ANNEX A

Briefing:

BRIEFING NOTE FOR CABINET SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE

Thursday 8 August 2024

Key message	• [redacted s.30b(i)]
What	• Introductory meeting with the recently appointed Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK (Daniela Grudsky Ekstein).
Why	• You have agreed to an introductory meeting with the Deputy Ambassador on their first visit to Scotland.
Who	Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]
Where	SAH – Conference rooms A and B.
When	14:30 – 15:15 hours.
Media	We have recommended a short press statement making clear that the Cabinet Secretary met the DCM at the Israeli Embassy's request, and stated Scotland's position on the war in Gaza. Week commencing 12 August for security reasons.
Supporting official	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], Team Leader, International Relations [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations.
Agenda	[redacted s.32(1)(a)]
Attached documents	**Annex A:** [redacted s.30b(i)] **Annex B**: [redacted s.30b(i)] **Annex C:** [redacted s.30b(i)] **Annex D**: [redacted s.30b(i)] **Annex E:** [redacted s.30b(i)] **Annex F**: [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

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ANNEX A

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

BACKGROUND

1. The Israeli Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission, Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, will pay her first official visit to Scotland 7 – 9 August 2024. [redacted-s.32(1)(a)]

2. Ms Ekstein's predecessor met Ms McKelvie in her previous role last year (**Annex F**). [redacted-s.30b(i)]

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ANNEX B

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

ANNEX C

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ANNEX D

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

ANNEX E

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

ANNEX F

Note of previous meeting between the Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and the former Deputy Ambassador for Israel to the UK

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Note of meeting, Israeli Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission, Daniela Grudsky Ekstein and Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Email thread – Logistical communications prior and post-visit – Subject: RE: OFFSEN: Visit of Israeli DCM to Scotland

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 7:53 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>
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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks for this. [REDACTED s.30(b)(i)].

Regards,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 11:35 AM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

Many thanks,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary
Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 11:06 AM
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

I hope that you are well. Please see attached minute of yesterdays meeting. I would be grateful if you could please confirm if Cab Sec is content.

Thanks

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Division, External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Please now see attached DEXA Israel-Gaza FMQ.

Thanks

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Division, External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

I hope that you are well. Please see attached briefing ahead of tomorrow's meeting with the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK. The DEXA FMQ on Israel-Gaza will follow.

Please do let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

I hope that you are well. [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

As discussed, I will provide briefing, including attendee list, by COP tomorrow (Tuesday 6 August).

Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Division, External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government
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Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

The First Minister has noted the Cab Sec will meet the Israeli DCM.

Many thanks,
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks, would [redacted s.29(1)(d)] work?

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

I hope that you are well. Thank you for letting me know, [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks. As discussed [redacted s.29(1)(d)]. Please let us know what time might suit on their side and we'll confirm.

Thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], please can you invite John Primrose, [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] and myself, we'll confirm who will attend and provide support.

Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks [redacted s.32(1)(a)] works for us. Can you please let us know which officials to invite please and we'll send over a calendar invite?

Thanks
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for providing the additional flexibility – its appreciated. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: OFFSEN: Visit of Israeli DCM to Scotland

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

As discussed we can be flexible with timings [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

Many thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] to Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Angus Robertson MSP
The Scottish Government
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Subject: RE: OFFSEN: Visit of Israeli DCM to Scotland

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

I hope that you are well. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]
Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Division, External Affairs Directorate, The Scottish Government
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Due to Covid-19, I am working from home as are the majority of Scottish Government employees.

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 2:09 PM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>
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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]/[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Mr Robertson is content and can be available on either [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] to Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Angus Robertson MSP
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Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 12:41 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>;

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Subject: OFFSEN: Visit of Israeli DCM to Scotland

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Please find below a submission recommending that the Cabinet Secretary meets the deputy head of mission next week from the Embassy of Israel.

ISSUE

1. The Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) from the Israeli Embassy is visiting Scotland from [redacted-s.30b(i)] and has sought calls with Scottish Government ministers. Officials recommend that the Cabinet Secretary accepts the meeting.

PRIORITY:

2. Urgent – [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

BACKGROUND

3. The Israeli DCM, Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, will pay her first official visit to Scotland in the role next week. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

4. The Cabinet Secretary would usually accept meetings with visiting senior diplomats. Ms Ekstein's predecessor met Ms McKelvie in her previous role last year. We do not know Ms Ekstein's wider programme, but would expect it to include meetings with Scotland's Jewish community and some Festival engagement. [redacted – s.30(b)(ii)]

5. The Foreign Secretary recently visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, where he called for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages and for more humanitarian aid to enter Gaza. The UK Government has also dropped its objection to the ICC's case against Israel.

6. The First Minister has also agreed to meet the head of the Palestinian Mission in London when he next visits Scotland. Officials will liaise with the mission. The former First Minister met the head of mission last year.

