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7.17 **[redacted] [redacted]**. The Lord Advocate is a Commissioner for the Keeping of the Regalia (under the Royal Warrant of 1818 and the Royal Warrant of 1996 for the safekeeping of the Stone of Scone and for the arrangements for its return to Westminster Abbey for coronations). The regalia of Scotland, the oldest regalia in the British isles, are known as the Honours of Scotland, or the Scottish Crown Jewels, consisting of the crown of Scotland, the sceptre and the sword of state. The regalia were worn by Scottish monarchs at their coronation and are used for state occasions. The Stone of Scone, or Stone of Destiny, is a stone used in coronation ceremonies.

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16 February 2024

Mairi McAllan MSP,
Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy
The Scottish Government,
St Andrew's House,
Regent Road
Edinburgh,
EH1 3DG

Email to:- cabsecnzjt@gov.scot

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Dear Ms McAllan,

[redacted] [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
[redacted]- Chair, Scottish Cities Alliance,
[redacted]

DRAFT

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Dear Ms McAllan,

[redacted]

[redacted]

By hosting the event at Perth Museum prior to its official opening as the new home of the Stone of Destiny, the Alliance is seeking to utilise Scotland's cultural offering to continue discussion with key investors, decision-makers and developers based in London and allow them to see first-hand the scale of investment opportunity that exists in Scotland.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] - Chair, Scottish Cities Alliance, [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

From: James Hynd
Secretary of Commissions
19 February 2024

First Minister

MEETING WITH LORD LYON: 15:00 HOURS, WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY FIRST MINISTER'S OFFICE, SAH

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- Move of Stone of Destiny to Perth Museum
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Stone of Destiny – Departure Ceremony

1. In your capacity as one of the Commissioners for the Safeguarding of the Regalia you have agreed to speak at the ceremony at Edinburgh Castle on 14 March to mark the departure of the Stone after almost 28 years as it leaves for its new home at Perth Museum.

2. The Lord Lyon and I will brief you about the plans for the event. The finer details of the programme are being finalised, but the key elements will be as follows:

15:15 hrs - FM arrives at Great Hall
15:30 hrs - FM, Lord Lyon, Governor of Edinburgh Castle process into the Great Hall. People's Procession guests (around 50) in attendance.
15:35 hrs - First Minister provides a short address (5 minutes).
15:50 hrs - Ceremonial Procession departs Great Hall for Esplanade with piper (Stone of Destiny remains in Great Hall)
16:00 hrs - Beating Retreat commences. FM takes the salute
16:25 hrs - Military proceed back to Crown Square. Governor leads FM and VIPs back for a short reception in the Great Hall
16:30 hrs - Reception begins (Great Hall)
17:45 hrs - Reception concludes (FM free to depart earlier as required)

3. For the avoidance of doubt, our briefing on the Stone will be confined to the departure event and will not include any reference to the fragment of the Stone referenced in the recently published 2008 Cabinet paper. You have recused yourself from any involvement in that matter.

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James Hynd
19 February 2024

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Forward Look

as at 17:24, 19/02/2024

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Sat 30 Mar *Parliamentary Recess*

11:00 - 12:00 HOLD: Stone of Destiny move?

From: **[redacted]**
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:55 PM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: Perth Museum opening

Hi **[redacted]**,

Thanks for letting us know – we look forward to receiving the invites shortly.

Regards

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
Scottish Government
2G South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ
w: www.gov.scot/historicenvironment

From: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 1:21 PM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: Perth Museum opening

INVITATION / SAVE THE DATE

Hello – I'm **[redacted]**from Perth and Kinross Council. I wanted to ensure the Angus Robertson MSP and Kaukab Stewart MSP were both aware that an invitation to the Civic Reception to open Perth Museum will be forthcoming. The event is on Thursday 28th March from 6pm.

The dress attire will be business / formal.

Perth Museum is the biggest cultural project to be opened this year, with the Stone of Destiny at the heart. The civic reception will welcome people to see the museum and the new home of the stone for the first time.

Please do let me know if you need further information. A formal invitation will come from the Provost of Perth and Kinross Council.

