



CWGW Update

UK Sport
13 September 2023

Agenda



1. Introductions
2. Context
3. UKS update
4. CGA update
5. Wrap-up

Context



- Recognise the roles and responsibilities of CGF, CGAs, and Governments around the Games.

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

- **Everything we will share today is confidential and should not be discussed outside of this group.**



UKS Update



UK Sport's initial conclusions were [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



UKS Update



A number of significant risks and challenges were identified. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



Government Partner Views



These initial conclusions were discussed by Government Partners, [REDACTED]

- | [REDACTED]
- | [REDACTED]
- | [REDACTED]
- | [REDACTED]
- | [REDACTED]

- Partners requested that UKS share this position with CGAs for transparency and to align expectations.



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Master Document

1. All briefings prepared for ministers and all correspondence sent and received by the Scottish Government, including internal correspondence, regarding Scotland hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2026 between September 19 2023 and date of this FOI.

Document 1

From: [Redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 2:10 PM
To: [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted s38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>; Rachael Mckechnie <Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot>
Subject: 2026 Commonwealth Games - UK Sport discussion with CGAs

Hi [Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Thanks for the chat. As outlined on the call, here are the key messages that UK Sport covered with the UK's Commonwealth Games Associations as the current expected position of UK governments on hosting the 2026 iteration:

- Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

Initial response from the associations was:

- Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

I hope that's helpful if you are meeting Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and they raise the 2026 Commonwealth Games. I would be grateful if you do not discuss this any more widely at this stage. As I mentioned when we spoke, Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

In terms of next steps, I'm now working through any questions I have for UK Sport and confirming any further feedback from them before moving to drafting advice to Ministers (but am considering whether a chat with Chris Mackie now would be useful).

[Redacted s38(1)(b)] **Major Events Unit** | Scottish Government |

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Draft response

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games received international recognition as an outstanding fortnight of sporting and cultural events. The Scottish Government will of course explore if Scotland can support of a multi-city, multi-partner hosting opportunity however the Commonwealth Games Federation will need time to consider next steps, and it would be premature to comment further at this stage.”

QUERY

As you'll see on page 69 of the documents released to me through FOI, exploratory work has been carried out on a potential four-nation rescue plan for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

While much of the correspondence released to me is heavily redacted, a UK Sport paper shared between officials makes clear that they were working on “a proposal that could potentially deliver a Commonwealth Games”

The UK Sport paper outlines “a potential revised hosting model” which would presumably see different events held in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This paper - described as “an initial desk top exercise” - raises “several questions and highlights areas that require further investigation, and these should be considered in full before any decisions are made.”

The email makes clear that this “does not infer that any offer would be made or that any funding has been made available to do so.”

“It would still be for all partners to explore in a robust way whether it is in the interests of the UK, both societally and aligned to wider hosting aspirations, whether this would be worth pursuing.

“The broad conditions where that course of action might be considered feasible and/or desirable are outlined here, but not explored in full.”

They note that the costs of hosting the Games “are significant” but that the final price “would be dependent on the requirements that were agreed and any associated legacy plans attached to hosting”.

Other correspondence released to us through Freedom of Information, shows officials in Scotland are nervous about a possible bid.

Rachael Mckechnie Deputy Director, of Major Events and Themed Years at the Scottish Government, told colleagues: “There are significant financial implications here against the backdrop of extremely stretched budgets.”

Another email points out that the “very short timeframe in which to deliver the event... will increase costs. “

It adds: “The inflationary pressures on many aspects of major event delivery remain strong so a significant degree of contingency and optimism bias would need to be built into any business case.”

Would you want to comment?

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Media Manager| News: Finance and the Economy

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

m: 07 [Redacted s38(1)(b)]



DOCUMENT 3

From: Rachael Mckechnie <Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 8:35 AM

To: [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: Commonwealth Games

Morning [Redacted section 38(1)(b)],

Hope you had a lovely long weekend.

Apologies for the late circulation of the Commonwealth Games information I promised – I was sure I had sent it but I can't see any record of it so must have imagined it!

Attached is the UK Sport paper, note of the meeting and note of UK Sport's subsequent meeting with the home nation Commonwealth Games Associations. Not for further circulation as you'd imagine.

It would be really helpful if [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] could help to set up a restricted ERDM file for this work – can I leave that with you to action?

Many thanks

R

Rachael McKechnie (she/her)

Deputy Director, Creative Futures and Major Events

Scottish Government

Email: Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot

Mobile: 0[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]

ATTACHMENTS: Document 4, 5 below & 6 (separate attachment)

DOCUMENT 4

CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR ONWARD DISTRIBUTION

5 September 2023

For DCMS, Welsh Government, Scottish Government

Commonwealth Games: Potential UK Hosting Model

The information contained in this paper is highly confidential and must not be shared outside of the distribution group. UK Sport, as the UK Government's lead agency for international sporting events, has produced this paper within an extremely short timeframe. This paper raises several questions and highlights areas that require further investigation, and these should be considered in full before any decisions are made – this paper should not be considered a viable alternative for a feasibility study. Everything within this paper should be treated as exploratory and subject to change at this stage.

The paper has been produced internally by UK Sport Officers as an initial desk top exercise, and who have liaised on budgetary matters with Dave Berry Consulting (DBC). Any DBC detail is noted as source.

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A. Background

1. The Commonwealth Games is a quadrennial international multi-sport event among athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930 and has run every four years since (except two editions halted by World War II).
2. The event was called the British Empire Games from 1930 to 1950, the British Empire and Commonwealth Games from 1954 to 1966, and British Commonwealth Games from 1970 to 1974. Some Games have included integrated para sports in their schedules since 2002.
3. The event is owned and overseen by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which controls the sporting programme and selects host cities. In 2017 CGF Partnerships (CGFP), was established as a joint venture between the CGF and Lagardère Sports to support the delivery of the Games through long-term commercial partnerships and embedding staff within organising committees.
4. As the member bodies of the CGF, the Commonwealth Games Associations (CGA) lead and manage the participation of their teams at the Games. In the UK these are separate associations for each of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The support of CGA(s) are also of critical importance in putting forward a bid to the CGF and would be key partners in any hosting proposal, noting that it is the CGAs that 'submit a bid' with the support of Governments.

