-parliament-31-05-2023?meeting=15341&iob=130850#orscontributions_M16206E339P828C2497976

Douglas Lumsden (North East Scotland) (Con)

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As Murdo Fraser mentioned in his contribution, the Scottish Government received Barnett consequential as a result of the UK Government announcing extra funding for swimming pools in England. Will that money be passed on to our local authorities so that sports facilities such as Bucksburn swimming pool in Aberdeen can be saved?


Maree Todd

I know, because we have seen it during the past few days, that it is really hard for my Conservative colleagues to understand that devolution enables us to make different decisions in Scotland.

Douglas Lumsden


Will the minister give way?

Maree Todd

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Let me finish. The UK's decision to fund swimming pools results in Barnett consequential for the Scottish budget, but they go into the block grant as a whole and Scottish ministers decide how to allocate those resources. Some of the different decisions that we have made in Scotland are on things such as protecting Scottish citizens from the bedroom tax, or things like that game-changer in tackling poverty, the Scottish child payment, and so on.

Douglas Lumsden

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What the minister does not seem to understand is that we are talking about additional funding after the block grant allocation, so it should not have been allocated to something else. It was additional, so it could have been moved to local authorities to save our local sports facilities.

Maree Todd

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The member does not seem to understand that the Scottish Government spends millions of pounds every year on mitigating policies that wreak havoc on our citizens in Scotland and cause immense pain and poverty. The bedroom tax particularly targeted people with disabilities. I am proud that, in Scotland, we protect people.

John Swinney

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For the sake of completeness, I need to advise the Parliament that Mr Lumsden is wholly incorrect. The allocation of funding for swimming pools was made in the United Kingdom budget of October 2022, so it formed part of the block grant that I distributed in December 2022. What Mr Lumsden has just put to the minister is therefore wholly wrong.

Correction to the Official Record

Link to the record of the debate

[Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Correction Official Report, Date 29th June 2023, Drowning Prevention Week 2023

Siobhian Brown has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction.

Siobhian Brown at 15:24 on 29th June 2023

Original text

“... the Barnett consequentials have been added to the local authority block...”

Corrected text

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Original transcript from the Drowning Prevention Week 2023 debate

The Deputy Presiding Officer

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Douglas Lumsden

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Douglas Lumsden

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Siobhian Brown

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No—I am moving on to other members' contributions.



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Douglas Lumsden MSP
By email: Douglas.Lumsden.msp@parliament.scot

7 July 2023

Dear Douglas

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd July asking for clarification on additional funding for swimming pools via Barnett Consequentials.

During the Drowning Prevention Week 2023 debate on 29th of June 2023 I responded to an intervention by yourself on the use of Barnett Consequentials to support funding for swimming pools. In response to this I stated that funding from the Barnett Consequentials had been added to the “local authority block”. This was in fact incorrect. I had intended to say that it had been added to the *Scottish Government block*. I would like to express my apology. I have also contacted the Scottish Parliament to note the error and record a correction on the Official Report.

The Scottish Government places great importance on sport and leisure facilities, they are vital in supporting the physical and mental health of the nation. I am fully aware that energy costs are a significant issue facing many sports facilities, largely due to the cost of living crisis and we continue to urge the UK Government to use all the powers at its disposal to tackle this cost of living crisis.

However as independent corporate bodies it is for local authorities to manage their own leisure facilities, based on local needs and priorities.

The Scottish Government has increased the resources available to local government in 2023-24 by more than £793 million, a real terms increase of £376 million or 3%, compared to the 2022-23 Budget figures.

In addition, local authorities also have a range of revenue raising powers that are not available to other public services, including newly devolved powers over empty property rates relief.

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Tha Ministearanna h-Alba, an luchd-comhairleachaidh sònraichte agus Rùnaire Maireannach fo chumhachan Achd Coiteachaidh (Alba) 2016. Faicibh www.lobbying.scot



We have also asked sportscotland, our national agency for sport, to undertake a review of the sport facilities estate. This will improve the understanding of the current facilities provision and help to predict the landscape in the short, medium, and long term to ensure the sustainability of these important facilities.

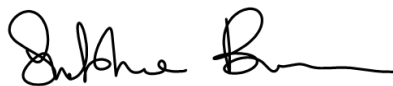
It is vital that all partners at a local level work together to explore all avenues and approaches to ensure that local clubs and communities have access to sport and leisure facilities. Beyond support for swimming pools the Scottish Government funds Water Safety Scotland to support and coordinate water safety campaigns designed and delivered by our expert partners including Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, World Drowning Prevention Day, and RNLI. The Scottish Government continues to provide annual funding to RoSPA (£179,500 in 2023/24) to deliver its annual home and water safety programme, and Scottish Community Safety Network (£270,000 in 2023/24) to support its work in supporting local community safety partnership activity.

