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### FIRST MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, HAKAINDE HICHILEMA – WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024

Location: Bute House, Edinburgh

Time: 17:30-18:15

#### **Attendees:**

- *H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of The Republic of Zambia*
- *Hon. Douglas Siakalima, Minister of Education*
- *Dr. Pamela Mambwe Nakamba, Economic Advisor to the President*
- *Her Excellency Ms Macenje Mazoka - Zambia High Commissioner to the UK*
- **[redacted – s.38]** – *Adviser to the Zambian Government*
  
- *First Minister, John Swinney*
- **[redacted – s.38], [redacted – s.38]**, *International Division*
- **[redacted – s.38]**, *International Development, International Division*
  
- *Nicholas Woolley, British High Commissioner to Zambia*

#### **First Minister (FM) opening remarks:**

- Welcomed the President and his party to Bute House, and back to Scotland.
- Noted that, as a new FM, he wants to bring people together, to focus on issues like child poverty, climate obligations and economic progress; and also to sustain Scotland's partnerships with other countries, like that with Zambia.
- Noted that international relations are reserved to the UK, but **[redacted – s.32]** SG can engage with other countries, including our partnership with Zambia. Equally, within Scotland, there has always been a willingness to support international development and engagement. FM assured the President that these programmes are precious to the Scottish Government (SG), and Zambian Government (ZG) input to those programmes is also key.

#### **President (HH) opening remarks:**

- HH wants to grow the Scotland-Zambia partnership and programme, this is very important to him and to Zambia.
- HH highlighted that the longstanding heritage between Zambia and Scotland is also important to Zambia, the roots of which stem from Dr David Livingstone. Due to these links, areas of collaboration such as education and the links themselves remain important.
- Noted that at his last meeting with former First Minister in Edinburgh (May 2023) they had spoken about renewable energy, technology, what Scotland and Zambia can do together in partnership. **[redacted – s.32]**

#### **On renewable energy, climate and water**

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- FM notes there is so much we can do on renewable energy. For example, in research and development, to identify what measures have greatest impact for Net Zero. **[redacted – s.33]**
- FM noted Scotland has developed expertise in key areas, which is now found exported around the globe.
- On renewable energy there is a clear opportunity to share. **[redacted – s.33]**
- FM also highlighted his commitment on Climate Justice Loss and Damage, noting this was so important to him. **[redacted – s.32]**

### ***President responds:***

- Highlighted the issues of climate in relation to drought, and that Zambia can see the clear connection to climate change. **[redacted – s.32]**.
- **[redacted – s.32]**
- **[redacted – s.32]**

### ***FM responds:***

- This provides a clear area of collaboration.
- Noted that Scotland is also experiencing some weather changes and damage, and is using technical solutions, including through hydro power. There are some fantastic companies in Scotland **[redacted – s.33]**.
- We are all trying to solve these issues, to create consistent, reliable, renewable energy. There are huge gains to be made in renewable energy for sustainability.
- FM also notes seeing changes to water management in Scotland, that for the last three weeks SG has been looking at water levels, much earlier than normal. So Scotland is seeing climate-related changes too and having to think about water management earlier in the year than normal.
- Energy storage is also actually very important for Scotland too, to capture wind energy.
- **[redacted – s.32] [out of scope]**

### ***President responds:***

- HH agrees these are shared experiences and shared capabilities for our partnership.

### **On education**

- FM notes that education has a special place in his heart, and an area where he is keen to have good collaboration.
- Notes too that education also has wider impact – an example, universities in Edinburgh can be seen to have led Edinburgh's development, to be a diverse, international and welcoming city. There are now four universities in Edinburgh, all different identities, but what they share is their great contribution to Edinburgh.

### ***President responds:***

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- HH refers to a long legacy of Zambian students in Scotland, that there has been a strong history of that. Notes that he will receive an Hon Doctorate from Heriot Watt the following day, as an example of the links.
- **[redacted – s.32]**

### On Tourism

- HH notes that impact of the history of Scotland/Zambia links is equally true on tourism. Areas like Chitambo and Victoria Falls are key examples of the historical links dating back to David Livingstone, well known in the UK due to Dr Livingstone. The ZG is keen to highlight these areas to the UK tourism market.