5. In the last 20 years, from the 2002 edition, the event has primarily been hosted in the UK or Australia with the exception only of 2010 which was held in India. In 2022, South Africa were due to host the Games but withdrew in 2017, with Birmingham stepping in to host that edition in Dec 2017.
6. Victoria, Australia were due to host the 2026 edition of the Games. Planning was underway when they withdrew in July 2023 citing a budget increase from their planned AUS\$2.6bn to an estimated AUS\$6bn (£1.4bn to £3.13bn). For context (based on publicly reported figures of operating costs), the Birmingham 2022 Games cost £778m, Gold Coast AUS\$1.2 (circa £600m) and Glasgow £473m.
7. Public sources claim that Victoria has agreed to pay AUD\$380m (£190m) to settle all disputes arising from the cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games. This will be paid to the CGF, Commonwealth Games Partnerships (CGFP) and Commonwealth Games Australia. The split is unknown.
8. It is understood that the CGF is still in conversation with Australia to explore any possible solutions that remain. Publicly, all Australian states have counted themselves out of any option to host the Games. No other potential hosts have been suggested by the CGF or in the media.
1. The bidding process for 2030 is currently open and the CGF are actively seeking bids. Alberta, Canada was the only declared interest in the process until August 2023 when they withdrew their interest. [Redacted Section 29(1)(a)]

B. Context and Purpose

2. Given the risk that now exists to the 2026 Commonwealth Games [Redacted Section 29(1)(a)] UK Sport has produced some preliminary thoughts outlining a potential revised hosting model for 2026 [Redacted Section 29(1)(a)]
3. Whilst this paper explores a potential hosting model for a reduced scope Games, this does not infer that any offer would be made or that any funding has been made available to do so. It would still be for all partners to explore in a robust way whether it is in the interests of the UK, both societally and aligned to wider hosting aspirations, whether this would be worth pursuing. The broad conditions where that course of action might be considered feasible and/or desirable are outlined here, but not explored in full.
4. Redacted Section 29(1)(a)
5. No formal conversations have taken place between the UK or home nations and the CGF and there has been no commitment to make a proposal to the CGF.

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

In 2021 the CGF reduced the 'core' sports to just two (Athletics and Swimming) and suggested that around 15 sports should be included in the programme in total.

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

The CGF currently works with CGF Partnerships (CGFP) on long-term contracts for Games delivery and supply of key staff to any organising committee.

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

Redacted Section 33(1)(b)

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

C. Conclusions

As noted in the introductory note, the intention of this paper has been to do some pre-emptive work to outline a proposal that could potentially deliver a Commonwealth Games

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

However, it is not intended to be a comprehensive or full assessment of whether this proposal should proceed to the CGF, and it is not a replacement for a feasibility study.

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

Document 5

From: [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[Redacted section 38(1)(b)] @uksport.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:29 PM

To: Rob Holt <rob.holt@gov.wales>; Rachael Mckechnie <Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot>; Paul Bush <Paul.Bush@visitscotland.com>; michael.livingston@dcms.gov.uk; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk; Sally Munday <Sally.Munday@uksport.gov.uk>; Simon Morton <Simon.Morton@uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] <@uksport.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL: CWG - follow-up to 7 Sept mtg

Dear all,

We wanted to share with you a readout from our meeting with the CGAs earlier today, Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

From a UK Sport side it was myself, [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] and Simon; the CGAs were the 4 x CEOs from the home nation CGAs plus Frankie Kelly from CGE. Simon chaired the session.

- Simon provided an introduction alongside the context and mandate on which this work has taken place Redacted Section 29(1)(a) The CGAs shared an outline of their thinking to date:
- Redacted Section 29(1)(a) We didn't take any specific actions from the wrap-up, we reiterated the partner position and confirmed that we were not doing any further proactive work with government partners at this stage.

Our headline reflections on the meeting are as follows:

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

In addition, to note that [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] and I have also separately briefed Aine Kearny from Northern Ireland re our conversations – at a high level only at this stage.

We will speak to you all over the next few days at our 1:1s and will make any further round ups after we complete those if needed. To confirm, for now, we are not undertaking any further proactive work but would encourage anyone to share any intelligence with this group should it emerge.

Thanks

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] Technical Mega Events Specialist | UK Sport

From: Rob.Holt@gov.wales <Rob.Holt@gov.wales>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:09 AM

To: [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>; Rachael Mckechnie <rachael.mckechnie@gov.scot>; Paul Bush

<Paul.Bush@visitscotland.com>; michael.livingston@dcms.gov.uk; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk; Sally Munday <Sally.Munday@uksport.gov.uk>; Simon Morton <Simon.Morton@uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] < @uksport.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL: CWG - follow-up to 7 Sept mtg

Hi

Redacted section 30(b)(i) .

Rob

From: [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Holt, Rob (ETC - Culture, Sport & Tourism - Event Wales) <Rob.Holt@gov.wales>; Rachael Mckechnie <rachael.mckechnie@gov.scot>; Paul Bush <Paul.Bush@visitscotland.com>; Michael Livingston <michael.livingston@dcms.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk>; Sally Munday <Sally.Munday@uksport.gov.uk>; Simon Morton <Simon.Morton@uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] < @uksport.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL: CWG - follow-up to 7 Sept mtg

All,

Redacted Section 29(1)(a)we will confirm when the CGA meeting is arranged in order to help you manage this.

Please let me know if anyone disagrees with that as a way forwards.