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From: James Hynd
Secretary of Commissions
21 February 2024

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FIRST MINISTER'S MEETING WITH LORD LYON: WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY, ST ANDREW'S HOUSE

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Stone of Destiny – Departure Ceremony

1. We talked the First Minister through the plans this event on 14 March which will to mark the departure of the Stone from Edinburgh Castle for its new home at Perth Museum. He was entirely comfortable with these arrangements and his own particular role in addressing the event and then taking the salute at the Beating Retreat.

2. For the avoidance of doubt, given the First Minister had recused himself from any involvement in the matter, there as no discussion whatsoever about the fragment of the Stone referenced in the recently published 2008 Cabinet paper.

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James Hynd
21 February 2024

From: [redacted]> **On Behalf Of** [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 12:39 PM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: The Departure of the Stone of Destiny Ceremony - 14 March 2024

Dear Perm Sec,

Please see attached invitation sent on behalf of the Lord Lyon.

Please RSVP to this email address no later than 7 March 2024.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]|_[redacted] [redacted]|Protocol and Honours Team |The Scottish Government |[redacted], St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

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Dr. Joseph J. Morrow
CVO, CBE, KC, FRSE
Lord Lyon King of Arms

THE COURT OF THE LORD
LYON
H.M. NEW REGISTER HOUSE
EDINBURGH EH1 3YT
Tel. **[redacted]**
E-mail: **[redacted]**

27 February 2024

Dear Permanent Secretary,

CEREMONY TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE STONE OF DESTINY FROM EDINBURGH CASTLE

I am writing to request your attendance at an event at Edinburgh Castle on the afternoon of Thursday 14th March 2024. This event will mark the ceremonial departure of the Stone of Destiny from Edinburgh Castle before its relocation to a new, permanent home within the Perth Museum. Please note that guests for this event are invited unaccompanied.

The programme for the afternoon is set out below:

15:00: Arrival and ID check at the Castle Esplanade.
15:30: Event begins in the Great Hall.
15:50: Procession from the Great Hall to the Castle Esplanade.
16:05: Beating Retreat performed by the Army in Scotland.
16:25: Return to the Great Hall.
16:35: Drinks reception.
17:15: Event concludes.

Dress:

Lounge suit; National Dress; Service Dress without medals.

Guests will be expected to walk between the Castle Esplanade and the Great Hall. This route includes cobbles and stone stairs so flat shoes may be preferable.

The Beating Retreat will be held outdoors so please be prepared for inclement weather.

Access:

Access to the Castle is on foot only, unless provision has been made for vehicular

access under separate arrangements. For those with restricted mobility, assistance will be provided should it be needed.

ID:

Please bring a valid photographic form of ID (preferably a Passport or Driving Licence) and this letter of invitation (either printed or on a smart phone). Please ensure names on both ID and invitation match.

Please RSVP by 7th March 2024, including details of any dietary or mobility requirements, to **[redacted]**

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Dr. J Morrow CVO CBE KC FRSE

LORD LYON

From: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:57 PM
To: **(Redacted)** <**(Redacted)**@gov.scot>
Cc: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; **(Redacted)**@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Update

Sorry hit send too early, revised below thanks

(Redacted)

From: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:54 pm
To: **(Redacted) <(Redacted)**@gov.scot >
Cc: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; **(Redacted) <(Redacted)**@gov.scot >
Subject: Re: Update

Many thanks - feedback below thanks

From: **(Redacted) <(Redacted)**@gov.scot >
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 4:52 pm
To: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Cc: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; **(Redacted) <(Redacted)**@gov.scot >
Subject: Update

Hi JP,

Hope you had a good weekend, we spoke on Friday so just a short update below; speak in the morning. M

(Redacted)

- On James Hynd has confirmed that **Stone of Destiny event on 14 March at Edinburgh Castle** will start about 15.15 and finish at 17.45, the last hour is a reception.