SENSITIVITIES

7. The ongoing war in Gaza has led to widespread demonstrations across Scotland. The meeting would be an opportunity for the Cabinet Secretary to make clear Scotland's position on an immediate ceasefire, access for humanitarian aid, and the release of hostages.

8. The Scottish Government has been steadfast in confronting antisemitism and supporting our Jewish community, including the First Minister's strong speech at

the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's meeting in Glasgow last month.

9. The FCDO has no objections to the meeting and will offer some background briefing if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. In the interests of transparency and give likely media interest, we recommend a short press statement making clear that the Cabinet Secretary met the DCM at the Israeli Embassy's request, and stated Scotland's position on the war in Gaza. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

NEXT STEPS

11. If the Cabinet Secretary agrees to the meeting, we would be grateful if Private Office could indicate times we could offer to the Israeli Embassy.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted-s.29(1)(a)]

Email – Pre-meeting briefing

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: OFFSEN: Israel/Gaza/Region

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Ahead of tomorrow's meeting with the Israeli deputy, **[REDACTED s.32(1)(a)(iv)]**

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

I'd be happy to offer a fuller briefing verbally before tomorrow's meeting, if the Cabinet Secretary wanted.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Email thread between International Relations team and Israeli Embassy

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Email thread between International Relations team and Israeli Embassy

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Email – Conversation with Israeli Embassy on post-event communications

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Email thread with FCDO

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Appreciate that. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)] And yes please to the lines – I'm keen we're on the same page.

All the best,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

UK OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

We have discussed internally. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)] Our team lead is happy to discuss further with you and we can provide the latest briefing lines – would either be helpful?

Kind regards,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]| [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]| Strategy Directorate
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@FCDO.gov.uk

UK OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

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To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: Devolution Unit <Devolution.Unit@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

UK OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Morning [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Thanks for all your help on this. Can I just check in where we've got to? [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Would it be possible to offer a briefing on the visit? Would be good to keep our ministers in the loop.

All the best,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Cc: Devolution Unit <Devolution.Unit@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

UK OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for looping us in. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]
I'll speak to our relevant teams.

Kind regards,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]| [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]| Strategy Directorate
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Cc: Devolution Unit <Devolution.Unit@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Hope all's well. I'd be grateful for some rapid guidance.

See below for two requests from the Israeli Embassy in London. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

The second request is for the new Deputy Head of Mission to see the FM and Cabinet Secretaries. Ms McKelvie (then Europe/ID minister) saw the previous DHM,

Oren Marmorstein, last year. The last meeting took place before the Hamas attacks and Israel's response. We will like recommend a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary.

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)[

Happy to have a call if that helps.

All the best,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Email thread – 11:00 – 11:30 DHM Discussion

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Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 11:00 - 11:30 DHM Discussion

Jack – attached is background on the Israel meeting.

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From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Subject: 11:00 - 11:30 DHM Discussion

Good morning,

Jack will be standing in for Ewan at this morning's meeting. I'd be grateful if you could reply to this email with the appropriate papers for Jack to have to hand.

Many thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Private Secretary to the Special Adviser's Office
Scottish Government | **[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]** | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] | [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Email thread – SpAd Views please

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

Happy to discuss further.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

[redacted – s.30(b)(ii)]

All the best,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], SpAds,

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] will find a time for this in CabSec's diary – **[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]**, grateful for advice on who else needs to be invited from your end and how pressing getting an answer on this is.

Thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary
Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

On meeting the Deputy Head of Mission, they're relaxed. It's a normal diplomatic meeting. I'll ask them for all the latest lines in advance of any meeting.

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

All the best,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

From: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
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To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Spads have asked what the FCDO advice was on these matters?

Also copying spads in.

Many thanks

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Subject: RE: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]
Importance: High

SpAds – can I just give this a nudge please? Israeli Embassy are chasing me.

Regards,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:37 AM
To: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

The second request is for the new Deputy Head of Mission to see the FM
[out of scope]
Ms McKelvie saw the previous DHM, Oren Marmorstein, last year (attached). The context has of course changed. The last meeting took place before the Hamas attacks and Israel's response. I think this could probably be covered in a single meeting with Mr Robertson.

I have asked the FCDO for advice on both [redacted – s.30(b)(ii)]
[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

All the best

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] |[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ |Tel [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Email thread – comms post-event

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:31 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

Will issue now, thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)].

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Duty Comms

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:23 PM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: Re: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks - given the time, grateful if this can please be issued on spad clearance.

Thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Email Thread - Comms

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:56:08 PM

To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

Cab Sec / PO,

A follow-up from the National below, the Spectator has also asked for comment in response to the Greens' statement.

I'd be grateful for the Cab Sec's consideration of our proposed response (agreed with SpAds and officials) below by 18:30 tonight, if possible. We would intend for this to be used for any future queries on this meeting.

Thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[REDACTED s. 30(b)(i)]

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:01 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

PO,

Just to confirm that we've proactively issued the lines to media – it has also been posted on @ScotGovInter X account (link to first post of two post thread below).