### On Health

- **[redacted – s.32]** *[NB, Dr Livingstone died at Chief Chitambo's village and his heart was buried there at his pre-death request, before his body was taken back to the UK for burial; Chitambo Mission hospital was built at this site in memory, and is known locally as "Livingstone's Hospital"].*
- The new £1M SG funded Blantyre-Blantyre Lusaka research laboratory also raised, through presentation by FM to the President of a framed photograph set (below).

#### **FM responds:**

- **[redacted – s.32]** important that we have keen understanding of deep connections. FM wants to nurture those connections and is happy to explore doing that.

### Concluding remarks

- FM agrees that it is important for Scotland to understand its contributions globally, but also key to equally appreciate its international obligations.
- In concluding the meeting, FM presented HH with a framed picture of photographs depicting the build of the new "Blantyre-Blantyre Lusaka" research laboratory which is sited at University of Zambia (UNZA).
- It was noted that the SG funding of £1m for the establishment of a state-of-the-art biomedical laboratory facility at UNZA had been announced by the former FM during the President's visit to Scotland in May 2023.
- The Lusaka Laboratory has since been built during 2023/24 and will open on Friday 21 June 2024:
  - it is a sister laboratory to that already built in Blantyre, Malawi (KUHES), with SG funds, which leverages Scottish and Malawian expertise to combat the rising burden of non-communicable disease.
  - the new Zambian laboratory will mirror existing laboratory facilities developed through SG funding at University of Glasgow and KUHeS.

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- it will expand collaboration and evidence-based development of research and training programmes, medical interventions and policy development in a three country/universities partnership between Zambia, Scotland and Malawi in the area of vaccine development.
- the project is an innovative example of south-south development, driving forward cutting edge research in Africa, by Africans, for Africa.

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### BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER

#### MEETING WITH HE HAKAINDE HICHILEMA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

19 June 2024

<b>Key message</b>	Scotland greatly values the strength of our relationship with Zambia, I am keen to further deepen our historic partnership as we continue to launch new international development programming.
<b>What</b>	Introductory meeting with the President of Zambia during his second visit to Scotland in as many years.
<b>Why</b>	<p>Zambia is one of our International Development Partner Countries. [redacted – s.32] FM will have the opportunity to reaffirm Scotland’s commitment to continuing our partnership with Zambia.</p> <p>The meeting will allow FM to update President Hichilema on the progress of new programming since the President last met with the former FM last May, including: the <b>imminent opening of a new £1m state-of-the-art research laboratory at the University of Zambia, funding for which was announced at the May 2023 meeting; new support Scotland has been providing, including launch of the new climate justice programme, new fund for women and girls, our support for inclusive education through new Heriot Watt MBA scholarships for Zambian women, and imminent announcement of funding for two new education programmes focused on supporting disabled learners and girls.</b></p>

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	<p><b>[redacted – s.32]</b> the agreed areas of co-operation between the two Governments are: <b>international development</b> (health, inclusive education, rights of women and girls, renewable energy) and <b>Climate Justice</b>.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p>His Excellency <b>Hakainde Hichilema</b> (Haka-Indeh Hitch-e-<u>Lehma</u>), the President of the Republic of Zambia.</p> <p>Hon. <b>Douglas Siakalima</b> (Seeya-Ka-<u>Lee</u>-ma), Minister of Education</p> <p><b>[redacted – s.38], [redacted – s.38]</b></p> <p>Her Excellency <b>Ms Macenje Mazoka</b> (Mah-<u>chen</u>-jay Maz-oh-kha) - Zambia High Commissioner to the UK</p>
<b>Where</b>	Bute House
<b>When</b>	17:45 – 18:30, Wednesday 19 June 2024 (the President will be arriving direct from Edinburgh Airport, so timings are approximate)
<b>Likely themes</b>	<p>Bilateral relations</p> <p>International development programming: health, education, equalities and renewable energy</p> <p>Climate justice policy/advocacy; and programming - Climate Just Communities</p>
<b>Media</b>	<p>FM comms will be in attendance to take a photo for X, to be accompanied with a tweet to mark the bilateral meeting. This will be the first time that President Hichilema will have had a meeting in Bute House, the prior meetings having taken place in external venues.</p> <p>Comms focused on new IDF programmes – in education and health - will be held for subsequent announcements during the period after the UK election.</p>
<b>Supporting official</b>	<p><b>[redacted – s.38], [redacted – s.38], [redacted – s.38]</b></p> <p>John Primrose, Deputy Director (External Affairs and Culture</p> <p><b>[redacted – s.38]</b>, International Development, <b>[redacted – s.38]</b></p>
<b>Attached documents</b>	<p><b>Annex A:</b> Briefing</p> <p><b>Annex B:</b> Biographies</p> <p><b>Annex C:</b> Live Issues and Sensitivities</p> <p><b>Annex D:</b> Zambia: Country Profile</p>