I hope that this clarifies the funding position related to swimming pools and water safety that sits across the Active Scotland and Building Safer Communities portfolios.

The Scottish Government will continue to press the UK Government for urgent additional funding for our joint priorities and would welcome support from across the Parliament, COSLA and individual local authorities in this respect.

As already noted, I have requested that my error should be corrected on the Official Report. I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Minister for Social Care, Mental wellbeing and Sport, the Minister for Parliamentary Business, and the other Business Managers along with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP.

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Yours sincerely,

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DOC 002

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Link to the record of the debate

Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 2:42 PM
To: MinisterVCS@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

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Suggested text for PO to use to correct the official record.

To: official.report@parliament.scot

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Link to the debate - Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website

Please get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Regards
[redacted – personal information]

DOC 009

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 5:47 PM
To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your guidance this afternoon.

Please now find attached cleared text for

- 1) Letter to Presiding Officer – noting the error and the action we have taken.
- 2) Draft text to Correct the Official Record – recipient email address - official.report@scottish.parliament.uk

These documents sit along side the earlier letter responding to Mr Lumsden's request for a correction.

Regards
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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:20 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your email and welcome to the portfolio!

I've just spoken to [redacted – personal information] about this and said I would share the guidance regarding correcting the official report and steps that need to be taken. Please see link: [Official Report: Guidance on the correction of inaccuracies \(parliament.scot\)](https://www.parliament.scot/Official-Report/Guidance-on-the-correction-of-inaccuracies)

I'm also copying in Jennie who is covering for spAds interests this week and attaching the original emails on this.

Please note Ms Brown is on leave after tomorrow for a week.

Many thanks,

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Regards
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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 12:37 PM
To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FOR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE - Letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden re swimming pool funding

Hello Mo

Please now find attached the draft letter text for the correction and apology from Ms Brown in relation to funding of swimming pools. The text has been reviewed by [redacted – personal information] and includes the most up to date lines from Active Scotland and Finance on pool funding.

Suggested text for Ms Brown's response to Mr Lumsden.

- Building Safer Communities-Water Safety-Doc- Draft letter correction to water safety debate - 6 July 2023 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

[redacted – personal information] has also drafted some short text for PO to correct the official report. I've added the link to the debate for ref, there isn't a time stamp on the intervention by Mr Lumsden and Ms Browns response. Do I need to add this?

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I look forward to receiving any additional guidance or comments on the suggested text.

Regards
[redacted – personal information]

DOC 011

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 3:45 PM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: For clearance - Oral PQ s6o-02470 - swimming pool support - Due noon 22/09/23

Hi

Sorry but just wondering if you have had a chance to have a look at this yet.

Thanks
[redacted – personal information]
[redacted – personal information]
Triage and Policy Officer | Active Scotland Division | Scottish Government | Area 1B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
) [redacted – personal information] | : [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot

From: [redacted – personal information]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Subject: For clearance - Oral PQ s6o-02470 - swimming pool support - Due noon 22/09/23

Hi Callum

Can I request clearance for the below oral PQ, it is due with Private Office at noon today, apologies for the turnaround time. I have attached the background note that includes supp questions.

6. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the finance secretary plans to allocate to local authorities any funding from the block grant that has arisen as a result of Barnett consequential funding from the UK Government's Swimming Pool Support Fund. **(S6O-02565)**

A: *Local sport and leisure facilities, including swimming pools, are vital in supporting the physical and mental health of the nation.*

Compared to the less than £6 million of consequentials the Scottish Government received for swimming pools following the UK Budget, Scottish Government allocated £100 million of additional funding to Local Government at Stage 3 of the Budget Bill, funded in part by those consequentials. The 2023-24 Local Government settlement of £13.5 billion provides a cash increase in day to day spending of over £793 million, a real terms increase of £376 million.

As you know, Councils are democratically elected to make decisions on the priorities in their local communities.

Thanks

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DOC 012

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:23 PM

To: Mo Rooney <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Question from Ms Brown

Hi Mo

Attached is the detailed position from Active Scotland on Funding for swimming pools. Points 6-8 explain the Barnett Consequential's in detail and answer Ms Browns question.

It might be helpful to share the full briefing for information as 9 &10 cover how SG is approaching support for pools and 1-5 gives the background position in England re the Pool Fund.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:11 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Question from Ms Brown

Hey

Hopefully the following should provide clarification on the Minister's question.

1. In the Spring Budget Statement, the UKG announced £63 million of new funding to support public swimming pools in England, to help with immediate pressures and invest in energy efficiency measures.
2. This funding announcement follows a campaign by Community Leisure UK (CLUK), UKActive and others for financial support, given the impact of spiralling

energy costs, and the importance of swimming pools in teaching children to swim, as well as providing opportunities for people to stay active and safe in and around water.