Thanks,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Scottish Government International on X: "External Affairs Secretary @AngusRobertson met Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, Deputy Ambassador of @IsraelinUK last week. They discussed areas of mutual interest, including culture, and @scotgov's continued work with @PoliceScotland to tackle all hate crimes, including antisemitism." / X (twitter.com)

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The Scottish Government, St [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]'s House, Edinburgh
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From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:49 PM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Many thanks, Mr Robertson is content.

Best,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary
Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 12:03 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted -

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Subject: TO CLEAR: Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK meeting - Statement and tweet

Cab Sec / PO,

Following the Cab Sec's meeting with the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK, please see a proposed statement and tweet (agreed with SpAds and officials) for the Cab Sec's consideration.

[redacted – s.32(1)(a)]
Thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[REDACTED s. 30(b)(i)]

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Email from First Minister's Private Office Commissioning response to letter from Ross Greer MSP and Patrick Harvie MSP

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 2:17 PM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister

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Subject: FM Commission - Israeli DCM - Letter from Ross Greer MSP and Patrick Harvie MSP
Importance: High

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

The First Minister has received the attached correspondence from Ross Greer MSP and Patrick Harvie MSP – I'd be grateful if a response can be drafted urgently for the FM's signature please. Also grateful if a response could also be prepared to the second correspondence also attached.

To note we are now starting to receive wider correspondence on this issue which will be added to the MiCase system – [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] are you are best place to allocate to?

Grateful for confirmation this has been picked up please?

Many thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Office of the First Minister
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Email thread – Correspondence Campaign Post-Meeting

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 10:49 AM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Campaign

For info

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 10:48 AM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Campaign

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] CCU

Please be aware a campaign has just started today titled “No normalisation with genocide and apartheid”(example attached) relating to Mr Robertson’s meeting with Deputy Ambassador Ekstein.

[redacted-s.30b(i)]

Grateful if CCU can create a folder for FMPO to transfer the e-mails to please.

Thanks
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Email thread – Draft Statement

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 11:19 AM
To: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Draft statement - Israeli DCM visit

Jack – see updated comment below for consideration, plus a tweet.

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Thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

[REDACTED s. 30(b)(i)]
From: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 9:43 AM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Draft statement - Israeli DCM visit

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Do we have text for a suggested tweet/photo?

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From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 4:22 PM
To: Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Draft statement - Israeli DCM visit

Thanks Jack

[redacted - s.30(b)(i)]. [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] is writing it up. [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

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Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 2:19 PM
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I'll come back on the content of the comment shortly.

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Morning all,
Cc SpAds for info at this stage

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – I think you helpfully provided [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] with this starter statement on the Cab Sec's meeting with the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK today.

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Thanks,
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Can provide this one

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“As the First Minister made clear, the Scottish Government accepted a meeting request from the Israeli UK Deputy Ambassador on the basis it would provide an opportunity to convey our consistent and unwavering position on the need for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

“This position was made directly, and explicitly, by the Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs during the meeting.

“The Scottish Government remains committed to an immediate ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, an end to UK arms sales to Israel and will continue to press the UK Government to recognise a sovereign Palestinian state, as part of a two-state solution to secure lasting peace in the region.”

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Ok - are they asking a specific question? If it is a general why did he meet question, is it not the more general line we need to issue?

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Ross / SpAds / Mr Robertson's PO for info

Just had a call from BBC who are covering this issue on this morning's phone-in requesting 'latest lines' – so will reissue the line we used consistently yesterday for now.

Portfolio colleagues will pick up as necessary if the issue develops further into this morning and we need to adapt the line.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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Thanks – could it also go to [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

He contacted the party – have just spoken to him

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Thanks

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I'll do this just now
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Subject: RE: SpAd view: Media query (Telegraph) - AR Israel

Hi – could this line, with the background note, be issued to [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] at Daily Mail please

Thanks

Ross

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Subject: RE: SpAd view: Media query (Telegraph) - AR Israel

Hi

If it's the exact same query, then yes content to reissue the lines – although I think omit the background guidance

Thanks

Ross

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Subject: SpAd view: Media query (Telegraph) - AR Israel

Ross

Request from Telegraph for reissue of lines as cleared yesterday and carried by Sunday Mail
Content for us to reissue the following – in which case I will just make Cab Sec and FMPO aware?
Thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Lines issued

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The Deputy Ambassador originally requested meetings with several ministers, including the First Minister.

"It is not customary protocol for a First Minister to engage with diplomats at the level of Deputy Ambassador. The Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs represents all portfolios externally and sees diplomats as a core function of his role - as such, he undertook this meeting."

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From: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 10:57 AM
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Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW: Angus Robertson critical motion by Greens - National (Monday)

Hi

I've just mentioned this to the FM and he's content to reissue this line – [redacted-s.30b(i)]

Thanks

Ross

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Email - Media Enquiry: Angus Robertson/Brendan O'Hara letter - Holyrood

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:21 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>
Subject: For awareness: Media Enquiry: Angus Robertson/Brendan O'Hara letter - Holyrood

PO/ First Minister
PO/ Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

A number of outlets (Holyrood, The Scotsman, Daily Mail and The Herald) have asked for a comment in response to a letter from Brendan O'Hara MP to the Cab Sec – see full letter below.