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### **Summary and Agenda**

**[redacted – s.32]** This is the President's third visit to Scotland in recent years, following meetings with Mr Yousaf in May 2023 (Edinburgh) and December 2023 (Dubai), and with Ms Sturgeon in 2021 (Glasgow) during COP26. **[redacted – s.32]**.

Previous meetings have focused primarily on the bilateral partnership in international development **[redacted – s.32]**.

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Update on International Development programming
3. Renewable energy collaboration, including through international development funding
4. Climate Justice - advocacy and programming.

### **[Out of scope]**

### **Expectations/ Desired Outcomes**

For this introductory meeting FM should focus on emphasising the Scottish Government's continuing support for the Zambia through partnership in the international development and climate justice space.

Key announcements for new programmes will not be made at this time, but the meeting provides a solid foundation for discussion of these ahead of launch of new health partnerships with the Government of Zambia, including through a new Laboratory facility in Lusaka, the funding of which was announced during the May 2023 meeting (FM will be presented with a photograph of the new facility to gift the President, ahead of it opening on Friday 21 June, and an intended Grand Opening in August if the FM visit goes ahead). **[redacted – s.32]**

### **Sensitivities [redacted – s.32]**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – OPENING REMARKS**

- It is an honour to welcome you back to Scotland - Your Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zambia, Hakainde Hichilema (**Haka-Indeh Hitch-e-Lehma**).
- I am delighted that you are able to return to Scotland so soon after your last visit. I am greatly looking forward to continuing the strong relationship that you have built with my predecessors in office. I want to make clear that Scotland is wholly committed to investing in its special and strategic relationship with Zambia.
- I understand that a focus of your visit is engagement with Heriot-Watt University, if I may offer my congratulations on the award that you will receive tomorrow, and reflect that your personal connection with the university is indicative of the many and varied educational, civic, and, of course, governmental linkages between our countries.
- Scotland's relationship with Zambia built over the last 150 years. Today, there are many links developed between ordinary Scots and people in Zambia through churches, schools, hospitals and local authorities throughout Scotland.
- It is also an innovative and forward-looking relationship, I see potential for further growing our partnership, and I look forward to discussing that with you today, with a particular focus on our work together in international development, renewable energy, and climate justice.

**University of Zambia Laboratory Launch**

- I am delighted that together today we can look forward to the opening on Friday of the state-of-the-art laboratory facility at UNZA in Lusaka, funding for which by Scottish Government was announced last May when you last visited Edinburgh.
- I hope we can jointly visit this laboratory in the near future to see firsthand the life-saving research it will drive forward into vaccine efficacy among rural and urban populations in Zambia, to support expanded access to safe and effective vaccines. A joint visit for a "Grand Opening" would be a wonderful celebration of the partnership between our two countries on health.
- We are proud too of the successful working relationship between UNZA and the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi. The new UNZA lab creates a ground-breaking three-country collaboration in scientific research between universities in Scotland, Malawi and Zambia.
- This project is an innovative example of south-south development, driving forward cutting edge research in Africa, by Africans, for Africa.

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- In line with SG ambitions on mainstreaming sustainability, the laboratory will be powered by solar energy, installed by industry-leading female engineers from Botswana.
- I am glad that only last year we made this commitment and now it will be delivering for Zambia from this month.