Thanks

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] Technical Mega Events Specialist | UK Sport

From: [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Rob Holt <rob.holt@gov.wales>; Rachael Mckechnie <rachael.mckechnie@gov.scot>; Paul Bush <Paul.Bush@visitscotland.com>; Michael Livingston <michael.livingston@dcms.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)][Redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]@dcms.gov.uk>; Sally Munday <Sally.Munday@uksport.gov.uk>; Simon Morton

<Simon.Morton@uksport.gov.uk>; [Redacted section 38(1)(b)]< @uksport.gov.uk>;
[Redacted section 38(1)(b)] < @uksport.gov.uk>
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: CWG - follow-up to 7 Sept mtg

Dear all,

Thank you for your time today to discuss the paper and next steps on any requirements around a Commonwealth Games. It felt like we were in alignment on a number of key principles and actions:

- Good piece of work, based on shared assumptions/principles
- Redacted Section 29(1)(a) It was agreed that we need to communicate with the CGAs (and relatively soon) – in order to set clear expectations and hopefully achieve alignment and control any messaging with CGF. Partners requested UKS do this.
- Redacted Section 29(1)(a)

Actions (for UKS):

- Arrange 1:1s for feedback
- Arrange meeting with 4 x CGAs and UKS
- Redacted Section 29(1)(a) UKS to brief partners in NI (via Aine Kearney) on work done to date and position
- Share readout with this group post CGA meeting.

A final reminder to all to please ensure that **the paper is not shared outside of this distribution.**

Thanks

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted section 38(1)(b)] [Redacted section 38(1)(b)] Technical Mega Events Specialist | UK Sport

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DOCUMENT 6 – Separate Attachment

2. All estimates prepared for the cost of holding the Commonwealth Games 2026.

Only one estimate prepared for the cost of holding the Commonwealth Games in 2026 has been found during our searches for information within scope of this request. This is part of Document 4, on p9 above, and has been redacted under Section 33(1)(b) – disclosure would (or would be likely to) prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person or organisation.

3. All briefings prepared for ministers/Humza Yousaf and all correspondence received and sent by the Scottish Government, including internal correspondence, regarding Humza Yousaf's appearance at the Scotland vs England game at Wembley, between March 1 2023 and the date of this FOI.

Document 1

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 2:22 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scotland v England football.

Hi all,
We issued a short, general line at request of SpAds. Chain attached.
Thanks,
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 2:14 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [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>
Subject: RE: Scotland v England football.

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Thank you. I don't think we issued any formal SG lines in relation to this. I think SPADs issued a line saying the FM looked forward to the game.

Thanks,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]

News | First Minister's Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

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

Subject: Scotland v England football.

Comms FM colleagues.

We have received a MiCase (member of the public and not media!!) asking for comments on the footage of the FM at the Scotland v England football match during the booing of the English National Anthem.

Aware that the footage appeared on a few media sites.

We don't recall seeing anything at the time, but wondered if you had worked on any lines?

Many thanks

[redacted – personal information]

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Email: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot

[ATTACHED DOCUMENT AS REFERRED TO IN THE TOP EMAIL]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:49 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>
Subject: For awareness: The Express, jeering at Hampden

Good morning FMPO,
We have been asked by the Express if the FM would like to comment on jeering at Hampden last night. Following discussion with SpAds, we will issue the below SG spokesperson line. Sharing for the FM's awareness.

Thanks,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information] | **Media Manager | First Minister**
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House
e: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot

m: [redacted – personal information]
A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We would urge all fans to always respect the opposing team.”

From: [redacted – personal information]@reachplc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:18 AM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: ScottishExpress- GSTK @ Hampden

Morning [redacted – personal information],.

Following the much talked about booing of God Save the King at the England v Scotland's football game last night, would Humza Yousaf like to comment?

Thanks,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]
Political Reporter
Scottish Express
Email- [redacted – personal information]@reachplc.com
Phone- [redacted – personal information]

Document 2

From: [redacted – personal information]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:23 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Boing at Scotland England Game

Original message updated to clarify that the boeing referred to was aimed at the National Anthem.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted – personal information]@gmail.com>
Date: 14 September 2023 at 09:31:57 WEST
To: FirstMinister@gov.scot
Subject: Fwd: **Boing at Scotland England Game**

Please see e mail below, initially sent in error to Mr Yousaf's constituency inbox.

I look forward to your reply.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted – personal information]@gmail.com>
Date: 14 September 2023 at 09:26:34 WEST
To: Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: **Boing at Scotland England Game**

Dear Mr Yousaf,

I have just seen and heard footage of the very vocal boeing of the National Anthem by Scottish football fans at this weeks friendly v England. It has also been reported that sections of our fans were heard singing disgusting things about our late Queen Elizabeth II. As a proud Scotsman it embarrasses me to see our country associated with this sort of crass and xenophobic behaviour.

As the leader of our country, it is alarming that you have said nothing to condemn the behaviour amongst the Scotland fans. Furthermore it is absolutely disgusting to see footage of you apparently smirking / laughing during the boeing (as featured in the Scottish Sun website). Can I ask for your honest view on this please as I am embarrassed to call myself Scottish and be associated with hostile xenophobia and a leader who apparently condones this.

I look forward to your reply

Thank you,

[redacted – personal information]

Document 3

From: [redacted – personal information]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:59 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202300376900

Please see e mail below

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted – personal information]@gmail.com>
Date: 12 October 2023 at 17:16:54 BST
To: casehandling.service@gov.scot
Subject: **Re: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202300376900**

Dear [redacted – personal information],

Thank you for your reply although I find it sad that you suggest that the booing was somehow caused by the playing of our own British National Anthem and insincere to suggest it was not anti English. It feels like a pathetic excuse for the bad behaviour of our own fans to be honest. You shouldn't justify such behaviour.