We've discussed with SpAds and I understand the First Minister is content with the lines below. For completeness, officials have also advised that they are content.

We'll issue these lines shortly to media.

Thanks,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

LINE TO TAKE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"As the First Minister made clear earlier this week, the Scottish Government accepted a meeting request from the Israeli UK Deputy Ambassador on the basis it would provide an opportunity to convey our consistent and unwavering position on the need for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

"This position was made directly, and explicitly, by the Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs during the meeting.

“The Scottish Government remains committed to an immediate ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, an end to UK arms sales to Israel and will continue to press the UK Government to recognise a sovereign Palestinian state, as part of a two-state solution to secure lasting peace in the region.”

QUERY

As mentioned, I'm seeking comment about a letter sent to Mr Robertson by SNP MP Brendan O'Hara on 14 August about the meeting with Daniela Grudsky.

In the letter, Mr O'Hara states that he is "at a loss to understand why" the meeting took place, stating that Ms Grudsky "represents a government which is currently under investigation for genocide" and a prime minister "who is facing a potential arrest warrant for the most serious of crimes".

On discussions about future cooperation on technology, culture and renewable energy, he states that "no such discussions should be taking place with a government who is responsible for causing such unfathomable pain and suffering" and the "bewildering display of diplomacy" by the Scottish Government will "give credence" and "legitimacy" to the Israeli government.

Mr O'Hara further claims the meeting has "undone" the work by SNP MPs on the Gaza-Israel conflict and the actions of the UK Government.

I understand the Scottish Government has already commented on the meeting. However, would Mr Robertson now care to comment on the points made by Mr O'Hara?

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Email thread – Media on text message from senior SNP backbencher to FM

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: FW: Text message from senior SNP backbencher to FM

Hi all

Please see below for info

Thanks

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Email – Comment to media

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:13 AM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Subject: SG comment

Morning [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], see comment below thanks.

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> A Scottish Government spokesperson said:
>
> “The Scottish Government has been consistently clear that an immediate and sustained ceasefire by all sides is required, along with the immediate and unconditional release of hostages, to prevent further loss of innocent life and end the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. The Cabinet Secretary made this position directly and explicitly clear to the Deputy Ambassador of Israel.
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> "Agreeing to meet foreign diplomats visiting Scotland provides the opportunity to express the Scottish Government's position on international issues. The Scottish Government continues to support a two-state solution that includes the recognition of a sovereign Palestinian state and respects the human rights of everyone in the region.”

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Email – Communications release

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:33 PM
Subject: Israel Ambassador meeting - SG Comment

Hi

Understand you were in touch on the above today. Please see SG comment as follows:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The Scottish Government has been consistently clear that an immediate and sustained ceasefire by all sides is required, along with the immediate and unconditional release of hostages, to prevent further loss of innocent life and end the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. The Cabinet Secretary made this position directly and explicitly clear to the Deputy Ambassador of Israel.

"Agreeing to meet foreign diplomats visiting Scotland provides the opportunity to express the Scottish Government's position on international issues. The Scottish Government continues to support a two-state solution that includes the recognition of a sovereign Palestinian state and respects the human rights of everyone in the region.”

Thanks
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Email - comms

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 5:00 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: CLEAR AND REISSUE | Letter criticising Cab Sec - Mail on Sunday

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – as discussed, the Sunday Mail have now been in contact within the past five minutes with the same query, so will reissue the lines to both.

Many thanks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 4:59 PM
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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for sight of this. The First Minister is content with the proposed approach.

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Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 3:16 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
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FM/PO

CC: Cab Sec for External Affairs

We've fielded an enquiry from the Mail on Sunday asking for reactive comment to a story suggesting an MSP has been critical of a Cabinet Secretary about the recent meeting with Israel. In terms of media handling, we would suggest reissuing the lines that were sent to media yesterday in response to the Brendan O'Hara letter.

Grateful to learn if content that we reissue.

Kind regards

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LINE TO TAKE

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“This position was made directly, and explicitly, by the Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs during the meeting.

“The Scottish Government remains committed to an immediate ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, an end to UK arms sales to Israel and will continue to press the UK Government to recognise a sovereign Palestinian state, as part of a two-state solution to secure lasting peace in the region.”

QUERY

Please may I have a comment on a letter we have obtained.

- Christine Grahame MSP has said Angus Robertson as a Scottish Government minister was a ‘luxury’ but is now a ‘liability’.
- She has written to the First Minister calling on him to reconsider his support of Mr Robertson.
- In the letter, obtained by the MoS, she wrote that ‘quite apart from my own dismay at Angus Robertson’s meeting with an Israeli rep...I have been out and about on my Summer Surgery Tour.’ She said people ‘were shocked at this apparent endorsement by the SNP.’
- She added: ‘I note you have supported AR but will also know of resignations from members in the party.
- ‘I have long considered AR a luxury the Front Bench does not need. He is now, in my view, a liability.’