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- **[redacted – s.32]**



## **AGENDA ITEM 2: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The meeting offers opportunity for FM to:

- emphasise his personal support for this continuing partnership between Scotland and Zambia in international development; and
- update President Hichilema on progress in the launch of our new international development programming - in addition to the above UNZA laboratory launch, the focus should be on our Women and Girls Fund, and support for inclusive education in Zambia (noting that Zambia's Minister for Education will be in attendance).

### **Update on International Development Programming**

- You will be aware that the Scottish Government remains committed to expanding our annual Official Development Assistance (ODA) by the end of the current parliamentary term across international development and climate justice work.
- Our focus in Zambia, agreed with your Ministry is around equalities, health, inclusive education, and renewable energy, with a commitment to grow £10m to £15m in this Parliament globally.
- This year we will launch together new international development programmes; partnering with the Zambian Government to tackle non-communicable diseases, to support inclusive education for those who have additional support needs, and to advance the rights of women and girls.
- I am delighted to update that since your last visit to Scotland there has been substantial progress on the Scottish Government's International Development programming, we have now launched some of our programmes, which will be implemented in Zambia.

### **Equalities Programming**

- In March, we announced our **new £3m Women and Girls Fund**, which will support the advancement of gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in Zambia and our other African partner countries.
- The new targeted Fund will support, over the next four years, women and girl-led organisations in Zambia. The lead delivery partner for the Fund is the international research consultancy Ecorys, working in collaboration with FAWE (Forum for African Women Educationalists), both of which organisations have a heavy Zambian presence. The new Fund will be fully led by women and girls in design and delivery, and focused on their rights and empowerment. I understand my officials are in regular contact with the Zambian Ministry for Gender and as the project takes shape I hope you can also engage with the activities.

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- We have also committed to continuing to support Police Scotland’s impactful partnership with their counterparts in the Zambia Police Service, which to date has focused on protection of vulnerable groups, including child protection, gender based violence, disabled persons and LGBTQI+ communities. The proposals for future work are under review but this will continue to focus on improving support for victims of violence against women and girls.

### Inclusive Education

- I understand from my officials that inclusive education is a specific priority of your government, and an area you are committed to, in particular for women and girls, and for disabled learners.
- We know from wide-ranging consultations with donors, civil society and government counterparts that Zambia’s education policies have been given new impetus by its new administration in 2021. However, equitable access to education for disabled learners and for women and girls remain significant concerns, and as a result your Ministry of Education is seeking support and expertise from the Scottish Government through our partnership, to make faster progress on SDG4 by closing the gap between policy and implementation.
- Announced in March, we are now providing funding for a **multi-year programme in partnership with the World Bank, in support of the Zambian Government**. This is an Inclusive Education Policy Academy - a hands-on professional development programme to strengthen inclusive education policy capacity and improve access to education for some of the most marginalised groups, such as women and learners with additional support needs.
- The Scottish Government partnership with Heriot-Watt University has also awarded **30 fully funded online MBA scholarships** to women in Zambia, who started their studies in the 2024/25 academic year.
- Still to come, this year we will also launch further **new inclusive education programmes**, totalling over £4.5 million, to provide support to learners with disabilities as well as scholarships for young women and girls to complete basic education and transition to tertiary education.

### Health

- We have discussed already the **new research laboratory** at the University of Zambia which will work in partnership with KUHeS University in Malawi, and Glasgow University here in Scotland on non-communicable diseases – or “NCDs”.

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- We are also bringing forward this year **new NCDs funding** as part of our new Health programmes, including a focus in Zambia: to set up two training centres to deliver high quality PEN-Plus care and train district health workers to deliver PEN-Plus; and to support your Ministry of Health on NCDs through the secondment of a public health specialist.
- Separately, in February, in response to the **major cholera outbreak** in Zambia, we provided £500,000 to the Zambian Red Cross Society to support contact tracing, vaccination and the supply of safe drinking water. I'm pleased to hear the situation has improved markedly with an overall decrease in Cholera cases, continuing outbreaks in Lusaka and the Copperbelt are concerning and require close monitoring and additional support.
- As Zambia deals with the effects of the worst drought ever faced in more than forty years: earlier this year we provided £250,000 to SCIAF/Caritas Zambia through our Humanitarian Emergency Fund to address the economic and non-economic losses of 1,700 households as a result of climate change. Support included cash transfers and food provision, alongside sustainable organic agriculture training and provision of vegetable seeds for longer term resilience.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: RENEWABLE ENERGY COLLABORATION**

President Hichilema has previously raised specific asks on encouraging collaboration in renewables. FM is able to speak to the alignment of government policy in tackling the climate emergency, and to updating on the work of the SG funded Global Renewables Centre and their partner in Zambia, the Zambian Renewable Energy Association.