It is also disappointing that you have not addressed the points raised in my communication about the abhorrent chants directed at the late Queen Elizabeth II (I'm sure if you're honest you know the one, the disgusting Lizzie's in her box chant). Neither have you made any comment on the fact the our First Minister was recorded smirking / laughing while the booing of the national anthem was taking place. An embarrassment to our country and quite unbelievable behaviour from the head of the Scottish government. It made me ashamed to be Scottish and I am not alone in that. Please convey these sentiments to Mr Yousaf and advise if he has anything to say by way of mitigation or apology.

I look forward to your further comment in relation to the entirety of my complaint as set out in my original e mail. Not to condemn such behaviour is to give it implied approval. I hope that you would aim for and expect better standards from our country and of our First Minister.

Kind Regards
[redacted – personal information]

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Oct 2023, at 14:27, casehandling.service@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [redacted – personal information],

Please find attached a response to your correspondence.

Kind regards

[redacted – personal information]

Document 4

BRIEFING FOR FIRST MINISTER SCOTLAND V ENGLAND 150TH ANNIVERSARY FOOTBALL MATCH 12 September 2023

Key message	The Scottish Government supports the Scottish FA in making football accessible for all and in using the power of football to improve community wellbeing across the country
What	Scotland vs England 150 th Anniversary football match. The First Minister has no formal role during the event but will have the opportunity to engage with stakeholders pre-match and at half time.
Why	The match commemorates the first meeting of the sides in 1872, recognised by FIFA as the oldest rivalry in world football, and marks the culmination of a year-long calendar of events from the Scottish FA to celebrate the Association's history which have included a re-enactment of that first match at the West of Scotland cricket ground, the creation of a national week of football, honouring the first ever Scotland Women's National Team (the Ravenscraig Pioneers), and a series of events at the Scottish Football Museum.
Who	Mike Mulraney, President, Scottish FA Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, Scottish FA Ana Stewart, SFA non-exec Board Member Malcolm Kpedekpo, SFA non-exec Board Member Mel Young, Chair, sportscotland Forbes Dunlop, CEO, sportscotland No UKG attendees
Where	Hampden Park, Glasgow, G42 9BA
When	Tuesday 12 th September 2023 Reception from 6:30pm Kick-off 7:45pm
Likely themes	SFA / Scot Gvmt Strategic Partnership Euro 2028
Media	No comms planned, however you may wish to tweet your experience of the match.
Supporting official	[redacted – personal information], Strategic Football Lead, AS, [redacted – personal information]
Attached documents	Annex A: Summary Page Annex B: Football Brief Annex C: Euro 2028 Annex D: [redacted – formulation of government policy] Annex E: Alcohol Consultation Annex F: SFA/SPFL response to Traffic Commissioners of Great Britain Consultation on new guidelines for football fans' travel

	Annex G: biographies
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SUMMARY PAGE**Event Programme**

- 18:45 Met by Ian Maxwell & [redacted – personal information] in the underground car park and escorted to the President's suite.
- 18:45 Informal engagement with fellow guests; opportunity for food and beverages.
- 19:35 Move to stadium seats in preparation for the match. FM will be seated in the Royal Box beside SFA President Mike Mulraney.
- 19:45 Kick off
- 20.30 Half time: informal engagement and food and drinks served in the President's Suite.
- 20:45 Second half commences
- 21:30 Match ends. Further opportunity for informal post-match engagement but FM is free to leave at any time

Key Attendees

- Mike Mulraney, President, Scottish FA (**Note:** FM may wish to congratulate him on this new role which commenced June 2023, following the departure of Rod Petrie)
- Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, Scottish FA
- Ana Stewart, Scottish FA non-exec Board member
- Malcolm Kpedekpo, Scottish FA non-exec Board member
- Mel Young, sportscotland Chair
- Forbes Dunlop, sportscotland Chief Executive

There are no UKG Ministers attending (although SFA did issue invites).

Top Lines**Scot Gov – Scottish FA RELATIONSHIP**

- Scottish Government works collaboratively with the Scottish FA to maximise the benefits of football participation and football events for the people of Scotland.
- The exceptional reach of football in communities across Scotland provides hugely significant scope for delivering on governmental outcomes around mental and physical health, inequalities and poverty, social isolation, community cohesion, education and attainment and others.

EURO 2028 BID - SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

- Scotland has a well-earned reputation as an outstanding host of major events - and football – our national game – is a powerful force for good in communities across the country.
- I am encouraged by the positive engagement to date between the Scottish Government and Scottish FA on the bid, building on the successful delivery of EURO 2020 during a global pandemic.
- I fully recognise the opportunity EURO 2028 brings to secure Scottish football's place on the international stage, both as a host and, hopefully, through participation of the Men's National Team.

UKG/TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS FOR GREAT BRITAIN CONSULTATION

- The consultation, which was issued on 30 August 2023 and will run until 24 November 2023, concerns the introduction of the voluntary guidelines for the carriage of fans by public service vehicles (coaches) to designated football matches held within Scotland.
- The Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have failed to involve the Scottish Government in this consultation. We are now discussing the proposals with fans organisations, football authorities, Police Scotland, the Football Safety Officers Association and the Scottish Licensed Trade Association.
- The football authorities issued a joint statement on this on 5 September (**see Annex F**) expressing concern at the heavy-handed nature of the proposals and lack of evidence to support their introduction

WOMEN IN ENTERPRISE REVIEW

- **Ana Stewart**, founder of i-Design Group Limited, was appointed by then Cabinet Secretary Kate Forbes to Chair a short life Review into Women in Enterprise. *Pathways: A new approach for women in entrepreneurship* was published in February 2023.
- We are committed to implementing the recommendations of the Pathways report. This is a long term undertaking aligned to our National Strategy for Economic Transformation
- The Pathways Pre-Start Fund will open to applications on 7 September. Central to Pathways is a new type of business support - Pre-start support, seeking to:
 - bring more people into the entrepreneurship pipeline;
 - reach people who might not otherwise consider entrepreneurship and business start up; and to
 - widen participation in business from people in groups historically under-represented in entrepreneurship, with a particular emphasis on closing the gender gap in entrepreneurial participation as articulated in the Pathways report.
- As the first step toward the establishment of the Pre-Start network, the Pathways Pre-Start Fund, operated by Scottish Government, will allocate up to £1.5 million funding, on a competitive basis, to organisations that meet specified funding criteria. The fund will be open to bids for grants of up to £100,000 supporting activity up to end-March 2024.
- Implementation of the Pathways recommendations will open up greater economic opportunities for women.