May I have a comment please.

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Emails – BBC

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 2:10 PM

To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Deputy Israeli Ambassador meeting

External: Think before clicking

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – FM has now tweeted a response on this from his personal account, in case you've not already seen: (3) John Swinney on X: "Last week the Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs met the Israeli UK Deputy Ambassador to express the Scottish Government's clear and unwavering position on the need for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. (1/4)" / X

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Email – Comms – The National

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Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 5:05 PM
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Thanks, [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]. Issuing now.

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

DFM is content to clear the lines.

Many thanks,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson na h-Eaconamaidh is Gàidhlig – Ceit Fhoirbeis BPA

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], PO
CC FMPO and PO CEAC for awareness

DC Thomson and The National have asked us to comment on the below PR from The Greens which calls on SG to "finally ban companies complicit in Israel's illegal occupation from receiving public money in Scotland", using the basis for this as a list of companies "linked to Israel" which is published by the UN.

We've agreed the following response with Officials and SpAds. Grateful for DFM's clearance, please.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The First Minister reiterated his support for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages and an end to UK arms being sent to Israel only this week.

"The Scottish Government has stressed repeatedly to Public Bodies that they should take the UN database into consideration, along with other evidence, when carrying out their normal due diligence in relation to individual companies. However the database is not suitable to be used on its own as the basis for decisions on whether to grant funding. As the UN itself sets out, the database is not intended to provide a legal characterisation of business' involvement in listed activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

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Email – Mr McKee Transcript

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Subject: RE: Transcript of Mr McKee with [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], BBC Scotland, 15 Aug

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]!

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Subject: Transcript of Mr McKee with [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], BBC Scotland, 15 Aug

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Here is a transcript of a section of Mr McKee's interview with [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], BBC Scotland this afternoon for your awareness.

Please let me know if you need anything else,

Thanks
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BBC Scotland interview: Minister for Public Finance, Ivan McKee

Interviewer: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
15 August 2024

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]:
And just finally, I mentioned this to the Cabinet Secretary, Angus Robertson met the Israeli Deputy Ambassador last week in St [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]'s House. Was that the correct thing to do, do you think?

Ivan McKee:
Well, there's no shortage of things to talk to the Israeli Government about. You could talk about the genocide charge that they are up against in the court of justice. We can talk about the arrest warrant that is out for the Deputy Ambassador's boss and others, Benjamin Netanyahu, in the International Criminal court. We talk about the thousands of Palestinians held illegally in detention in Israel being tortured and raped according to [inaudible] human rights organisations. We can talk about the slaughter that is happening in Gaza and talk about the need for an immediate ceasefire. They're using starvation as a tool as a policy within Gaza, there is no shortage of points we can land, very strongly, to make sure the Israeli Government absolutely understands where the Scottish Government stands on these matters and I believe that's what Angus Robertson did.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]:
Yeah. But were those points really landed do you think in your view because you obviously feel very strongly about this

Ivan McKee:
I wasn't at the meeting and so I'm not sure of the exact detail of what they talked about but certainly the Scottish Government's position, as the First Minister has made clear, is a ceasefire and a need for humanitarian aid on the actions of the Israeli Government continue to illegally expand settlements in the West Bank and making that a positive policy of doing so whilst this potential genocide is ongoing, those points are very clear from the Scottish Government's perspective and the First Minister reiterated our position on this yesterday.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]:
An important part of diplomacy is tone, was the Scottish Government's tone right here in its communication about the meeting or was it tone deaf?

Ivan McKee:
I've made my point about things that were important and things that we should communicate with Israeli Government.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]:
Okay. Thank you very much.

Email – IR to SpAds re Brendan O'Hara correspondence

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Correspondence from Brendan O'Hara MP (Case Ref: BO26299)
Importance: High

Spads,

Removing PO and copying in comms for awareness. Please find attached a draft response setting out the SG position for your consideration.

Thanks
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[redacted - s.30(b)(i)]

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]< [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], once the draft has been sent up to us we will send onto the Cab Sec for his awareness/clearance.

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Sharing with others for awareness. We can draft a response on the SG position and share with spads for comment. There is a media query in about the letter so we should handle it off micase.

Thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]< [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
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Subject: FW: Correspondence from Brendan O'Hara MP (Case Ref: BO26299)

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Please find attached a letter from Brendan O'Hara MP. We have also sent this to the Cab Sec to note.

Grateful if you could advice us wither a response is required, or if this should be put on the MiCase system?

Thanks,
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Sent: 16 August 2024 09:43
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Request for comment: Angus Robertson/Brendan O'Hara letter

Thanks[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]– could you share the full letter please, either .pdf attachment or copy/paste text?