- I understand renewable energy remains a priority for your Government, and that you previously asked for Scottish Government support in facilitating greater collaboration between the Zambian and Scottish renewable energy sectors.

**Global Renewables Centre**

- We established a Global Renewables Centre in 2022 based at the University of Strathclyde to facilitate knowledge exchange between Scotland and our three African partner countries, for increased and improved use of renewables across our African partner countries and wider region, in line with national energy policies.
- The Scottish Global Renewables Centre this year completed a competitive process for partners in Zambia, Malawi and Rwanda – with the Zambian Renewable Energy Association having been successful for the Zambian part of the partnership. We were delighted to welcome them to Scotland in January.
- The aim of this partnership is to promote global south leadership and ownership of renewable energy projects with a particular focus on mini-grid innovation, business models and financing. **[redacted – s.32]**
- I would be interested in hearing your reflections on how we can continue to promote cooperation in renewable energy between our two countries.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 4: CLIMATE JUSTICE**

The President is well briefed on the history of SG's climate justice work, the meeting offers an opportunity for FM to provide specific updates on the launch since the last Presidential visit, of the Climate Just Communities Programme in Zambia, and Non-Economic Loss and Damage funding.

### **Background to Climate Justice**

- We have committed to trebling our world first Climate Justice Fund (CJF) to £36 million over this parliamentary term.
- The focus of our work for the rest of this Parliamentary term will be on two major multi-year Programmes: Climate Just Communities and our Non-Economic Loss and Damage Programme. Both programmes were launched in 2023.
- The Climate Just Communities is a £24M programme split across three countries of Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia through three separate contracts equalling £8M each.
- Climate Just Communities builds more resilient and inclusive communities through interventions that build communities resilience to both the material and social impacts of climate change.
- The Climate Justice Fund will continue supporting marginalised communities in Zambia, Rwanda and Malawi including women, disabled, young people and indigenous groups respond to impacts of climate change. In particular ensuring the views and needs of those typically marginalised in such communities are at the centre of future climate justice interventions.

### **Climate Just Communities (CJC) Programme**

- I would be delighted to provide an update on the implementation phase of the Climate Just Communities project in Zambia, delivered in partnership with NIRAS.
- Our climate justice approach recognises that those least responsible for the global climate emergency are being affected first and most severely by it. That's why we are "all in" when it comes to fighting climate change alongside our partners.
- In relation to Zambia specifically, a key part of the £36 million Climate Justice Fund is the £24M multi-year programme called "Climate Just Communities" split across Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia. A contract equalling £8M over 3 years in Zambia is run by NIRAS for the Climate Just Communities Programme. The project was launched in November 2023.

### **Non-Economic Loss and Damage**

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- Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen and has led the way on loss and damage.
- We recently funded a pilot £1m pilot to support gender responsive projects in climate-impacted communities including in Zambia (Kabwe and Mongu).

## ANNEX B

### BIOGRAPHY

**His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia** was



elected as the seventh president of Zambia on 24 August 2021, having contested five previous elections. He has led the United Party for National Development since 2006.

**[redacted – s.32]**

Hakainde Hichilema was born on 04 June 1962, in a village in Monze District in present-day Zambia. He received a scholarship to study at the University of Zambia and graduated in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration. He thereafter pursued an MBA in Finance and Business Strategy at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. **[redacted – s.32]**

**President Hichilema has visited Scotland twice since taking office (2021 and 2023). The First Minister has not previously met President Hichilema.**

The President's name is pronounced **Haka-Indeh Hitch-e-Lehma** and he should be addressed as Your Excellency.