- Widening access to entrepreneurship, and addressing the challenges faced by women will contribute to building a fairer, more prosperous, wellbeing economy for all.

ANNEX B

FOOTBALL BRIEF

Scotland vs England

- This match marks the 150th anniversary of what FIFA has recognised as the sport's first international match, a 0-0 draw watched by 4,000 spectators at the West of Scotland Cricket Club's ground in Partick, in November 1872. It also commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Scottish Football Association which was founded on the back of that match.
- All 11 players in that first game were Queen's Park players, the leading Scottish club at the time
- The sides have met 115 times with Scotland winning 41, England winning 48 and 26 draws.
- They most recently met at Wembley in the 2020 (played in 2021 due to covid) European Championships, drawing 0-0. Prior to that the two met in a World Cup qualification group in 2016/17, with Scotland losing 3-0 away from home but drawing 2-2 at Hampden, conceding a last minute equaliser.

Euro 2024 Qualification

Scotland currently top their group to qualify for the European Championships in Germany next summer. They play Cyprus away on Friday 8th September, while Spain are away to Georgia.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Scotland	4	4	0	0	12
Georgia	3	1	1	1	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	4
Spain	2	1	0	1	3
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	0

Results

Scotland 3:0 Cyprus
Scotland 2:0 Spain
Norway 1:2 Scotland
Scotland 2:0 Georgia

England currently sit top of Qualifying Group C with 4 wins from 4 games, ahead of both Ukraine and Italy.

Background Information

sportscotland investment and support into Scottish Football

- The Scottish FA (SFA) is in year 3 of a 4 year investment cycle 2020-24.
- sportscotland's relationship with the Scottish FA is seen as continually improving on operational levels with partnership working strong across key areas of the business including development, communications, and coaching.
- In the current financial year (2023-24), sportscotland is investing up to £1,347,400 in to the Scottish FA (1.7% increase from the previous year). This helps support a wide range of grassroots activity, including developing women and girls' football, all of which aims to provide a pathway for anyone to enjoy participating in football.

[redacted – formulation of government policy]

Relationships with football

- The Scottish Government has a positive working relationship with the football authorities – the SFA, SPFL and SWPL – and engages regularly on a wide range of issues.
- Given the numbers of people that play football, the sport is a key partner in terms of the Active Scotland vision of more people being more active more often. Women and girls football in particular is growing extremely quickly.

Fan Bank

- The First Minister launched the 'Fan Bank' scheme in May, with the aim of to provide low or zero interest loans to recognised supporters group to enable them to purchase a share in their local football club, promoting community ownership and protecting these important community assets from larger investors whose aims may not align with the vision of the clubs and community.
- Falkirk FC Supporters Society was the first recipient with an interest-free loan of £350k. We are currently in discussion with a number of other clubs, although none has yet made a formal ask.

UEFA club finals

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EURO 2028 BIDKey messages**Scottish Government support**

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Legacy

- The EURO 2028 bid vision 'Football for all. Football for good. Football for the future' has the potential to leave a positive lasting legacy in Scotland by generating significant economic, environmental and social benefits.
- It is imperative that, if the bid is successful, we deliver an event that will maximise the benefits of hosting EURO 2028 for the whole of Scotland.
- I am keen to link up with other areas of Scottish Government, including Ms Todd, Minister for Sport, and look at opportunities to connect EURO 2028 legacy work with the strategic partnership between the Scottish Government and Scottish FA.

EURO 2028 bid background

- The commitment to progress a bid for EURO 2028 with partners in the UK and Ireland is featured in the 2022/23 Programme for Government.
- The UK & Ireland joint bid was submitted in April 2023. Scottish Ministers approved the final bid, recognising that while the costs associated with the event are significant, so too are the benefits.

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Next steps

- [Redacted Section 33 (1)(b)]
- A 4 Nations Ministerial roundtable on 12 September with the UK Government, Government of Ireland and Welsh Government will discuss the final bid (Ms McKelvie attending)
- The winning bid for EURO 2028 and 2032 will be announced on 10 October. The Chief Executives of the five FAs will attend the ceremony in Nyon, Switzerland, with communications activity around head(s) of government being discussed.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Power of Football

The network of football across Scotland is vast. Football is the country's number 1 sport, with over 2,500 clubs spread across the country. Currently there are over 150,000 registered players, with a further 50,000 coaches and volunteers. If we also include the number of recreational participants, parents, fans, and influencers in the local community, the Scottish FA estimates that football clubs' impact on more than 900,000 people on a weekly basis

The Scottish FA have long recognised the importance of community football clubs, and for over 15 years, supported by the national agency of sport, national lottery, and other key commercial partners, there has been strategic investment into a targeted national and regional workforce. This workforce has underpinned the Scottish FA's long-term strategy, including supporting the implementation of a national club accreditation programme and ongoing club development work.

In addition, the Scottish FA have further invested directly into its network of partners, to support clubs to offer more projects, programmes, and participation opportunities for all. In order that the Scottish FA build upon the existing work and achieve the transformative change, it would like to work with key stakeholders including the Scottish Government and sportscotland to help develop its offering and realise shared outcomes.