Email – The Scotsman

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Subject: RE: The Scotsman

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

We are looking at this now.

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Subject: FW: The Scotsman

Hi folks

To see the below Mr Robertson has passed on – grateful if you are able to consider if not received separately.

Thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Email – Mail on Sunday

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 2:12 PM
To: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Subject: Israeli dep ambassador meeting

External Sender

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Re your query about the Cab Sec's meeting with the Israeli deputy ambassador – the FM has made a statement from his personal X/Twitter account, see: John Swinney on X: "Last week the Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs met the Israeli UK Deputy Ambassador to express the Scottish Government's clear and unwavering position on the need for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. (1/4)" / X

Thanks,
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Statement from Scottish Government

Scottish Government line on meeting with Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK

Please use the lines below if reporting on the Scottish Government meeting with Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Angus Robertson, met the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK, Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, on 8 August.

“They discussed areas of mutual interest, including culture, renewable energy, and engaging the country’s respective diasporas.

“Following the criminal and far-right acts we have seen in parts of England and Northern Ireland, the Cabinet Secretary emphasised the Scottish Government’s continued work with Police Scotland to protect Scotland’s faith communities and tackle all hate crimes, including antisemitism, head on.

“Mr Robertson reiterated the Scottish Government’s position in calling for an immediate ceasefire by all sides in Gaza, the unconditional release of all hostages and the opening of safe routes to allow more humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza."

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Thanks Jack, will do.

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I would direct to FM's tweets on personal account.

Officials – please see on X.

Thank you

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] has also just asked.

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Who from BBC has been in touch? Cheers

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Hi Jack – another follow-up from the BBC, let me know if good to re-issue.

Thanks,
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There's been some public criticism of the meeting on Twitter from Kevin Stewart. He's said it was a mistake and wrote: **"I hope Angus Robertson also demanded an immediate ceasefire, castigated the IDF for bombing hospitals & schools & told you that Israel should comply with all of the UN Resolutions that have been passed over decades."**

This was retweeted by Ivan McKee.

I notice James Dornan has also been critical.

Elena Whitham also retweeted the photo with a sad face.

I've also got the following from Emma Roddick MSP – **"I'm not comfortable. I'm waiting to hear more."**
"my heart just sank. I'm waiting for an explanation."

I also have one SNP MSP who's told me that they want to see Angus Robertson sacked from his government role and has called him an "absolute disgrace" for taking part in the meeting.

Keen to get any updated response you have and anything you want to add off record/on background.

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Good to issue. Thanks

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Morning Jack – just flagging P&J has also asked for our comment, given this tweet from Kevin Stewart MSP last night: Kevin Stewart SNP on X: "I hope @AngusRobertson also demanded an immediate ceasefire, castigated the IDF for bombing hospitals & schools & told you that Israel should comply with all of the UN Resolutions that have been passed over decades. https://t.co/ZC3ipLoyhO" / X

Thanks,
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Tweaks.

Content to go up to CabSec. Once cleared ok to use this further line for any enquiries but please flag.

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SpAds,

A follow-up from the National below, the Spectator has also asked for comment in response to the Greens' statement.

I've had a quick chat with [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] and would be grateful for any comments on proposed response further below – subject to SpAd/Cab Sec views we could then use this line for Spectator query and any other follow-ups on whether meeting should've gone ahead, SG position generally on Israel/Gaza etc.

Thanks,
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Cheers [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

I've also just read the online write up – if you haven't already spoken to the journalist could you check if they plan to run our comment in full rather than paraphrasing it.

Cheers

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Thanks Jack

Will do.

I will also make Cab Sec aware of the comments from the Green Party.

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Hi

Can we refer the journalist back to the line already issued which clearly outlines what was raised during the meeting.

Keen to keep the line which is substantial as is and keep in an SG space.

Adding Colin for awareness.

Thank you

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], SpAds,

We've had the below follow-up from the National. This followed a call earlier where we confirmed that the information was held at the request of the Israeli embassy. They have asked for a response as soon as possible.

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Grateful for your views.

Thanks,

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Follow-up
I am looking for comment in response to criticism of Angus Robertson's 'secret meeting' with an Israeli diplomat last week.

A readout from the meeting was circulated today, four days after the meeting took place and The National understands this was at the request of the Israeli embassy citing security concerns.

This is unusual; recent meetings between the Prime Minister and foreign leaders such as Volodymyr Zelenskyy have been trailed in advance to the press, with readouts coming within hours of the meeting taking place.

Scottish Greens MSP, Ross Greer has called on the SNP to apologise for "this underhand attempt to build closer ties with Israel".
He said: "The Israeli regime is committing genocide in Gaza. They cut off water and electricity, restricted the supply of everything from medicines to period products and have slaughtered tens of thousands of innocent people in a ten month campaign of relentless bombing.

