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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Minister for Housing
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Central Correspondence Unit <CentralCorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Arrange an appointment for visit or meeting

For diary please.

Thanks
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@homelessprojectsotland.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Minister for Housing <ministerhousing@gov.scot>
Subject: Arrange an appointment for visit or meeting

Hello,

I am getting intouch to Arange and appointment to meet with the houseing minister to discuss our service and how the government could help and support us.

Can you let me know when would be a suitable date and time to meet please.

Many thanks

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

Chairman & Co Founder

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Web: www.homelessprojectsotland.org
OSCR Charity Number| SC050207

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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:29 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Enquiry regarding invitation from Homeless Project Scotland - social media posts

Good morning PO,

[redacted]/Homeless Project Scotland have posted on several social media channels stating that the First Minister has not responded to their invitation to visit the charity. Officials are unaware of an invitation having been extended to the First Minister and could not find anything on MiCase to reflect that an invitation has been received. I wondered if FMPO were aware of any direct correspondence from Mr [redacted] to the First Minister.

The Minister for Housing has accepted an invitation to meet with Homeless Project Scotland (MiCase 202400400692 refers) and his Private Office are exploring dates to accommodate that visit.

Thanks

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https://x.com/hp_scotland/status/1800260261971890355
https://x.com/hp_scotland/status/1800161192708845835
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/hgX4tgrNeDPXbfti/>
[\(29\) Homeless Project Scotland CEO | LinkedIn](#)

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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:57 AM
To: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]
@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Homeless Project Scotland

Hi [redacted]

We've got in touch with FMPO on this – we aren't aware of any invitation to the FM. We do deal with this organisation regularly and Mr McLennan visited their soup kitchen last year. There is an outstanding invitation from HPS to Mr McLennan – he accepted an invitation to meet but a date hasn't been put in diaries yet.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] | Directorate for Local Government and Housing | Scottish Government |
Mobile: [redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:47 AM
To: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]
@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Homeless Project Scotland

Hi [redacted]

[redacted] team has the most engagement with HPS. They can advise if any approach from [redacted]/HPS has been made to meet with the FM.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:41 AM
To: [redacted]< [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: Homeless Project Scotland

Saw the link to the post below and checked the Micase system and no record of any correspondence to the FM. Is this an organisation you deal with regularly?

[redacted]

[\(29\) Homeless Project Scotland CEO | LinkedIn](#)

[redacted]/ More Homes Division / Scottish Government / [redacted]

My working week is Monday – Thursday and on Fridays am only

I can be contacted via e-mail and also via phone on the number above.

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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 3:59 PM

To: Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: Homeless Project Scotland invitations

Hi Private Office

We have just received a diary case [MiCase - View Case 420273](#) re: an invitation from [redacted], Homeless Project Scotland to meet with the Minister at the Scottish Parliament last week.

There is an outstanding invitation from [redacted] that was received and responded to in February [MiCase - View Case 400692](#) - at this point a response was issued agreeing to a meeting with [redacted]. My understanding from recent conversations with [redacted] is that he has been trying to get a date in with the Minister but hasn't been receiving a response from yourselves – could you confirm if that is the case? It may be that he is using incorrect contact details. Rather than creating an additional diary case and response can we proceed with putting something in diaries off the back of the original invitation please?

[redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 3:07 PM

To: [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Policy views - media bid - homelessness and night shelters - Channel 5 News

Hi [redacted]

As the journalist noted in her email – Mr McLennan did engage with Homeless Project Scotland (HPS) and Channel 5 via twitter on 8th August to say he would be “happy to chat”.

HPS operate a night shelter and soup kitchen in Glasgow city centre and they regularly use social media to criticise local and national government. Most recent activity by HPS states that Glasgow City Council are regularly not providing temporary accommodation to people who are homeless in the city and are therefore not meeting their legal duties. HPS state that they as a charity are therefore required to support people and provide accommodation to prevent rough sleeping but receive no funding from local or national government to do so. They are calling on Scottish Government to do more to prevent homelessness and provide support in the city. It is likely that ‘a night in the life’ will focus on this issue and is likely to be very critical of SG so it might be advisable for Mr McLennan to be able to respond to these criticisms however it is likely to be challenging as presumably we will not know the content of the recording in advance. The key points will be that SG remain committed to reducing rough sleeping, seeing no increase in night shelter provision, reducing the number of people in temporary accommodation and responding to the housing crisis. Do we know if Glasgow Council representatives have been invited to speak?