3. The UK fund is comprised of £23 million available in revenue grants to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures leaving them most vulnerable to closure or service reduction, as well as £40 million available for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of these public facilities in the medium to long term.
4. The scheme in England will be administered by Sport England who will operate an application-based approach, while recognising the immediate need for many facilities to secure funding to stay open. [Swimming Pool Support Fund | Sport England](#)
5. Considerations will include areas of deprivation, rurality and where the closure of a pool would result in no other sports facility provision in a community. DCMS anticipate that the £23 million of revenue will be spent in 23/24 whilst the £40 million capital will be phased into 24/25, with Sport England being permitted to carry this over.
6. As a result of the Spring Budget Statement the Scottish Government received a total amount of £67.179m (£42.705m of resource consequentials and £24.474m of capital funding)
7. These amounts include the Barnett consequentials of £5.816m total received as a direct result of the swimming pool announcements in rUK - £1.939m and £3.877m of consequentials respectively.
8. Barnett consequentials are accrued to the Scottish Government as a whole and it is for Scottish Ministers to decide how they should be allocated based on their priorities.
9. We have asked sportscotland, our national agency for sport, to undertake a review of the sport facilities estate. This will improve the understanding of the current facilities provision and help to predict the landscape in the short, medium and long term to ensure the sustainability of these important facilities.
10. The Scottish Government will continue to work with sportscotland to explore how facility operators and the wider sporting sector can best be supported.

Thanks

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:02 AM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: Question from Ms Brown

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Here is the question that has come back from Ms Brown in relation to UK Gov swimming pool funding.

“asked for clarification regarding Mr Lumsden specifically saying the UK Government has given the SG £63m for swimming pools and the SG have not passed it onto local authorities – the Minister has asked if this is factually correct?”

There are two halves to this question

- 1) The UK position - The links below suggest that there was a slight shift from £63M to £60M between the budget and the date the fund went live. Could you clarify the date of the change if possible.
- 2) The Scottish Position re Barnett Consequentials and any commitments SG have made or plan to make re support for pools.

If you could fact check and give us your up to date lines it would be much appreciated

BBC Coverage of Budget re Swimming Pools - [Budget: Leisure centres with swimming pools to get £63m - BBC Sport](#)

Sport England Fund - [Swimming Pool Support Fund | Sport England](#)

I also need to ask you for some generic lines about support for swimming lessons this week ahead for the brief on Drowning Prevention Day, but I'll make that ask in a separate email.

Thank you.

[redacted – personal information]

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Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 3:55 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For clearance - Oral PQ s6o-02470 - swimming pool support - Due noon 22/09/23

Happy thanks

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Thanks

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From: [redacted – personal information]

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 10:59 AM

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Hi Callum

Can I request clearance for the below oral PQ, it is due with Private Office at noon today, apologies for the turnaround time. I have attached the background note that includes supp questions.

6. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the finance secretary plans to allocate to local authorities any funding from the block grant that has arisen as a result of Barnett consequential funding from the UK Government's Swimming Pool Support Fund. ([S6O-02565](#))

A: *Local sport and leisure facilities, including swimming pools, are vital in supporting the physical and mental health of the nation.*

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As you know, Councils are democratically elected to make decisions on the priorities in their local communities.

Thanks

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DOC 017

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot <[redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:20 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot <[redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 July 2023 14:42

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To: MinisterVCS@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

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Hi All

Please see attached a response from the official report team.

Assume the answer is yes but just wanted to double check that is correct before I respond.

Grateful if someone can advise.

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From: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:49 PM

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

[redacted – personal information]

You and I have spoken. We recognise that the Minister certainly should not have been given inaccurate information on this point. At this stage, we can only apologise, but will do what we can to make sure this doesn't happen again.

To fully address the Minister's query in yellow below, Active Scotland colleagues have provided the following note which could helpfully be shared with the Minister in its entirety for completeness. The key point, highlighted in green, is that the Barnett consequentials received to SG were £5.816m; the £63m figure relates to funding for public swimming pools in England.