"This is a shameless two-faced approach from the SNP. They publicly condemn Israel's war crimes whilst holding secret meetings with its representatives to discuss so-called 'mutual interests'. Angus Robertson wouldn't dream of meeting representatives of Syria's murderous Assad regime. Apartheid Israel should be no different.

"The Scottish Greens have repeatedly proposed ways the SNP could turn their strong words into action, using the powers of the Scottish Government to ch[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]ge Israel. For example, they could ban every business identified by the UN as complicit in the occupation of Palestine from receiving any public grants or contracts here in Scotland. I first made this suggestion months ago, but absolutely no action has been taken despite our repeated requests and those of the Palestinian community.

“The SNP can’t have it both ways. They should apologise for this underhand attempt to build closer ties with Israel at the very same time as it inflicts a horrific slaughter on the Palestinian people.”

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – we'll issue now.

Best,
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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

> “Scotland’s Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Angus Robertson, met the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK, Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, on 8 August.
>
> “They discussed areas of mutual interest, including culture, renewable energy, and engaging the countries’ respective diasporas.
>
> “Following the criminal and far-right acts we have seen in parts of England and Northern Ireland, the Cabinet Secretary emphasised the Scottish Government’s continued work with Police Scotland to protect Scotland’s faith communities and tackle all hate crimes, including antisemitism, head on.”
>
> “Mr Robertson reiterated the Scottish Government’s position in calling for an immediate ceasefire by all sides in Gaza, the unconditional release of all hostages and the opening of safe routes to allow more humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza.

That seems okay to me?

Regards,

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)].

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I’d like to get this issued as soon as we can.

Thanks,

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Removing PO.

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What time do we plan to post the tweet and issue the proactive statement on Monday?

Thanks

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Many thanks, Mr Robertson is content.

Best,
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Private Secretary
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Cab Sec / PO,

Following the Cab Sec's meeting with the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to the UK, please see a proposed statement and tweet (agreed with SpAds and officials) for the Cab Sec's consideration.

Note that for security reasons, the Israeli embassy has asked for all comms to be held until Mon 12 August, so we do not intend to post these until next week. There is however, a small chance that news of the Deputy Ambassador's presence in Scotland may leak in the meantime. For that reason, I'd be grateful if the Cab Sec

was able to clear by COP tonight, just so that duty colleagues have something if needed over the weekend.

Thanks,
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DRAFT STATEMENT

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DRAFT TWEET THREAD

1. External Affairs Secretary @AngusRobertson met Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, Deputy Ambassador of @IsraelinUK last week.

   They discussed areas of mutual interest, including culture, and @scotgov's continued work with @PoliceScotland to tackle all hate crimes, including antisemitism.

2. Mr Robertson reiterated @scotgov's call for an immediate ceasefire by all sides in Gaza, the unconditional release of all hostages and the opening of safe routes to allow more humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza.

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Another taker

Email thread – Jewish Chronicle story

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Mr Robertson has since come back to say he is content.

Thanks
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Grateful if this can please be issued on spad clearance

Thanks
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Subject: FOR CLEARANCE- SG relations with Israel - Jewish Chronicle

Good afternoon Cabinet Secretary/PO

The Jewish Chronicle is looking for a response to 3 questions following Cab Sec's statement yesterday.

I have liaised with Spads and policy colleagues and drafted a response to the questions.

Grateful for your view.

Kind regards

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1. **Are there any other governments whom the Scottish government has a similar policy towards?**

Yes. The Scottish Government has taken this approach previously where they have judged it necessary or appropriate. Ministers take such decisions on a case-by-case basis.

2. **What would have to take place to reverse the effective ban on meeting Israeli officials?**

As set out in the Cabinet Secretary's statement, this will remain our position until such time as real progress has been made towards peace, unimpeded access to humanitarian assistance is provided and Israel cooperates fully with its international obligations on the investigation of genocide and war crimes.

3. **Is it the Scottish Government's position that there is a genocide taking place in Gaza?**

It is for the international courts considering the Genocide Convention to investigate and determine the charge of genocide. As a government committed to the international rule of law, we support any investigation into alleged crimes against humanity and genocide. The International Court of Justice has insisted that Israel take all steps to prevent the allegations of the crime of genocide, and ordered Israel to ensure access so this crime can be investigated by relevant UN bodies.

QUERY

I've just got a couple of questions regarding Angus Robertson's statement yesterday.
https://www.gov.scot/news/meeting-with-israeli-diplomat/

1. He says "it would not be appropriate to accept any invitation for a further meeting" with Israeli officials. Are there any other governments whom the Scottish government has a similar policy towards?
2. What would have to take place to reverse the effective ban on meeting Israeli officials?
3. Is it the Scottish Government's position that there is a genocide taking place in Gaza?

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Email – Top Lines

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Subject: Israel Top Lines

Hi folks

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] from Mr Allan's PO has asked for the latest top lines/brief on Israel/Gaza and the recent meeting held – are you able to pass on core brief, comms lines and any other helpful materials please? He will be able to advise further if anything in particular is required.