All good happy to attend thanks

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(Redacted) I **(Redacted)** I 1N-07, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG I **(Redacted)**

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Thursday 7 March 2024

Communications and MPO Weekly Overview ahead of Thursday morning Directors Network – notes / speaking points to inform update

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	[redacted] For the Week Ahead, News teams' work includes plans for: • The departure ceremony for the Stone of Destiny at Edinburgh Castle ahead of its move to Perth.

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From: **[redacted] [redacted]** > **On Behalf Of** DG Corporate
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:51 AM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to SCA Investor Lunch - Perth Museum - 20 March 2024

Thanks **[redacted]**.

From: **[redacted] [redacted]** > **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:47 AM
To: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to SCA Investor Lunch - Perth Museum - 20 March 2024

Hi **[redacted]**,
Perm Sec is unable to go so happy if Lesley was to attend.
Kind regards,
[redacted]
[redacted]_[redacted]|_[redacted] [redacted] to the Permanent Secretary
Scottish Government
For any urgent enquires please email Permanentsecretary@gov.scot

From: **[redacted] [redacted]** > **On Behalf Of** DG Corporate
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:13 AM
To: DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Invitation to SCA Investor Lunch - Perth Museum - 20 March 2024

Morning Guys,
Lesley has asked me to check if any of the other DG's/Perm Sec intent on accepting the below invitation?
Lesley has said she is happy to attend.
Given the timescales – grateful if you could reply today?
Thanks
[redacted]

From: **[redacted] [redacted]** >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: Invitation to SCA Investor Lunch - Perth Museum - 20 March 2024
Sent on behalf of Thomas Glen, Chief Executive

Good morning
As part of our partnership with the Scottish Cities Alliance, I am writing to invite you to an investor networking event the Alliance is hosting in our newly redeveloped Perth Museum on Wednesday 20th March 2024, 12PM-2PM.
Following the Alliance's second annual Scottish Cities Week hosted in London in January this networking event will provide a unique opportunity for select investors to network with the Leaders of Scotland's eight cities, continuing discussions from during Scottish Cities Week 2024 and at other Alliance investment events over recent months and years.
The event will take place at the new Perth Museum, opening its doors in Spring 2024 after a £27 million redevelopment project. This world-class cultural and heritage attraction will highlight the fascinating objects and stories that put Perth and Kinross at the centre of Scotland's story. At its

heart will sit the Stone of Destiny, also known as the Stone of Scone, one of Scotland's and the UK's most significant historical objects. Returning to Perthshire for the first time in over 700 years, the Stone will be the centrepiece of the new Museum and will be free for all to view. Alongside the Stone, the new Museum will display Perth & Kinross's Recognised Collections of National Significance as well as iconic loans and exhibitions from the UK and abroad.

The Museum is housed in a heritage Edwardian building that once served as a gathering place hosting everything from markets and concerts, to political conferences and wrestling matches. This historic venue has been transformed into a major visitor attraction by award-winning architects Mecanoo.

Not only will the event provide an opportunity to develop valuable in-person relationships; by hosting this event in Perth, the Alliance partners are keen to facilitate onward site visits for you to see first-hand the cities and their investment potential for yourself.

This event will include a networking lunch and exclusive tour of the new Museum before it's public opening at the end of March. If you are able to join us you can RSVP through the following link: Scottish Cities Alliance Investor Networking Lunch (monday.com)

Kind regards

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[redacted] [redacted]
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Perth & Kinross Council
2 High Street
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STONE OF DESTINY FRAGMENT HELD BY SNP