11. In the Spring Budget Statement, the UKG announced £63 million of new funding to support public swimming pools in England, to help with immediate pressures and invest in energy efficiency measures. This funding announcement follows a campaign by Community Leisure UK (CLUK), UKActive and others for financial support, given the impact of spiralling energy costs, and the importance of swimming pools in teaching children to swim, as well as providing opportunities for people to stay active and safe in and around water.
12. The UK fund is comprised of £23 million available in revenue grants to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures leaving them most vulnerable to closure or service reduction, as well as £40 million available for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of these public facilities in the medium to long term.
13. The scheme in England will be administered by Sport England who will operate an application-based approach, while recognising the immediate need for many facilities to secure funding to stay open. [Swimming Pool Support Fund | Sport England](#) Considerations will include areas of deprivation, rurality and where the closure of a pool would result in no other sports facility provision in a community. DCMS anticipate that the £23 million of revenue will be spent in 23/24 whilst the £40 million capital will be phased into 24/25, with Sport England being permitted to carry this over.
14. As a result of the Spring Budget Statement the Scottish Government received a total amount of £67.179m (£42.705m of resource consequentials and £24.474m of capital funding). These amounts include the Barnett consequentials of £5.816m total received as a direct result of the swimming pool announcements in rUK - £1.939m resource and £3.877m capital.
15. Barnett consequentials are accrued to the Scottish Government as a whole and it is for Scottish Ministers to decide how they should be allocated based on Ministers' priorities.
16. Active Scotland officials have asked sportscotland, our national agency for sport, to undertake a review of the sport facilities estate. This will improve the understanding of the current facilities provision and help to predict the landscape in the short, medium and long term to ensure the sustainability of these important facilities. The Scottish Government will continue to work with sportscotland to explore how facility operators and the wider sporting sector can best be supported.

Mr Lumsden's intervention in the Drowning Prevention Week debate did note that the £63m related to UK level: *The UK Government announced additional funding for swimming pools in March—£60 million of new money that would have helped our public pools to stay open.*

I hope this is helpful.
Mo.

Mo Rooney (she/her)
Deputy Director, Safer Communities Division
Scottish Government
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: 07 July 2023 14:07

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Hi All

Thank you for providing this advice and draft letters. The Minister has seen and commented that it isn't ideal being given the wrong information during a debate and she is then having to apologise. She is content to issue the letters provided, however has asked for clarification regarding Mr Lumsden specifically saying the UK Government has given the SG £63m for swimming pools and the SG have not passed it onto local authorities – the Minister has asked if this is factually correct?

We will get the letters ready for issuing today and grateful if you can advise on the Ministers ask when you are able.

Many thanks,

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 July 2023 17:47

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [redacted –

personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your guidance this afternoon.

Please now find attached cleared text for

- 3) Letter to Presiding Officer – noting the error and the action we have taken.
- 4) Draft text to Correct the Official Record – recipient email address - official.report@scottish.parliament.uk

These documents sit along side the earlier letter responding to Mr Lumsden's request for a correction.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:20 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your email and welcome to the portfolio!

I've just spoken to [redacted – personal information] about this and said I would share the guidance regarding correcting the official report and steps that need to be taken. Please see link: [Official Report: Guidance on the correction of inaccuracies \(parliament.scot\)](#)

I'm also copying in Jennie who is covering for spAds interests this week and attaching the original emails on this.

Please note Ms Brown is on leave after tomorrow for a week.

Many thanks,

[redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Sent: 06 July 2023 14:42

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Subject: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

Apologies we haven't even had a chance to say hello yet. I've just landed in BSC this week as the new team leader.

Please now find attached the draft letter text for responding to Mr Lumsden. This has been cleared by Mo Rooney. At the bottom of this email, you will also find some suggested text for an email to correct the official record of the debate.

Mo asked if we could give further clarification on the future funding position for pools. Our colleagues in sport are currently fielding a number of enquires on pools and ice rink funding. We been advised to give brief lines on funding for the moment till they reflect on their position. If you are pressed further by Mr Lumsden on this issue will can ask for an updated position on funding and support.

Suggested text for PO to use to correct the official record.

To: official.report@parliament.scot

From: Minister for Victims and Community Safety

During the Drowning Prevention Week 2023 debate on 29th of June 2023, I responded to an intervention by Douglas Lumsden MSP on the use of Barnett Consequentials to support funding for swimming pools. In response, I stated that funding from the Barnett Consequentials had been added to the "local authority block". This was in fact incorrect. I had intended to say that it had been added to the *Scottish Government block*. I have noted the error with Mr Lumsden and expressed my apology. I would be grateful if you could now record the correction at the appropriate section on the Official Report.

Link to the debate - [Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Please get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

DOC 022

From: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:04 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE - Letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden re swimming pool funding

Thank you both for your work on this. Happy with the proposed note from Ms Brown to Official Record. Mr L:umsden's intervention in the debate will be readily found so I don't think the time stamp is essential.

I've made very minor tracks on the letter to make clear letter is from Minister personally, and have annotated one substantive point.

Thanks,
Mo.

Mo Rooney (she/her)
Deputy Director, Safer Communities Division
Scottish Government
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 July 2023 12:48
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE - Letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden re swimming pool funding

Thanks [redacted – personal information]...

Have just noted the typo in red – “the” needs deleted. Mistake all mine!

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 12:37 PM
To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FOR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE - Letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden re swimming pool funding

Hello Mo

Please now find attached the draft letter text for the correction and apology from Ms Brown in relation to funding of swimming pools. The text has been reviewed by Neil

and includes the most up to date lines from Active Scotland and Finance on pool funding.