Thanks
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Email – Response to Letter from Ross Greer MSP and Patrick Harvie MSP

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Email – Sunday Mail

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Subject: RE: TO CLEAR PLS | Additional background briefing info in response to Sunday Mail follow-up Questions on Israel meeting

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)],other colleagues,

Thanks – the FM has cleared the additional response.

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Importance: High

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With apologies there is a further query from the *Sunday Mail* on this issue; after providing them with the comment cleared by the FM they have come back with the following two-part question:

Did Mr Robertson go to the meeting on the request of the FM, and was there any contact between the FM and Israeli Dep Ambassador?

While we could respond by saying we have nothing to add, and rest on our previous comment, I've discussed with policy colleague John Primrose and Spad Ross and we feel that, given on-going interest and requests for information, there is merit in clarifying where possible. The draft also draws from First Minister's Twitter thread from earlier in the week.

With thanks, I would be grateful if the First Minister could please consider the following draft response, and indicate if he is content, or otherwise, for Comms to respond to the Sunday Mail as proposed.

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Please use our previous comment provided earlier; the following is for your guidance only:

- As previously stated, it is not customary protocol for a First Minister to engage with diplomats at the level of Deputy Ambassador and as such the External Affairs Secretary undertook this meeting.
- The First Minister indicated earlier this week that he was aware Mr Robertson was going to meet the Deputy Ambassador, adding that he had thought it

necessary to outline the Scottish Government's long-standing position on an immediate ceasefire directly to one of Israel's representatives in the UK.

- There was not any contact between the FM and Israeli Dep Ambassador.

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Subject: RE: TO CLEAR | Lines in response to Sunday Mail enquiry about Israel meeting

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The First Minister is content with the proposed response.

Thanks,

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CC: Cab Sec External Affairs/PO

Please see below proposed draft lines, as agreed with officials and SpAds, in response to a media enquiry from the Sunday Mail about the meeting with Israel.

Grateful to learn if FM is content with us to issue these lines.

Many thanks

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Proposed draft lines

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The Deputy Ambassador originally requested meetings with several ministers, including the First Minister.

"It is not customary protocol for a First Minister to engage with diplomats at the level of Deputy Ambassador. The Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs represents all portfolios externally and sees diplomats as a core function of his role - as such, he undertook this meeting."

Enquiry

I have been told the original request from the Israelis was for a meeting with the First Minister John Swinney. Can you tell me whether there was any contact between the FM and the Israeli deputy ambassador or any other representatives from Isreal. Can you also tell me if it was the FM's decision to pass the meeting request on to Angus Robertson.

can you tell me whether the decision to accept the request for a meeting with the Israeli representative was taken by John Swinney.

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Subject: FW: (Case Ref: KB3416) Keith Brown MSP correspondence

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To see attached from Keith Brown MSP - grateful if a draft response can be prepared for the FM to consider please?

Many thanks,
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To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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To confirm – regardless of platform used the interview should be off camera and not visually recorded. Cheers

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 6:52 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].[redacted -

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] is on call for SG comms and will be able to flag any major issues overnight. He will send over a running issues note in the morning too.

Can I confirm if Cab Sec would prefer to do the interview via Zoom or if he'd be happy to do it via Facetime. We can share his number with BBC if he is comfortable with that.

[out of scope]

Thanks,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 6:33 PM
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Mr Robertson is content to undertake this bid – can you confirm if anyone from comms will be online tomorrow morning to support or provide a direct phone number to BBC contact in the event of IT issues?

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

Thanks
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From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 6:23 PM
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PO/ Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

Thanks,

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Email – Pre-meeting discussion

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: [redacted – s.32(1)(a)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], could we get a call in with CabSec, [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] and John Primrose in on this as soon as possible please? Copy in SpAds Admin as well in case a SpAd wants to join. 15 mins should be fine.

Proposed visit is 7-9 August and I'm not comfortable us agreeing CabSec will do this until he has categorically said he will. [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] email below is a help but doesn't answer CabSec's questions on this.

Thanks,
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary
Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

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Email – Pre-meeting briefing

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 2:07 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
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Subject: OFFSEN: Israel/Gaza/Region

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Ahead of tomorrow's meeting with the Israeli deputy, **[REDACTED s.32(1)(a)(iv)]**

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

I'd be happy to offer a fuller briefing verbally before tomorrow's meeting, if the Cabinet Secretary wanted.

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Email – Fire Brigades Union

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 6:05 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b)], have issued.

From: [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
Grateful if this can please be issued on SpAd clearance given the time.
Many thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

From: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 4:15 PM
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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)], thanks
Just for wider context on this to explain this position.

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

Please see the news release at foot from the FBU which states Mr Robertson did not raise the issue of humanitarian aid donated by Scottish firefighters being held at an Israeli port with the Deputy Ambassador. The Telegraph has asked for a response.

Our suggested line is below, agreed with John Primrose and spads, I would be grateful for the Cabinet Secretary's comments/clearance please.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

Thanks
[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]