12 March: James Hynd wrote to the SNP proposing that the fragment be passed to the Commissioners for scientific investigations and, if found likely to be genuine, that the fragment would then be retained by the Commissioners on behalf of the Nation and the people of Scotland. Murray Foote responds to agree.
7 March: Murray Foote and James Hynd meet to discuss next steps.
22 Feb: Murray Foote, Chief Exec SNP responds to James Hynd.
11 Jan: The Secretary to the Commissioners for the Regalia (James Hynd) wrote to Chief Exec SNP, inviting the Party to consider passing the fragment to the Commissioners to be held on behalf of the people of Scotland.
8 Jan: The SNP confirm that the fragment is held at the Party's Edinburgh HQ. SofS Scotland Alister Jack MP, and former SofS Scotland Lord (Michael) Forsyth, call for the fragment to be returned and displayed beside the Stone of Destiny when it moves to the new Perth Museum in the Spring of this year.
4/5 Jan: Mr Salmond is reported as denying having the fragment. He suggested it was retained by the SG in the store of Ministerial gifts in Bute House or SAH. The SG confirms to the media that it does not have the fragment.
1 Jan 2024: the Cabinet minutes from 2008 were published as part of the routine release of SG Papers after 15 years. The papers include the Cabinet minutes from September 2008 which state that the then FM, Alex Salmond, was personally gifted a fragment of the Stone of Destiny by Professor Sir Neil MacCormick. The minutes note that the then Perm Sec agreed that this should be treated a personal gift to Mr Salmond and not surrendered to Historic Scotland.

TOP LINES

Responsibility for the Stone of Destiny rests with the Commissioners for the Safeguarding of the Regalia. They are:

- The First Minister, as Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland;
- The Lord Advocate;
- The Lord Justice Clerk, Lady Dorrian; and
- The Lord Clerk Register, Dame Elish Angiolini

- The Commissioners were made aware in early December about the specific reference in the September 2008 Cabinet paper. They noted the historical position without comment. The whereabouts of the fragment were not known at that time.
- To avoid giving rise to any suggestion of an actual or perceived conflict of interest, I have recused myself from any involvement regarding the fragment referred to in the 2008 Cabinet paper.

It has now been agreed that the fragment will be passed to the Commissioners for scientific analysis by HES and, if shown likely to be genuine, for the fragment to be retained by the Commissioners on behalf of the people of Scotland.

- Arrangements are now being made for the fragment to be collected for analysis. Once the results of the analysis are available, James Hynd will put further advice to the Commissioners about the next steps.
- No payment of any sort will be made to the SNP.

Contact: James Hynd **[redacted] [redacted]**

STONE OF DESTINY FRAGMENT HELD BY SNP

Once received, the fragment will be scientifically analysed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

- Tests will include X-ray fluorescence analysis (p-XRF), microscopic analysis and stone source comparison to determine the geological source of the fragment in comparison with the Stone of Destiny.
- However, I understand that with an artefact of this type it is unlikely to be able to categorically ascertain if it is a fragment of the Stone.
- If found likely to be genuine the fragment will be conserved by HES experts and held securely on the instructions of the Commissioners.

The Stone of Destiny will move in the Spring to the specially refurbished Perth Museum.

- No decisions have been taken about where the fragment, if found likely to be genuine, will be held. These are matters for the Commissioners to decide in due course.

From: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted]_[redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

Hi Helen

Here is the FM's request.

James

James Hynd LVO
Director and Secretary of Commissions
Scottish Government
Room 4N:03
St Andrew's House
Edinburgh

From: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:56 AM
To: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

James – re the line on FM recusal below, where has that been recorded? Is it in an exchange between you and him?

Helen

From: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:54 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

Thanks **[redacted]**

To answer your questions. It was me who made the Commissioners aware. If the fragment does not appear to be genuine it will be returned to the SNP.

James

James Hynd LVO
Director and Secretary of Commissions
Scottish Government
Room 4N:03
St Andrew's House
Edinburgh

From: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:52 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

Hi **[redacted]**

I've amended the brief slightly just to trim a little and also ensure lines are suitable for FM to speak. Two very quick further questions.

Firstly, on this line – who made Commissioners aware, was it SG?

Responsibility for the Stone of Destiny rests with the Commissioners for the Safeguarding of the Regalia. They are:

- The First Minister, as Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland;
- The Lord Advocate;
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- The Lord Clerk Register, Dame Elish Angiolini

- The Commissioners were made aware in early December about the specific reference in the September 2008 Cabinet paper. They noted the historical position without comment. The whereabouts of the fragment were not known at that time.
- To avoid giving rise to any suggestion of an actual or perceived conflict of interest, I have recused myself from any involvement regarding the fragment referred to in the 2008 Cabinet paper.