The strategic direction of the Scottish FA is focused on three key areas, as outlined by the following plans:

- Scottish FA Power of Football strategic plan 2021 – 2025
- Accelerating the Growth of Girls' and Women's Football – the Scottish FA's strategic plan for girls' and women's football
- Football for All plan – the Scottish FA's new strategic plan for developing opportunities for all

At the heart of all three documents, is an ambition to work with key partners. Local and national, to develop and transform our community football clubs and use the power of football to inspire a nation.

The unique reach of football and its ability to deliver across Scottish Government portfolios, offers a platform to influence and benefit Scottish society and impact on a wide number of key thematic areas, both on and off the pitch.

Scottish football has a track record of delivering on Scottish Government national and local outcomes through projects and programmes such as the following:

- Cashback programmes (Justice)
- Time to tackle (Mental Health)
- Ayr United Project (Out of School Childcare)
- Football Memories Group (Dementia/Mental Health)
- Climate Action & Sustainability (Environment)

- Learning through Football – (Education)
- Coach Education & Development (Education)
- Para Football (Equalities)
- Go Fitba (Community)
- Football for All (Health)

These examples have delivered a mix of national and local outcomes, with key partners from the public and social sectors engaged. The projects and programs have been recognised by national and international partners as best practice, with a reach far beyond the traditional sporting boundaries, tackling areas such as increasing physical activity levels, addressing food insecurity, improving mental health, engaging young people, reducing offending etc.

Football activity is played in a variety of formats and this flexible approach allows the game to be enjoyed by people from nursery aged children through to our older citizens, via walking football and recreational activity. This broad appeal offers the Scottish FA, clubs, and wider stakeholders the opportunity to provide significant reach in communities across the country, and football also has a unique capacity to support early intervention with young people, enabling them to build better futures.

Existing programmes such as the work carried out by Cashback and community football clubs with the Fair Play Foundation and Network Rail have demonstrated a commitment to work with communities to use the power of football to engage, inspire and educate. The Scottish FA would seek opportunities to learn through others, such as this innovative scheme from Borussia Dortmund and through education, awareness raising and long-term implementation models we have an ambition to improve the lives of our participants and the communities they live in.

Scotland has some of the best community football clubs in Europe. Organisations that are deep rooted in their community, which help support players, coaches, volunteers, and parents. The role of our clubs within society is fundamental and can often be the 'glue' to connect communities far beyond other statutory and non-statutory organisations. The breadth and diversity of the communities that these clubs service is considerable, and many operate within areas of significant deprivation.

Furthermore, the Social Return on Investment (SROI) model, created by UEFA offers football the opportunity to demonstrate impact at a national, regional, and local level more effectively than ever before. The SROI model outlines that community football in Scotland is worth £728 million per annum and has significant Health, Social and Economic outcomes – from this report and similar national and club models, it's clear that community football clubs are key to the fabric of society in Scotland and this monetary and social value, is reflected across much of Europe.

During the Covid pandemic, many of these outstanding organisations very quickly pivoted from delivering football sessions to delivering food parcels and providing hope for many in their locale. The main motivation for our clubs is evident – they wish to serve and better their local community and use the power of football to help impact on the lives of so many.

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ALCOHOL CONSULTATION

New Deal for Business

- Scotland's economic vision is one of a wellbeing economy where business and trade can thrive while caring for people and planet. We recognise that becoming a thriving and healthy country that delivers and optimises positive outcomes requires all sectors to work together.
- The Scottish Government remains absolutely committed to our Public Health agenda and the range of priority actions that we have set out on in relation to the various health harming products (including alcohol, tobacco and less healthy food).
- Many of these proposals will inevitably have an impact on the way in which businesses currently operate.
- As part of our commitment on the New Deal for Business, we will engage at an early stage in the process to work with business (and a range of other key stakeholders) to ensure that the impact of policy proposals on businesses is fully understood and that policy implementation is effective and proportionate, while still delivering the beneficial outcomes for population health that we are seeking.
- This is distinct from guiding the content and development of that policy in the first instance which we understand and agree is not appropriate for all sectors.

Consultation Key lines

- Ministers have asked officials to go back to the drawing board on potential proposals to restrict alcohol advertising and promotion.
- We all want to reduce the harm that is caused by alcohol, particularly to young people.
- We know that young people seeing alcohol marketing is associated with them starting to drink alcohol or drinking more alcohol.
- We must ensure we prevent alcohol harms without undermining Scotland's world-class drinks industry or tourism sector.
- I am hopeful that, by taking a fresh look at the issue, we can find a way forward that achieves both those crucial aims.
- We will be reflecting on the feedback we received from stakeholders during the recent Ministerial roundtables and will analyse the public consultation responses to understand the views and perspectives of those that responded.
- No decisions have been taken on scope or on the type of restrictions that might be taken forward in future.

Background

Research has consistently shown that exposure to marketing is associated with an increased likelihood that children will start to drink or – if they already drink – drink more. This is endorsed by the World Health Organization.

Alcohol-related harm is one of the most pressing public health challenges that we face in Scotland. An average of 700 people are hospitalised and 24 people die each week from illnesses caused directly by drinking alcohol.

Restricting alcohol advertising and promotion is one of the World Health Organization's three best buys to reduce alcohol-related harms.

In recognition of the wide range of potential impacts raised by the consultation, the then Minister for Public Health held a series of roundtables with key stakeholders, including representatives from the alcohol, retail and advertising industries, to hear directly from them.

Further consultation and engagement with public health stakeholders and businesses will take place as our work progresses.

We consulted on restricting alcohol advertising and promotion to protect vulnerable groups, including children and young people and those in recovery. These groups have told us directly that they see a lot of alcohol advertising and promotion and want us to restrict this.

Alcohol marketing is seen by, and appealing to, large volumes of children and young people.

International evidence shows that seeing alcohol marketing is associated with an increased likelihood that children and young people will start to drink alcohol or, if they already drink alcohol, drink more. This is harmful to them in both the short and long term.