Suggested text for Ms Brown's response to Mr Lumsden.

- [Building Safer Communities-Water Safety-Doc- Draft letter correction to water safety debate - 6 July 2023 details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Neil has also drafted some short text for PO to correct the official report. I've added the link to the debate for ref, there isn't a time stamp on the intervention by Mr Lumsden and Ms Browns response. Do I need to add this?

Suggested text for PO to use to correct the official record

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Link to the debate - [Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

I look forward to receiving any additional guidance or comments on the suggested text.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

DOC 025

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 3:24 PM

To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Ministerial briefing pack and a 6 minute closing speech - S6M-08901: Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2023 210623

It looks like this was generated by media reports that UK funding for swimming pools was not being allocated in Scotland for this purpose:

[SNP's refusal to hand over £70m of UK Government funding results in closure of three more swimming pools - Scottish Daily Express](#)

“The SNP's refusal to hand over £70million of Barnett consequentials has resulted in the closure of three more public swimming pools, according to a council. In West Lothian, three leisure facilities will be shut down due to a budget black hole”

There was a micase with Social Mental Wellbeing and Sport in May about it – so this would be a good first port of call:

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk/documents/A43712201/details>

Hope this helps

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Keeping The Promise Team
Scottish Government

Mobile: [redacted – personal information]

From: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 2:15 PM

To: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>

Cc: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>

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[redacted – personal information],

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Can you link up with [redacted – personal information] on this please (and [redacted – personal information] if required) and agree a response to letter and how to handle? There will be a need to review the official record of the debate, and potentially arrange for a correction of the official record.

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We'll want to get something to Private Officer before end of day on Thu.

Thanks,
Mo.

Mo Rooney (she/her)
Deputy Director, Safer Communities Division
Scottish Government

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: 03 July 2023 14:25

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>;

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I would be grateful for advice and a draft response for the Ministers consideration as soon as you are able.

Many thanks,

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: 26 June 2023 16:32

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>;

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<Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Ministerial briefing pack and a 6 minute closing speech - S6M-08901: Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2023 210623

Hi [redacted – personal information], I have updated the briefing pack with the updated timings of 14:30 – 15:15. Best wishes, [redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
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Dear PO/Minister for Victims and Community Safety

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If you require anything further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes, [redacted – personal information]

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DOC 026

From: Mo Rooney <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 2:15 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety
Sent: 03 July 2023 14:25
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Rooney M (Maureen) <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Campbell J (Jeanette) (Special Adviser) <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
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DOC 027

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 3:01 PM

To: Minister for Local Government Empowerment & Planning <MinisterLGEP@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Oral PQ - S6O-02565 - Minister feedback

Hi [redacted – personal information],

Thanks, have updated the answer and returned this on the system,

[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]

Triage and Policy Officer | Active Scotland Division | Scottish Government | Area 1B South | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Local Government Empowerment & Planning

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 9:34 AM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Local Government Empowerment & Planning <MinisterLGEP@gov.scot>

Subject: Oral PQ - S6O-02565 - Minister feedback

Good morning,

Mr FitzPatrick would like to remove “*The 2023-24 Local Government settlement of £13.5 billion provides a cash increase in day to day spending of over £793 million, a real terms increase of £376 million.*” The Minister has mentioned he would prefer to keep this for a SUPP.

Many thanks,

[redacted – personal information] (she/her)

Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning – Joe FitzPatrick MSP

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DOC 028

From: [redacted – personal information]@parliament.scot> **On Behalf Of** Business Team

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 4:03 PM

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Business Team <Business.Team@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Request for Correction to the Official Report on 29th June 2023 - Minister for Victims and Community Safety

Dear [redacted – personal information]

Many thanks for your email which has been forwarded to the Business Team.

We are able to accept this request under the [Guidance on Corrections](#) but noticed that the Minister also used the same terminology at column 90 of the Official Report too, copied below for your info.

I would be grateful if you would confirm whether you would like both instances corrected.

Kind regards

[redacted – personal information]

Community Safety, as my predecessors did before me, to make it a priority to help to reduce the numbers of drowning incidents in Scotland.

In response to terrible tragedies in Scotland's waterways during the summer of 2021, the Scottish Government brought together key water safety organisations to collaboratively develop an action plan that promoted and aimed to improve partnership working, intelligence gathering and sharing, awareness raising, skills training and responses to incidents.

The water safety action plan, which complements the important work of Water Safety Scotland, outlines the key initiatives to improve education, data, local area water safety planning and incident reviews. The co-designed action plan was published in March 2022, and the annual

I will reflect on some of the contributions from members, starting with Douglas Lumsden. I have been advised that the Barnett consequentials to which he referred have been added to the local authority funding block. The Scottish Government is working with sportscotland, local authorities, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and Scottish Swimming to understand the challenges that are currently faced with regard to swimming pools and leisure facilities. Although it is important to know how to swim—

Douglas Lumsden: Will the minister give way?