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### **Hon. Douglas Siakalima (Seeya-Kali-Ma)**, Minister of Education



Appointed Minister of Education in 2021 by President Hakainde Hichilema.

- Has overseen the effort to ensure almost 100,000 vulnerable girls in Zambia, especially in rural communities, access and complete their education.
- Focuses on providing policy direction relating to safeguarding, bringing back girls who drop-out of school, those affected by negative cultural practices and those who get pregnant while at school.
- Previously lectured at the University of Zambia, Zambian Open University and Cavendish University.
- Holds a Master of Science in Applied Psychology from the University of Ulster in Jordanstown (Northern Ireland) and a Bachelor of Arts with Education in Psychology and History from the University of Zambia.

### **Her Excellency Ms Macenje Mazoka** - Zambia High Commissioner to the UK



Appointed High Commissioner to the UK in July 2023, HE Mazoka is the second woman to head the Zambia High Commission in London after HE Lombe Chibesakunda (1977-1981).

She studied political science at Syracuse University in New York, before working for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Washington DC. She then attended graduate school at the American InterContinental University, Illinois, graduating with an MB. She then worked in finance, NGOs, before becoming the publisher of Zambian independent newspaper "The Mast".

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**LIVE ISSUES AND SENSITIVITIES**

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## ZAMBIA: COUNTRY PROFILE

Formerly known as Northern Rhodesia. The name was changed to Zambia (derived from the Zambezi river) upon independence in 1964.

### Key Information

**Capital:** Lusaka, Lusaka Province.

Population: 19,610,769 (September 2022 Census). Life expectancy 64 years.

**Governance:** Presidential Republic.

**President:** Mr Hakainde Hichilema. Mr Hichilema was sworn in as president on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. The President is both the Head of State and Head of Government.

**Main Languages:** Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi, English (official).

**Currency:** Zambian Kwacha (Currency code: ZMW).

**UK Representation:** High Commission in South Kensington, London. High Commissioner Ms Macenje Mazoka.

**Economic Overview** lower middle-income; extreme rural poverty GDP per capita \$3,300 (2020 est.)

- **Industries:** copper mining/processing, emerald mining, construction, foodstuffs, beverages, chemicals, textiles, fertilizer, horticulture, agricultural.
- **Exports** \$8.55 billion (2020 est.) copper, gold, gemstones, sulphuric acid, raw sugar, tobacco (2019) partners: Switzerland, China, Namibia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Singapore (2019).
- **Imports** \$5.92 billion (2020 est.) refined and crude petroleum, delivery trucks, gold, fertilizers (2019) partners: South Africa, China, UAE, India (2019).

### **Scottish Government IDF programmes in country**

Following our 2021 Review we are refocusing our offer to fit Zambia's post-COVID-19 priorities for partnership with Scotland, launching new programmes in: health (NCDs); inclusive education; equalities; renewable energy.

### **Zambia and Climate Change**

- Zambia is prioritising environment and climate change policies to achieve a climate resilient, low carbon green economy. Its national environmental priorities are adaptation, renewable energy and energy efficiency, resilient agriculture, natural resources including stopping deforestation, addressing gender and climate, and emissions reduction. Zambia is highly reliant on hydroelectric power, [redacted – s.32]

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**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2024 1:09 PM  
**To:** Nicholas Woolley <[redacted – s.38]>  
**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Edinburgh visit

Hi Nick,

### [Out of scope]

In terms of SG involvement in the visit, [redacted – s.32] my understanding is that both the President and our new FM John Swinney are hoping for a short 1:1 meeting, as we did last year, both schedules allowing. I can fill you in on that aspect when we speak, no timings firmed up yet for that.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: FM international engagement - commission - note requested by 10/05

Many thanks [redacted – s.38]. I have confirmed to the Zambian Government. I'll  
also find out from them who will be accompanying the President to the meeting (last  
time he was accompanied by his Minister of Foreign Affairs).