And secondly, is there a plan of action for if the fragment is found not likely to be genuine?

Best wishes
[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] First Minister's Policy Unit | Scottish Government
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:36 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

That's helpful **[redacted]** thank you!
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:32 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: RE: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

[redacted], **[redacted]**

As I mentioned in our early discussion the movement of the Stone may attract media interest in the fragment, while there has been little recent interest, if questions were to be asked, it is likely they would come from Mr Murdo Fraser.

Also, we have no information regarding possible comments from former FMs.

I hope this is helpful.

With thanks

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] Protocol & Honours Team
Scottish Government
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Please note I work from home – **Friday** is my non working day.

Know someone who deserves an Honour? Please contact Scottishhonours@gov.scot for more information.

From: [redacted] [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:08 AM
To: [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>;
[redacted] [redacted]; [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: The Stone of Destiny Fragment - Updated FMQ for Consideration

[redacted], [redacted]

Thank you for discussing the attached and for considering its place in the forthcoming FMQ session.

You have asked if:

Any named MSP may have an interest and ask questions?

Is it anticipated that former FM will make comments?

I will explore these questions and report back.

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted], Protocol & Honours Team
Scottish Government
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Thursday 14 March 2024

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[redacted]	This week: ○ **[redacted]** ○ **[redacted]**. ○ Working with media on the departure ceremony for the Stone of Destiny at Edinburgh Castle, today (Thursday) ahead of its move to Perth. • **[redacted]** • **[redacted]** • **[redacted]**
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]** **On Behalf Of** zzzfirstminister24
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 11:57 AM
To: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted] [redacted]**; zzzfirstminister24 <zzzfirstminister24@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Stone of Destiny

James,

The First Minister has noted. He added it is important to record that he will play no part in any decisions around this fragment of stone, given the clear conflict of interest as both a Commissioner, and Leader of the SNP.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

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Office of the First Minister
5th Floor | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | **[redacted]**

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:30 PM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi [redacted]

The drop off will now be the north entrance to the Queen Anne building, which is the first sharp right after coming through Foogs Gate, however the car should be directed by Castle staff.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:21:24 AM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Thanks [redacted], I've let the Castle know.
Thanks
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5th floor - St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:19 AM
To: [redacted] [redacted]>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi [redacted],
We have had a change in driver for today please see below.
[redacted] [redacted]
Kind regards,
[redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] to the Permanent Secretary
Scottish Government
For any urgent enquires please email Permanentsecretary@gov.scot

From: [redacted] [redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:25 AM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Thanks**[redacted]** – I will pass this onto the Castle.
Drop off and pick up will both be at Crown Square, and the route up there for the car will be through the tunnel. After drop off, the driver can park in Hospital Square. The GCS driver might have been to the Castle before and know what I mean by all this, but give me a shout if there are any issues.
I'll be at Crown Square with James Hynd awaiting Perm Secs arrival.
I'll copy you into the Ops Note I send FMPO later today.
Thanks

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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:48 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi **[redacted]**,
Please see car details below. Do you have the confirmed pick up and drop off points?
[redacted] and his number **[redacted]**and vehicle reg is **[redacted]**
Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]**[redacted** to the Permanent Secretary
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi **[redacted]**
Perfect, thanks for confirming. I have checked with the Castle and Perm Sec's car can stay for the duration of the event and can park at Hospital Square. I'm doing the walk through on Tuesday evening and can confirm drop off and pick up after that. Once you have car details, I'd be grateful if you could send these onto me.
Thanks

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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:59 PM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi **[redacted]**,
We will be arranging for a car to bring him to the Castle and he should get there for 15:00 if that is helpful. I don't have the car details to hand yet but I can confirm these next week once we have them.
It would be good if you can be on hand to meet with him alongside James.
Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] to the Permanent Secretary
Scottish Government
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From: **[redacted]**
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>
Subject: SoD move - Edinburgh Castle - 14 March