Siobhian Brown: I will.

Douglas Lumsden: It is interesting that you say that it has already—

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The Deputy Presiding Officer: I ask you to speak through the chair, please.

Douglas Lumsden: Sorry, Presiding Officer.

It is interesting that the minister said that that money has already been allocated, because John Swinney had to correct the record at the end of May, having intervened on me. He admitted that it was actually new money and not part of any money that had already been allocated. Is the minister sure that what she said—that the money has been allocated—is correct? That is not what the former Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy seemed to say in his response to me.

The Deputy Presiding Officer: I can give you the time back for the intervention, minister.

Siobhian Brown: Thank you, Deputy Presiding Officer.

I said that the Barnett consequentials have been added to the local authority block and we are currently engaging on how we can work with swimming pools—

I congratulate members on making it through to the final item of business. I wish everyone a happy, restful and—of course—safe summer recess, and I close this meeting of Parliament.

Meeting closed at 15:33.

DOC 029

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 4:33 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: Urgent - Lines re swimming pool funding and Barnett consequentials

Hello folks

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From: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>

Sent: 26 June 2023 16:32

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Mo Rooney <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>

Subject: RE: Ministerial briefing pack and a 6 minute closing speech - S6M-08901: Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2023 210623

Hi [redacted – personal information], I have updated the briefing pack with the updated timings of 14:30 – 15:15. Best wishes, [redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]

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1W St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

From: [redacted – personal information]

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 1:55 PM

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>; Mo Rooney <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted@gov.scot])>

Subject: RE: Ministerial briefing pack and a 6 minute closing speech - S6M-08901: Clare Adamson: Drowning Prevention Week 2023 210623

Dear PO/Minister for Victims and Community Safety

Please find attached the briefing which includes a 6 minute closing speech and a FMQ brief (Annex C) for the Members debate on Drowning Prevention Week on Thursday 29th June 2023.

If you require anything further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes, [redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]

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DOC 032

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 11:37 AM

To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR INFO - Reference to Swimming Pool Funding in briefings & lines

Hi Mo,

I've checked [redacted – personal information]'s briefing notes from the debate on the 29th and the June PMQ. There is no reference to funding for swimming pools in either brief. We had prepped lines for funding for water safety and lines on inclusion of swimming lessons in the school curriculum, but nothing on funding for swimming pools.

I've gone further back and checked the brief for the event with stakeholders on the 15th of June and the core brief. Again, there were no briefing notes on funding for swimming pools.

I'm speaking to [redacted – personal information] later this afternoon. Let me check with her in case [redacted – personal information] texted her for a line during the debate on the 29th.

Active Scotland's lines on swimming pool funding were clear on the 28th of June. With "Scottish block" clearly referenced – as seen in the lines given to BBC in response to a media query. Except below from [Duncan Scott urges Humza Yousaf to give swimming pools 'financial relief' - BBC Sport](#)

A Scottish government spokesperson said it "places great importance on swimming pools" in a statement issued to the BBC.

"The financial package announced by the UK government to support swimming pools in England has resulted in consequentials being added to the overall Scottish block," they added.

"While it is for local authorities to manage their own budgets and to allocate the total financial resources available to them, including on leisure facilities, we will consider what additional support can be provided to swimming pools and the wider sport and leisure sector in Scotland."

If there is anything additional from [redacted – personal information], I'll update you

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

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DOC 036

From: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 8:14 AM

To: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>

Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Morning [redacted – personal information],

I spoke to [redacted – personal information] last night. I'll go back on the email this morning, but grateful if you could give me a response to make on the point below in yellow. I assume the answer is yes it is factually correct, but I'd like to be a bit more fulsome – there's some regaining of confidence to be done here, but answer is probably a paraphrasing of previous advice/the letter's content.

Thanks,
Mo.

Mo Rooney (she/her)

Deputy Director, Safer Communities Division

Scottish Government

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From: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: 07 July 2023 14:07

To: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety
<MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:gov.scot)>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Director of Safer Communities <DirectorofSaferCommunities@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Hi All

Thank you for providing this advice and draft letters. The Minister has seen and commented that it isn't ideal being given the wrong information during a debate and she is then having to apologise. She is content to issue the letters provided, however has asked for clarification regarding Mr Lumsden specifically saying the UK Government has given the SG £63m for swimming pools and the SG have not passed it onto local authorities – the Minister has asked if this is factually correct?

We will get the letters ready for issuing today and grateful if you can advise on the Ministers ask when you are able.

Many thanks,

[redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 July 2023 17:47

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR REVIEW - Letter to Presiding Officer and Correction to the Official Record - re swimming pool funding & Drowning Prevention debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your guidance this afternoon.