Emerging evidence sets out that those who are in recovery find alcohol marketing triggering and take action to avoid seeing this due to the appeal it has for them. This can be a barrier to their successful recovery.

The consultation meets our PfG commitment 2022/23 to “consult on proposals to restrict alcohol advertising and promotion later this year and, subject to the outcomes of the consultation, introduce legislation within the lifetime of this parliament.”

Several other European countries have implemented mandatory restrictions on alcohol marketing and the UK is lagging behind in this area.

SFA/SPFL/SWPL RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS FOR GREAT BRITAIN CONSULTATION ON NEW GUIDELINES FOR FANS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

News release

5 September, 2023

Scottish football expresses concern at proposed new rules for fans travelling on public hire vehicles

Scottish football's leading bodies have expressed concern over proposed new rules for fans travelling to matches on public hire vehicles, which have been issued by the Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain.

A joint statement issued on behalf of the Scottish FA, Scottish Professional Football League, and Scottish Women's Premier League said: "There's no evidence that this is a significant problem in Scottish football. We are concerned by the targeted nature of these proposals which serve to demonise football fans and interfere unnecessarily in people's lives.

"In Scotland, there are already appropriate powers held by PHV operators, Police Scotland and other partners to deal effectively with a very small number of incidents by a minority of fans.

"The consultation itself notes that the majority of football fans are law-abiding and do not cause any disturbances when travelling to or from games, yet these proposals would unfairly affect the vast majority of football fans who travel safely and respectfully to and from matches on a weekly basis.

"We don't support these unnecessary and heavy-handed proposals and we will be making our views clear in the consultation."

Ends...

Issued on behalf of the SPFL, SWPL and Scottish FA by BIG Partnership.

ANNEX G BIOGRAPHIES

Mike Mulraney, President, Scottish FA



Mike Mulraney was elected as the new President of the Scottish FA at the AGM in June this year. Former chairman of Alloa Athletic, he becomes the 54th President of the Scottish FA and replaces the outgoing Rod Petrie, who was elected in 2019. Mike has been owner of Alloa for almost 20 years, has served as vice-president of the Scottish FA for the past four, and became interim President during Rod Petrie's short period of ill health in 2020. He has extensive business experience in drilling and property and upon being elected stated his intention to make an impact on the areas that matter most to the game, principally facilities.

Les Gray



The Hamilton Academical Vice-Chairman was appointed Vice-President in June 2023. An Investment Adviser specialising in Investment, Pensions and Tax planning, he is Managing Director at Fitzroy Wealth Management. Les also sits on the Board of the Scottish Professional Football League and the SFA Professional Game Board

Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, Scottish FA

Ian Maxwell was appointed Chief Executive Officer on 1 May 2018, replacing Stewart Regan. Ian – previously Chief Executive of Partick Thistle and a player at a number of clubs – is a popular figure at all levels of the game.

Ana Stewart, Scottish FA non-exec Board Member



Ana is a successful tech entrepreneur. She founded i-design in 1995, and was CEO of the fintech business, listing it on the AIM exchange in 2007 and was awarded the Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year award by Entrepreneurial Scotland. In 2013, she joined the Executive Committee of NASDAQ listed ATM Services company Cardtronics when it acquired i-design.

She joined the seed investment firm Eos in 2019, where she is an investment partner, with £30m of investments under management. She also holds several non-executive director positions including at pet wellness business Bella & Duke, and she is an active angel investor. Ana was appointed by Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary For Finance

and the Economy, in 2022 to chair and lead the overall review leading to the Pathways report on women in entrepreneurship.

Malcolm Kpedekpo, SFA non exec Board Member



Malcolm Kpedekpo is an investment banker and former footballer. Playing for Aberdeen as a schoolboy and later while at university, Kpedekpo left football to move to Australia working for KPMG. He returned to Scotland to work for the Bank of Scotland before starting investment firm Panoramic Growth Equity.



Mel Young, Chair, sportscotland

Mel Young is the president and co-founder of the Homeless World Cup, an organisation established to use sport as a mechanism to create change. He is a globally recognised social entrepreneur who co-founded The Big Issue in Scotland in 1993, the International Network of Street Papers (INSP) in 1995 and Social Entrepreneurs Network Scotland (Senscot) in 1999.

Forbes Dunlop, Chief Executive, sportscotland



Forbes was the COO at sportscotland, the national agency for sport in Scotland, from April 2019 before being appointed Chief Executive Officer in January 2023. He started his career working in local government, then moved to sportscotland holding various positions over a ten-year period between 2003 - 2013. Forbes then took up the role of Chief Executive at Scottish Swimming and during his six years the sport enjoyed year on year membership growth, made significant progress rolling out the National Learn to Swim Framework and saw Scottish athletes competing at the highest level around the world before returning to sportscotland. Forbes served as a non- Executive Director on the Board of the British Paralympic Association for the past six years, and over a similar time period was the voluntary Chair of his local disability sport organisation, South Lanarkshire Disability Sport.

Document 5

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

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 8:56 AM

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Subject: RE: Ops Note -Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Match - 12 September 2023

Good morning [redacted – personal information],

Just to note the First Minister will be seated in A32 next to President Mike Mulraney (A33) and Debbie Hewitt, Chair of the English FA (A31). I have updated the Ops Note for clarity.