Best

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:57 PM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted –  
s.38]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic  
<DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and  
Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution,  
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Many thanks,

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**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; '[redacted – s.38]' <[redacted – s.38]@firstafrica.com>

**Subject:** RE: President's visit Logistics Briefing - President//FM meeting

Dear all (*restricting to Zambian Government and UKG initially, so that you receive this news first*),

I am pleased to advise that our First Minister's office have now confirmed a meeting with HE President Hichilema, at Bute House, Charlotte Square, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 16:30. FM John Swinney is very much looking forward to meeting HE, in a follow up bilateral to that last May between HE and former FM Humza Yousaf.

Let's follow up on the logistics for that meeting – eg, who will be in attendance from the ZG side accompanying HE – but I wanted to confirm the meeting quickly now.

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024

**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2024 3:05 PM

**To:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>

**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FM international engagement - Zambian President - Bute House 19 June 16:30

Hi [redacted – s.38]

As it stands , Cab Sec does not have availability , [redacted – s.32]

You can maybe keep us updated [redacted – s.32]if there is scope for any other times for them to meet ?

We have decision time (which may be a struggle to get slipped from depending on numbers) at 1700 and then a meeting with other Cabinet Secretaries straight after and then he has another reception from 1800 on wards on the mile that evening.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2024 2:46 PM  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: FM international engagement - Zambian President - Bute House 19 June 16:30

Hi [redacted – s.38]/ [redacted – s.38]/ [redacted – s.38],

With FM due to meet with the President of Zambia on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June at 16:30, at Bute House, **can I please check if Cab Sec will be available to join FM?**

[redacted – s.32] We know that the delegation is around 18-24 coming to Edinburgh, we're just not sure at the moment if any Ministers are travelling with the President.

Let me know if so?

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: President's visit Logistics Briefing - President//FM meeting

Dear [redacted – s.38],

Thank you for this. [redacted – s.38] has since spoken with you on the phone.

Unfortunately these alternative arrangements suggested below wouldn't work our end, with FM's Thursday morning now otherwise engaged.

However, FM's office have advised us that he can hold open time at Bute House until later in the evening to welcome HE. If, therefore, you can get HE through the airport quickly through pre-booked VVIP (per my previous email) then a meeting is still possible. It normally takes around half an hour from leaving the airport by car to Bute House, but at that time of night traffic will be heavier, so I would allow anything up to 50 mins. So, say leaving the airport at 1700 latest, could be at Bute House for 1745/50.

If it's possible though to get an earlier flight, I would recommend that.

Please keep us updated.

Best

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38] >  
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**To:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** Re: President’s visit Logistics Briefing - President//FM meeting

Dear [redacted – s.38],

**[redacted – s.32]**

Regards

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**From:** [redacted – s.38]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2024 13:05  
**To:** [redacted – s.38]@gov.scot <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]>; [redacted – s.38]@gov.scot <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; John.Primrose@gov.scot <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38]@firstafrica.com <[redacted – s.38]@firstafrica.com>  
**Subject:** RE: President’s visit Logistics Briefing - President//FM meeting

**[redacted – s.32],**

Regards

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 5:46 PM  
**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; Joe Griffin <Joe.Griffin@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; International Strategic Comms <communicationsinternational@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and

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**Subject:** Briefing - International Development - First Minister Meeting with President of Zambia - Edinburgh - 19 Jun 2024

Good afternoon, Team.

Please find attached the briefing for meeting between First Minister John Swinney and the visiting delegation of the President of Zambia, His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, on Wednesday 19 June.

Kind regards,

**[redacted – s.38]**

**[redacted – s.38]**

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**From:** **[redacted – s.38]** <**[redacted – s.38]**@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:27 PM

**To:** **[redacted – s.38]** <**[redacted – s.38]**@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Fw: International Visitors to Bute House

**Importance:** High

Please see email below.

**[redacted – s.38]**

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 18 June 2024 17:53

**To:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted – s.38]@crowdsourceteam.com <[redacted – s.38]@crowdsourceteam.com>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; Security BH <SBH@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: International Visitors to Bute House

Hi [redacted – s.38]

As discussed I think it would be beneficial having a chat with [redacted – s.38] who is part of the Zambian delegation visiting Bute Hse tomorrow afternoon. [redacted – s.38] is going to submit some additional names to those below as that doesn't cover the full security detail who will be in attendance.