Please now find attached cleared text for

- 1) Letter to Presiding Officer – noting the error and the action we have taken.
- 2) Draft text to Correct the Official Record – recipient email address - official.report@scottish.parliament.uk

These documents sit along side the earlier letter responding to Mr Lumsden's request for a correction.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Victims & Community Safety

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:20 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Gollan J (Jennie) <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Thanks for your email and welcome to the portfolio!

I've just spoken to [redacted – personal information] about this and said I would share the guidance regarding correcting the official report and steps that need to be taken. Please see link: [Official Report: Guidance on the correction of inaccuracies \(parliament.scot\)](#)

I'm also copying in Jennie who is covering for spAds interests this week and attaching the original emails on this.

Please note Ms Brown is on leave after tomorrow for a week.

Many thanks,

[redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 July 2023 14:42

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; <Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR REVIEW - Draft letter from Ms Brown to Mr Lumsden - re swimming pool funding & correction to the official record of the debate

Hello [redacted – personal information]

Apologies we haven't even had a chance to say hello yet. I've just landed in BSC this week as the new team leader.

Please now find attached the draft letter text for responding to Mr Lumsden. This has been cleared by Mo Rooney. At the bottom of this email, you will also find some suggested text for an email to correct the official record of the debate.

Mo asked if we could give further clarification on the future funding position for pools. Our colleagues in sport are currently fielding a number of enquires on pools and ice rink funding. We been advised to give brief lines on funding for the moment till they reflect on their position. If you are pressed further by Mr Lumsden on this issue will can ask for an updated position on funding and support.

Suggested text for PO to use to correct the official record.

To: official.report@parliament.scot

From: Minister for Victims and Community Safety

During the Drowning Prevention Week 2023 debate on 29th of June 2023, I responded to an intervention by Douglas Lumsden MSP on the use of Barnett Consequentials to support funding for swimming pools. In response, I stated that funding from the Barnett Consequentials had been added to the “local authority block”. This was in fact incorrect. I had intended to say that it had been added to the *Scottish Government block*. I have noted the error with Mr Lumsden and expressed my apology. I would be grateful if you could now record the correction at the appropriate section on the Official Report.

Link to the debate - [Meeting of the Parliament: 29/06/2023 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Please get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

DOC 037

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:23 PM

To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Question from Ms Brown

Hi Mo

Attached is the detailed position from Active Scotland on Funding for swimming pools. Points 6-8 explain the Barnett Consequential's in detail and answer Ms Browns question.

It might be helpful to share the full briefing for information as 9 &10 cover how SG is approaching support for pools and 1-5 gives the background position in England re the Pool Fund.

Regards

[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:11 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Question from Ms Brown

Hey

Hopefully the following should provide clarification on the Minister's question.

17. In the Spring Budget Statement, the UKG announced £63 million of new funding to support public swimming pools in England, to help with immediate pressures and invest in energy efficiency measures.
18. This funding announcement follows a campaign by Community Leisure UK (CLUK), UKActive and others for financial support, given the impact of spiralling energy costs, and the importance of swimming pools in teaching children to swim, as well as providing opportunities for people to stay active and safe in and around water.
19. The UK fund is comprised of £23 million available in revenue grants to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures leaving them most vulnerable to closure or service reduction, as well as £40 million available for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of these public facilities in the medium to long term.
20. The scheme in England will be administered by Sport England who will operate an application-based approach, while recognising the immediate need for many facilities to secure funding to stay open. [Swimming Pool Support Fund | Sport England](#)
21. Considerations will include areas of deprivation, rurality and where the closure of a pool would result in no other sports facility provision in a community. DCMS anticipate that the £23 million of revenue will be spent in 23/24 whilst the £40 million capital will be phased into 24/25, with Sport England being permitted to carry this over.
22. As a result of the Spring Budget Statement the Scottish Government received a total amount of £67.179m (£42.705m of resource consequentials and £24.474m of capital funding)
23. These amounts include the Barnett consequentials of £5.816m total received as a direct result of the swimming pool announcements in rUK - £1.939m and £3.877m of consequentials respectively.
24. Barnett consequentials are accrued to the Scottish Government as a whole and it is for Scottish Ministers to decide how they should be allocated based on their priorities.
25. We have asked sportscotland, our national agency for sport, to undertake a review of the sport facilities estate. This will improve the understanding of the current facilities provision and help to predict the landscape in the short, medium and long term to ensure the sustainability of these important facilities.
26. The Scottish Government will continue to work with sportscotland to explore how facility operators and the wider sporting sector can best be supported.

Thanks

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:02 AM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Subject: Question from Ms Brown

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Here is the question that has come back from Ms Brown in relation to UK Gov swimming pool funding.

“asked for clarification regarding Mr Lumsden specifically saying the UK Government has given the SG £63m for swimming pools and the SG have not passed it onto local authorities – the Minister has asked if this is factually correct?”

