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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 23 August 2024 15:01

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: SFC August publications - Pre-release distribution list for Monday

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Yes, I think you can remove FM and DFM.

Kind regards
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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:29 PM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: SFC August publications - Pre-release distribution list for Monday

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

I've checked pre-release emails we've sent for previous publications and noted that we don't usually send to First Minister.

Would you be able to confirm which Cabinet Secretaries will be expecting to receive the pre-release versions of our publications on Monday?

Best,

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 1:50 PM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: SFC August publications - Pre-release distribution list for Monday

Thanks REDACTED – s38(1)(b), will get our table amended.

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 11:08 AM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: SFC August publications - Pre-release distribution list for Monday

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Suggested updates highlighted below.

Kind regards

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 4:14 PM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: SFC August publications - Pre-release distribution list for Monday

Good afternoon,

I will be sending pre-release versions of our upcoming Fiscal Update, Forecast Evaluation Report and Statement of Data Needs on Monday morning to the distribution list below. Could you let me know **by 2pm tomorrow** if you wish to make any amendments?

Role	Name	email	Notes
SG Liaison team	REDACTED – s38(1)(b) Black A (Alasdair)	REDACTED – s38(1)(b)	
SG MTFS team	REDACTED – s38(1)(b)	REDACTED – s38(1)(b)	
First Minister	Swinney J (John)	FirstMinister@gov.scot	

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government	Robison S (Shona)	CabSecFLG@gov.scot	
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic	Forbes K (Kate)	DFMCSEG@gov.scot	
Minister for Public Finance	McKee I (Ivan)	MinisterPF@gov.scot	
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	Somerville SA (Shirley-Anne)	cabsecforsj@gov.scot	
Director General Economy	Irwin G (Gregor)	DGEconomy@gov.scot	
Director General Scottish Exchequer	Stafford A (Alyson)	DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot	
Director General Communities	Macdonald L (Louise)	DGCommunities@gov.scot	
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Chief Economist	Gillespie G (Gary)	Gary.Gillespie@gov.scot	
Director for Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development	Barugh J (Jennie)	jennie.barugh@gov.scot	
Director for Social Security	Kerr S (Stephen)	Stephen.Kerr@gov.scot	
Director for Tax	O'Carroll L (Lucy)	DirectorforTax@gov.scot	
Director for Public Spending	Cumming A (Alison)	directorofpublicspending@gov.scot	
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Kind regards,

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: 22 August 2024 14:04
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Thanks REDACTED – s38(1)(b). Also just copying in colleagues for awareness.

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:47 PM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Just for the record, copying in the text of the Teams message you sent me so I can add it to our eRDM:

REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Best,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)



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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:25 PM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Many thanks – confirming receipt of this.

Best,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:21 PM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

We have now also uploaded the fact check version of the Fiscal Update.

REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Please let me know if you need to clarify anything or have any other questions.

Thanks

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 12:53 PM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

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Will upload the Fiscal Update shortly and notify you.

Let me know if any questions

Thanks
REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:08 PM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - Request for formal fact-check - Summer SFC publications 2024 - please return comments by midday 22 August

Dear all,

The Scottish Fiscal Commission plans to publish its Fiscal Update, Forecast Evaluation Report and Statement of Data Needs on 27 August 2024.

We are now sharing these reports for formal fact-checking.

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Please return any comments by midday on Thursday 22 August. Please also let me know if there are any issues with accessing the files in the link above.

This material is being shared strictly for the purposes of commenting on the factual accuracy. It is classified as OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE until the time of publication and must not be shared beyond those requiring access for the purposes of fact-checking.

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Best,

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My working pattern is typically Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm, but can vary. I will usually have started work by 10am, and will usually finish no earlier than 4pm.

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 12 August 2024 09:57

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - SFC Fiscal Update - Scottish Government informal fact-check - 2 August 2024

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Many thanks for providing the comments.

Yes – this Friday we will be sharing formal fact-check versions of all three publications (Fiscal Update, Forecast Evaluation Report and Statement of Data Needs) for you to coordinate the formal fact-check. In our timetable the deadline for the return of comments is Thursday 22 August. We'll confirm details when we share the documents.

Please get in touch if there's anything else.