Hi there
I'm not long of a planning call for the Stone of Destiny move at Edinburgh Castle on Thursday 14th March. In terms of the Permanent Secretary's attendance, I just have a couple of questions that I'd be really grateful if you could clarify:
How is the Perm Sec planning on travelling to the Castle? By foot or car? If it's by car, we would need to get details of this to the Castle.
What time is the Perm Sec due to arrive at the Castle? It would be good, if possible, to arrive by 15:05 as FM is currently due to arrive 15:10/15:15. I can be there on arrival to meet him alongside James Hynd. He will then be escorted into the Queen Anne Room to meet with the other VIP's in attendance – Lord Lyon, Governor of Edinburgh Castle, The Secretary of State for Scotland and possibly the Chief Executive of Historic Environment Scotland.
Looking forward to hearing back from you.
Thanks

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From: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 7:53 PM
To: Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>; zzzfirstminister24 <zzzfirstminister24@gov.scot>
Cc: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Subject: PRIVATE FM Perm Sec catch-up

Hi Chris,

Key headlines from me which I would appreciating you passing across to FM, I look forward to speaking tomorrow,

Best wishes, JP

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- Thanks to FM on Stone of Destiny speech

Best wishes,

JP

From: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:57 PM
To: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Stone of Destiny

Thank you James, colleagues, v best, JP

From: Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:10:01 PM
To: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Stone of Destiny

Hear hear – thanks to all. I saw some of the photos in the media which looked excellent. A really historic moment. Best wishes, Joe

From: James Hynd <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:59 PM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>
Subject: Stone of Destiny

Dear Colleagues

This is just a short note to express my thanks to all of you for your efforts in helping to deliver yesterday's ceremony to mark the departure of the Stone of Destiny from

Edinburgh Castle. Despite all that the Edinburgh weather chose to throw at us we all rose to the challenge and ensured that this historic moment was suitably marked. As always, it is a great privilege to be part of these occasions, especially when working with such excellent, dedicated and professional colleagues.
Many thanks again.
James

James Hynd LVO
Director and Secretary of Commissions
Scottish Government
Room 4N:03
St Andrew's House
Edinburgh

Tay Cities Region Deal
Wednesday 20th March 2024
Note of the Meeting

Members in attendance:	Presentations by:
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:27 AM
To: Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development <MinisterCEID@gov.scot>
Cc: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: FW: General Question - Thursday 28th - S6O-03285

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[redacted]

What support will the Scottish Government provide to the newly re-opened Perth Museum

I am pleased that Perth Museum will reopen on the 30 March after a significant redevelopment project. Alongside the Stone of Destiny, the museum houses Perth & Kinross's Recognised Collections of National Significance, as well as being situated in one of Scotland's heritage buildings.

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From: **[redacted] [redacted]** **On Behalf Of** Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:18 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**; Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development <MinisterCEID@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>; Rachael Mckechnie <Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot>; **[redacted]** **[redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development <MinisterCEID@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Culture and Major Events <Directorofcultureandmajorevents@gov.scot>; Lisa Baird <Lisa.Baird@gov.scot>; Rachael Mckechnie <Rachael.Mckechnie@gov.scot>; **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: General Question - Thursday 28th - S6O-03285

Good Afternoon **[redacted]**,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find attached draft PQ answer and background note for the Minister.

David – for awareness and an opportunity to comment.

With thanks and Best Wishes,

[redacted]
Scottish Government
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From: **[redacted] [redacted]** **On Behalf Of** Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:20 AM
To: **[redacted] [redacted]**
Cc: **[redacted] [redacted]**; **[redacted] [redacted]**
Subject: General Question - Thursday 28th

Hi **[redacted]**,

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First Minister

Event:	Eid Reception
Date:	Thursday 18 April 2024
Time:	19:00 – 21:00
Venue Contact:	**[redacted]**
Venue:	The Great Hall Edinburgh Castle

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20:45
Senior Castle Guide announces the Honours of Scotland (Crown Jewels/Stone of Destiny) and the end of the evening.

Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26

Progress Report for 2023-2024

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Work is continuing on projects, including those at the Universities of Dundee and St Andrews, the James Hutton Institute and Pitlochry Festival Theatre, with progress expected to include the opening of Perth Museum, which will host the Stone of Destiny when it returns to the region.