Best,

[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information]

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First Minister		
Event:	Scotland vs England 150 th Anniversary Heritage Match	
Date:	Tuesday 12 th September 2023	
Time:	18:45 - 22:00	
Venue Contact:	[redacted – personal information] (SFA)	[redacted – personal information]
Venue:	Hampden Park Football Stadium Glasgow G42 9BA	
SG Contacts:	[redacted – personal information] (V&E – not in attendance)	[redacted – personal information]
	[redacted – personal information] (PS)	[redacted – personal information]
	[redacted – personal information] (Policy)	[redacted – personal information]
Version:	Final	
Dress Code:	Business Attire	
Media Opp:	FM Comms to advise	
Event Description:	<p>First Minister has agreed to attend the Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Heritage Match at Hampden Park. This will provide an opportunity to engage in discussions with the Scottish FA on the strategic partnership and other topical issues impacting Scottish football.</p> <p>No team colours to be worn.</p>	
Drop Off/ Pick Up:	Underground Roadway	

Programme:

18:45

First Minister arrives in the underground car park and is met by Ian Maxwell, SFA Chief Executive and escorted to the President's Lounge via the lift.

Once in the President's Lounge refreshments will be served and the **First Minister** will have the opportunity to meet with the other guests.

19:30

First Minister will be invited to make his way to seat (A32) in the Royal Box.
First Minister will be seated next to Mike Mulraney, SFA President and Debbie Hewitt, Chair of English FA.

19:45

First half of the match commences.

20:30

First half concludes and **First Minister** returns to the President's Lounge for refreshments (15-minute break).

20:40

First Minister returns to his seat for the second half of the match.

20:45

Second half commences.

21:30

Match ends. **First Minister** returns to the President's Lounge to mingle with the other guests whilst the general public leave the venue.

22:00

First Minister is free to depart.

EVENT ENDS

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
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To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Engagement - First Minister - Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Match - 12 September

Good afternoon [redacted – personal information],

Thank you for confirming. I will let venue know and sort accreditation.

I will be sending a detailed operational note closer to the 12th with the logistics plan but the plan currently is for FM to arrive at 18:45 – but this might potentially change- and be greeted by Ian Maxwell, CEO of SFA and escorted to the President's Lounge (previously the Millennium Suite) to mingle with guests until they are escorted to their seats around 19:30. During the half time break the guests will be escorted back to the lounge and on conclusion of the game he will be escorted to the suite again whilst crowds clear.

Happy to discuss.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

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Subject: RE: Engagement - First Minister - Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Match - 12 September

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Glad to hear you're on the case with the SFA. Hopefully it's all smooth as they are well used to having Ministers at events (and FM has been several times in his previous roles).

I will be attending. Very happy to have a call if helpful.

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To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
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Subject: Engagement - First Minister - Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Match - 12 September

Good afternoon [redacted – personal information],

I hope this e-mail finds you well. I will be leading on the First Ministers logistics for his attendance at the Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary Match on the 12th September 2023. I have already been in touch with the Hampden team and they have shared the information about the plan on the evening - I have started sorting the accreditations for the First Minister, Private Secretary and Police Scotland staff so grateful if you could confirm if it will be yourself or someone else in your team joining on the evening?

I am happy to arrange a call to discuss if easier and please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Many thanks in advance.

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Subject: RE: Potential engagement - Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary match, Hampden Park

Hi [redacted – personal information],

FM has agreed to attend. We have put this in the diary.

Many thanks,
[redacted – personal information]

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Diary Secretary

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Subject: Potential engagement - Scotland vs England 150th Anniversary match, Hampden Park

Hi [redacted – personal information]

As discussed...

Potential engagement for First Minister

What : Scotland vs England 150th anniversary match

When: Tuesday 12th September, 6:45pm – 9:30pm event (7:45pm kick off)

Where: Hampden Park, Glasgow, G42 9BA

Role: Pre-match informal engagement with football authorities and invited guests (guest list tbc), before watching the game with the SFA President from the Royal Box

Media coverage: There will likely be significant media coverage of the game but the SFA President's function is a private event

Background: The First Minister has been invited to attend the Scotland vs England 150th anniversary match. The match commemorates the first meeting of the sides in 1872, recognised by FIFA as the oldest rivalry in world football, and marks the culmination of a year-long calendar of events from the Scottish FA to celebrate the Association's history which have included a re-enactment of that first match at the West of Scotland cricket ground, the creation of a national week of football, honouring the first ever Scotland Women's National Team (the Ravenscraig Pioneers), and a series of events at the Scottish Football Museum.

If the First Minister is available and minded to attend, we can commence arrangements with the organisers. If not, we can extend the invite to other relevant Ministers.

Many thanks

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 10:48 AM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

For info – we wanted to check there were invites coming from SFA and so [redacted – personal information] is declining the EE invites that have come in.
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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 10:47 AM
To: '[redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>; [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

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Many thanks for getting back to confirm. [redacted – personal information] will liaison on the invites nearer the time and in the meantime we will respond to the others that we have received.

Thanks again
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From: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 2:37 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>; [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

Hi [redacted – personal information]

In terms of direct invites from Scottish we would be looking at the following:

First Minister – Humza Yousaf
Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care – Michael Mathieson
Convener Cross Party Group for Future of Football in Scotland – Fulton MacGregor

Hope this helps.

Kind regards
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 12:35 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Just wondering if there was any update on the below? We're being asked to provide a response, many thanks

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From: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 3:23 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

Hi [redacted – personal information]

No problem.
I'll pick up with colleagues and come back to you.

Regards
[redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 3:04 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@scottishfa.co.uk>
Subject: Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game

Hi [redacted – personal information]

Sorry – a further question from me.

A number of corporate invites have come in for Ministers to the Sco v Eng 150th anniversary game in September. We just wanted to check whether there be separate invites from yourselves that you'd like us to wait for or whether you were aware of these invites and the intention would be that the Minister would accept?

Many thanks for a steer.

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4. All briefings prepared for ministers, and all correspondence received and sent by the Scottish Government, including internal correspondence, regarding the Israel and Palestine conflict, between October 1 2023 and the date of this FOI.

The details regarding this question are contained in our response letter.

5. All briefings prepared for ministers, and all correspondence received and sent by the Scottish Government, including internal correspondence, regarding Scotland being co-hosts of Euro 2028, between January 1 2023 and the date of this FOI.

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