Best wishes,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 9:45 AM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - SFC Fiscal Update - Scottish Government informal fact-check - 2 August 2024

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Thanks for sending this over. As REDACTED – s38(1)(b) advised last week, we have circulated for comments and now send a link to a marked up version with comments: REDACTED – s30(c) and 30(b)(ii)

I understand that you will be sending the next version for formal fact-checking on Friday. Could you also confirm if we will see drafts of the Statement of Data Need and Forecast Evaluation Report at the same time? I'm expecting that we will disseminate and coordinate the return – but grateful if you could clarify the process for us as this is the first time we are doing this.

Please let me know if any issues (hopefully I have shared the attached correctly) or would like to discuss.

Thanks

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 2:02 PM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: Official Sensitive - SFC Fiscal Update - Scottish Government informal fact-check - 2 August 2024

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

In advance of the Director Call next week, here's a link to draft chapters from our Fiscal Update publication: REDACTED – s17 Information not held

A few things to note:

1. We are sharing the document for two purposes:
 - a. For the Scottish Government to comment on the factual accuracy.
 - b. To aid preparation for the meeting on Wednesday 7th August between the SFC and Scottish Government Directors.

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Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. I'm on leave next week but others on the copy list will be able to assist.

Best wishes,

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 30 May 2024 13:17

To: John Ireland

Cc: Matthew Elsby; Lorraine King; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: Follow up to call at 9:00 - draft scope of pre-budget briefing paper

Thanks John. This is really useful, and thanks for the explanation on dates. Its very helpful to see what you'd consider producing in the absence of a full MTFS.

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Just adding REDACTED – s38(1)(b) here too.

Thanks

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From: John Ireland <john.ireland@fiscalcommission.scot>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:23 AM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: Matthew Elsby <Matthew.Elsby@gov.scot>; Lorraine King <Lorraine.King@gov.scot>;

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: Follow up to call at 9:00 - draft scope of pre-budget briefing paper

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REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Just to note I'm off this Friday, next Monday and Tuesday – there's at least one of us around on these days though.

Regards

John

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Working pattern: Monday through Thursday

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: 23 August 2024 09:54
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: Fiscal update - reconciliation

Thanks REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 9:18 AM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: RE: Fiscal update - reconciliation

Hi REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Thanks for the update. REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Best,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 4:48 PM
To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: Fiscal update - reconciliation

Hi all,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Thanks,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 26 August 2024 12:07

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: Fiscal update - REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Thanks for letting us know REDACTED – s38(1)(b). We'll have more of a think and can pick that up at one of our regular catch ups.

Cheers,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 9:51 AM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: Fiscal update - REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Hi Jim,

We spoke last week but just to say thanks again for getting back to us on this topic.

REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

As discussed last week we're happy to keep a dialogue open on this area going forwards.

Kind regards,



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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 11:55 AM

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: Fiscal update - REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Hi all,

REDACTED 30(b)(ii)

Cheers,

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 02 August 2024 12:16

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - SFC Fiscal Update ** Economy **
[informal sharing]

OCEA colleagues,

I've now uploaded the Economy chapter of the Fiscal Update as well, mainly covering RTI earnings data and productivity stats.

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Any comments over the next week would be great.

Many thanks,
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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Sent: 26 August 2024 09:30
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government; Minister for Public Finance; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024
Cc: DG Economy; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; DG Communities; Gary Gillespie; Jennie Barugh; Stephen Kerr; Director for Tax; Director of Public Spending; REDACTED – s38(1)(b) John Ireland; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)
Subject: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - SFC Reports - Fiscal Update / Forecast Evaluation Report - Pre-release versions
Attachments: Fiscal Update 2024 - Pre-release version shared with SG - 26-08-24.pdf; Forecast Evaluation Report 2024 - Pre-release version shared with SG - 26-08-24.pdf

Dear Cabinet Secretaries,

As per the protocol between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Fiscal Commission, please find attached the pre-release versions of the Scottish Fiscal Commission's reports, "Fiscal Update" and "Forecast Evaluation Report" to be published tomorrow, Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 9.30am.

The reports are **OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE** until time of publication. The reports must be protected at all times and must not be shared outside of this copy list.

Kind regards,

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From: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Sent: 02 August 2024 14:02

To: REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Cc: John Ireland; REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

REDACTED – s38(1)(b)

Subject: Official Sensitive - SFC Fiscal Update - Scottish Government informal fact-check - 2 August 2024

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