There are two halves to this question

- 3) The UK position - The links below suggest that there was a slight shift from £63M to £60M between the budget and the date the fund went live. Could you clarify the date of the change if possible.
- 4) The Scottish Position re Barnett Consequentials and any commitments SG have made or plan to make re support for pools.

If you could fact check and give us your up to date lines it would be much appreciated

BBC Coverage of Budget re Swimming Pools - [Budget: Leisure centres with swimming pools to get £63m - BBC Sport](#)

Sport England Fund - [Swimming Pool Support Fund | Sport England](#)

I also need to ask you for some generic lines about support for swimming lessons this week ahead for the brief on Drowning Prevention Day, but I'll make that ask in a separate email.

Thank you.

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DOC 038

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:21 AM
To: Maureen.Rooney@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: SPADS VIEWS PLEASE - media query - swimming pools funding - P&J

Hi Mo


Colleagues in Active Scotland have just shared the following media query from the P&J. Mr Lumsden has shared the apology letter with the media and continues to press the position Barnett Consequentials and their distribution. Response to media below which was cleared by the SpAD's yesterday evening.

[redacted – personal information] in Active Scotland is drafting a reply to Ms Brown's question. The UK position seems to have shifted a little. The £63M announced in the budget appears to have reduced to £60M by the time it has reached Sport England for distribution. The Scottish position remains that that it is for local authorities to prioritise pool funding vs other priorities, as per the lines below. I've asked AS if there is any potential for a more specific announcement on pool funding on the horizon.

Regards
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 9:40 AM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: SPADS VIEWS PLEASE - media query - swimming pools funding - P&J

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 5:07 PM
To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing & Sport <MinisterSCMWS@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CabSecNRHSC@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Jackie Stewart <Jackie.Stewart@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Communications NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CommunicationsNHSRecoveryHealthAndSocialCare@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Jason Leitch <Jason.Leitch@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>; Chief Nursing Officer <CNO@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <DCMO@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; Strategic Briefing Unit for Health <SBUHealth@gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs

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Subject: RE: SPADS VIEWS PLEASE - media query - swimming pools funding - P&J

Thanks [redacted – personal information],

I will issue this now.

Thanks [redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information][gov.scot](mailto:)> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing & Sport

Sent: 10 July 2023 16:45

To: [redacted – personal information][@gov.scot](mailto:)>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing & Sport <MinisterSCMWS@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: SPADS VIEWS PLEASE - media query - swimming pools funding - P&J

Hi [redacted – personal information],

Given Ms Todd is on leave, I think we can go with SpAd clearance on this.

Kind regards,

[redacted – personal information]

Private Secretary

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport – Maree Todd MSP

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Mobile: [redacted – personal information]

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 4:31 PM

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Subject: RE: SPADS VIEWS PLEASE - media query - swimming pools funding - P&J

PO/ Minister,

The P&J asked for a SG comment on the attached letter from Ms Brown to Douglas Lumsden MSP in which she corrects a point she made in Parliament about Barnett consequentials for swimming pools.

Please see below our response agreed with the SpAds and officials, for Ms Todd views.

With thanks, grateful for your response by 5.30 PM , if possible, thanks.

[redacted – personal information]

SG RESPONSE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The Scottish Government places great importance on local sport and leisure facilities, such as swimming pools, which are vital in supporting the physical and mental health of the nation.

“It is for local authorities to manage their own leisure facilities, on the basis of local needs and priorities, and it is crucial they will work together with local partners to ensure that communities have access to sport and leisure facilities.”

Background

The financial package announced by the UK Government to support swimming pools in England has resulted in additional resources being added to the overall Scottish block. The Scottish Government will continue to work with sportscotland to explore how sports and leisure facility operators and the wider sporting sector can best be supported.

FULL QUERY

I've attached the letter that was sent to Douglas Lumsden.

Keen to find out how much extra funding was provided and where exactly it is now. It was thought it would translate to £6m extra for Scotland but don't think that's ever been confirmed.

There had been hopes the cash could potentially help save Bucksburn pool in Aberdeen: <https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/5503582/bucksburn-pool-budget-day-pledge/>

I'd appreciate a response by 5pm, please.

Please see below additional comment from Douglas Lumsden, below.

"The SNP have had to correct the record and acknowledge this is new funding from the UK Treasury.

"And we know the money is now there to help councils like Aberdeen keep swimming pools open.

"However, the devil is in the detail as to where that cash is going.

"This weak response will just frustrate campaigners at Bucksburn who are looking to the Scottish Government for help to get the doors open again."

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Communication during members debate between Minister and SG official:

Minister: *Were any Barnett consequentials given ?*

SG Official: *Yes, being added to overall LA funding block. Therefore working with sports partners to better understand issues around pool closures"*