Also to be aware – there is an outstanding invitation to Mr McLennan from HPS to meet with them to discuss these pressures. An acceptance was issued from Mr McLennan in February but a meeting has not since been scheduled.

Due to the level of sensitivity on this one I am also cc’ing DDs.

Thanks

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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: BID – homelessness and night shelters – Channel 5 News

Hi [redacted]

[redacted] from Homeless Project Scotland has said he has been in touch with PO a number of times following the acceptance being issue to try to then organise the meeting but received no response – I haven't had sight of these emails so not sure if/when they were received. It has been a while since the Minister accepted the invitation – is it possible to check with him as to whether he is still content to go ahead and arrange a discussion before I get back in touch with HPS? It would be beneficial to do this ahead of the interview on Friday if possible.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Housing
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:08 AM
To: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Housing
<MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: BID – homelessness and night shelters – Channel 5 News

Hi [redacted]

The response to HPS was issued on the 27th February and I cant see any further communication with the stakeholder however, we only keep emails for 3 months.

We would be able to hold time to schedule the meeting if that is helpful at?

Please do let me know if there is anything further.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: BID – homelessness and night shelters – Channel 5 News

Hi PO

We will pick up this briefing request.

Can I ask for an update on the outstanding invitation from HPS to the Minister back in February to meet to discuss pressures, please? The invitation was accepted but no meeting was scheduled. I understand the Minister has engaged with [redacted], HPS via social media about this invitation and the Minister said he would follow it up but not sure if that is the case. I also followed up on it a couple of times with yourselves, as recently as June – but I don't think I was provided with a steer. It may come up on Friday so would be helpful to understand the current position.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Good morning,

Please add to MiCase for DR.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@homelessprojectscotland.org>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 3:48 AM

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Invitation to visit Homeless Project Scotland Night Shelter

**First Minister
Scottish Government**

St Andrew's House

Regent Road

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EH1 3DG

Dear Mr. Swinney,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to extend an invitation to you on behalf of Homeless Project Scotland to visit our night shelter in Glasgow. As Scotland's only dedicated shelter providing emergency overnight accommodation to the homeless, our facility plays a crucial role in supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Given the recent exclusive report by Channel 5 News, which aired on 29th August 2024, highlighting serious concerns about Glasgow City Council's failure to fulfill its legal obligations to provide temporary accommodation to those in need, I believe it is imperative for you to witness first-hand the challenges we face and the vital work we are doing.

Our night shelter is more than just a place to sleep—it is a lifeline for individuals who have been let down by the system. We offer not only a safe space but also warmth, nourishment, and support to those who have nowhere else to turn. The report by Alan Jenkins underscores

the pressing need for governmental intervention and support, and we believe that your visit would send a powerful message of solidarity and commitment to addressing this crisis.

We would be honored to host you at our facility and provide you with the opportunity to engage with our Volunteers, and the individuals we serve. Your visit would not only raise awareness but also help in driving the necessary changes to ensure that every person in Scotland has access to the basic human right of shelter.

Please let us know a suitable date and time for your visit, and we will make the necessary arrangements. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you and discussing how we can work together to improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness in Scotland.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We await your positive response.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

Chairperson

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From: [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 10:26 AM
To: Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Correspondence February 2024

Private Office

We discussed last week that responses from HPS had not previously reached the Minister's inbox so I am sharing this to ensure you have received it.

I would be grateful if this is not actioned until we can provide an update to the Minister following his meeting with Glasgow Council this week and media reports relating to Glasgow's frontline response yesterday. I am on leave today so this will follow early next week.

Thanks

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[redacted] | Directorate for Local Government and Housing | Scottish Government |
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From: [redacted]< [redacted]@homelessprojectscotland.org>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 3:54 AM
To: Minister for Housing <MinisterHousing@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted]< [redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Correspondence February 2024

Hello Housing Minister,

I hope this email finds you well, I am writing to follow up from your correspondence i received february 2024, Committing you would be happy to arrange a meeting with myself i would be delight for a date and time Myself and my team can come and meet with yourself at your office.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

I have attached the letter received for you for your records.

Yours Sincerely

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