I think there are a few things that need to be established on the security front and some of the questions I was unable to answer ie will there be anyone at the airport to greet the president and who actually needs to be in the drawing room during the meeting.

Once the president is in the house we can accommodate the security detail in the dining room. Can you also advise on whether we also need to provide refreshments in the drawing room and the dining room so the team can get that arranged.

[redacted – s.38] – If anyone from your side has any questions on anything please include them here as all copy recipients will be able to provide you with the information you require.

Apologies I will be unable to attend tomorrow.

Thanks

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:37 PM

**To:** Security and Business Continuity <securityandbusinesscontinuity@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: International Visitors to Bute House

Hi [redacted – s.38],

Happy to assist, but possibly best linked into the SLOs leading on security, as required.

[redacted – s.38]

**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Security and Business Continuity

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:43 PM

**To:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; Security and Business Continuity <securityandbusinesscontinuity@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: International Visitors to Bute House

Afternoon [redacted – s.38],

Thanks for the updates. I think any further information is best directed towards [redacted – s.38] (CC'd in) as he works more closely with Bute House and all arrangements there than I do. So I would advice that [redacted – s.38] contacts [redacted – s.38] to discuss any further details or plans.

[redacted – s.38] – if I've got that wrong please feel free to correct me.

Thanks again,

[redacted – s.38]

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[redacted – s.38], Security and Business Continuity

Mobile: [redacted – s.38]

**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:32 PM

**To:** Security and Business Continuity <securityandbusinesscontinuity@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: International Visitors to Bute House

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Hello again, [redacted – s.38].

Further to email below, just to advise, [redacted – s.38], who is travelling with the President's entourage, will be phoning you with more details about the President's security.

Kind regards,

[redacted – s.38]

[redacted – s.38]

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Mobile: [redacted – s.38]



**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:46 PM

**To:** Security and Business Continuity <securityandbusinesscontinuity@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: International Visitors to Bute House

Good afternoon, Team.

Just a brief note to update you on the list of names due to visit Bute House for meeting between First Minister and President of Zambia.

The delegation is made up of the following:

- The President of Zambia, His Excellency **Hakainde Hichilema**
- The Minister of Education, Hon. **Douglas Syakalima**
- The High Commissioner to the UK, Her Excellency **Macenje Mazoka**
- The Economic Advisor, Dr **Pamela Nakamba** (Zambia-based)
- The Principal Private Secretary (PPS), Mr **Bradford Machila** (Zambia-based)
- Security, [redacted – s.38] (Zambia-based)
- Security, [redacted – s.38] (Zambia-based)
- Health Advisor, [redacted – s.38] (Zambia-based)

In addition, there will be 2 SG officials in attendance (Me, and [redacted – s.38] - [redacted – s.38])

Kind regards,

[redacted – s.38]

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**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Security and Business Continuity  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 2:41 PM  
**To:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: International Visitors to Bute House

Good afternoon [redacted – s.38],

Thank you very much for this information and the list of names so far. Please keep MPO updated once the final names on the list are confirmed ([redacted – s.38] copied for awareness)

As long as we have the names in advance so we know who to expect and the size of the delegation, nothing else needs to be done before the meeting. On the day, staff at Bute House will be available to assist and ensure the meeting goes ahead as planned.

Thanks again,  
[redacted – s.38]

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[redacted – s.38], Security and Business Continuity  
Mobile: [redacted – s.38]

**From:** [redacted – s.38] <[redacted – s.38]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 11:55 AM  
**To:** Security and Business Continuity <securityandbusinesscontinuity@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** International Visitors to Bute House

Good morning, Team.

My apologies for the late notice on this.

We have an international delegation coming to meet with First Minister Swinney in Bute House on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at approximately 17:45.

The delegation is made up of the following:

- The President of Zambia, His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema



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**Subject:** [DRAFT ENGAGEMENT NOTE] RE: Briefing - International Development - First  
Minister Meeting with President of Zambia - Edinburgh - 19 Jun 2024

Dear FMPO,

Please see draft Engagement Note from Wednesday's bilateral between the First  
Minister and the President of Zambia, for clearance by FM. Copied to colleagues in  
Climate Justice, Renewable Energy and Education too for their interest given the  
areas under discussion.

Best

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