

3. Could you supply all documentation held by the Scottish Government about the cancellation of John Swinney's trip to Malawi and Zambia in August, including correspondence, internal included, briefings, minutes/notes from meetings, policy notes?

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1. Notification to Comic Relief and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 3:05 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>

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

**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE: Communications on Comic Relief Levelling the Field 2 - Upcoming Visit to Zambia and Malawi

Hi [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Many thanks for the update and I'm sorry to hear that the First Minister's visit has been cancelled. That must be disappointing as no doubt you and your team will have put considerable time, resource and energy into planning and logistics over the past few weeks.

Do let us know how your plans progress and we'll do our best to support.

Best wishes,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:56 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@comicrelief.com>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; John.Primrose@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE: Communications on Comic Relief Levelling the Field 2 - Upcoming Visit to Zambia and Malawi

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and colleagues,

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **Comic Relief and the planned comms around our joint Levelling the Field**, we'll want to reassess with our comms team how we still showcase this partnership and its results properly in absence of an FM visit at this time. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to for work done so far in advance of the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in terms of comms work.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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International Division

2. Notification to Scotland Malawi Partnership and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland-malawipartnership.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 12:05 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]  
**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@intdevalliance.scot  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE - FM - Monday 12th Reception - SMP

Hi [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Really sorry for everyone in Malawi and in your team who have worked hard to put a great programme together. Hopefully this can be rekindled at a later date.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in phoning to let me know ahead of weekend work.

**[out of scope]**

Best wishes,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 9:19 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info] @scotland-malawipartnership.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] -edinburgh.com  
**Cc:** John.Primrose@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info] @intdevalliance.scot  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE - FM - Monday 12th Reception - SMP  
**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

We spoke on the phone earlier, and thanks for your understanding. This is just to confirm now officially in writing:

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **SMP** this means of course that:

- FM is keen nonetheless to attend the Monday evening Reception hosted by SMP and the Lord Provost at the City Chambers – so there will be no change there, other than that there will be no announcement of a Malawi visit during his opening remarks
- **[out of scope]**

In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you and your team have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend, to confirm FM attendance nevertheless for Monday evening, but also so that no further work is done by yourselves ahead of the visit in terms of the planned comms work.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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International Division

3. Notification to Malawi Scotland Partnership and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info] @malawiscotlandpartnership.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 11:13 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info] @mra.mw>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] @scotland-malawipartnership.org; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: OP-ED Opportunity - MASP

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],  
Many thanks for your email.

This is indeed sad news as we were looking forward and keen to meet the First Minister.

We will proceed to let all parties involved who we had invited and made plans with of the changes [out of scope]

Regards,  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot [mailto:[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 10:13 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] @malawiscotlandpartnership.org; [redacted s.38 - personal info] @gmail.com  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] @scotland-malawipartnership.org; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; John.Primrose@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: OP-ED Opportunity - MASP

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info],

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **MASP** this means of course that **the planned meeting with the MaSP Board and the civil society event which you were planning for Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** will now not involve FM. We will also not proceed with the OpEd.

In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

4. Notification to Red Cross and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@redcross.org.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 10:41 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@redcross.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: MALAWI - Blantyre visit - RED CROSS

Hi [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for this update. We are obviously disappointed the visit by the First Minister will no longer happen, however we understand that critical governmental business can come up.

[out of scope]

Regards,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Date:** Friday, 9 August 2024 at 22:22  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@redcross.org.uk>, [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@redcross.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>, John.Primrose@gov.scot <John.Primrose@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: MALAWI - Blantyre visit - RED CROSS

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm still in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **Red Cross and IFRC** this means of course that **the planned visit to the DDOMA Centre** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you and your IFRC colleagues for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work. And so that you can notify the IFRC and DDOMA team with as much notice as possible.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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## 5. Notification to SCIAF and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:03 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@trocaire.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Jemima Gordon-duff <Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: EXTERNAL: RE: SCIAF and Malawi visit - SCIAF

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Last night, the First Minister spoke at a Scotland Malawi Partnership reception here in Edinburgh and explained in person – now publicly - that he would no longer be going on the planned visit and the reason for having taken the difficult decision to cancel the visit at this time. What FM has explained is as follows:

The First Minister is in regular contact with Police Scotland and has been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister feels this is not the right time to be out of the country.

**[out of scope]**

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International Division

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 9:54 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@trocaire.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Jemima Gordon-duff <Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: EXTERNAL: RE: SCIAF and Malawi visit - SCIAF

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

Many thanks for updating us so promptly on the FM's change of plans. Its is a real shame that he won't be able to visit both countries and SCIAF's projects, but we understand that his activities are never certain until the last minute. **[out of scope]**

With best wishes

[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
Programme Manager  
SCIAF

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 9:05 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@trocaire.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@sciaf.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; John.Primrose@gov.scot; Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot; Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: EXTERNAL: RE: SCIAF and Malawi visit - SCIAF  
**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]and colleauges,

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **SCIAF** this means of course that **the planned visit to the Traditional Authority, Mwambo, Zomba district** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work. And so that you can notify the TA with as much notice as possible.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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International Division

6. Notification to UNZA and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:52 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk; vc@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; pa.vc@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; vc@unza.zm; dvc-research@unza.zm;

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**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Confidential - Scottish FM Visit to Zambia and Malawi - UNZA and KUHES

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for informing us about the cancellation of the First Minister's visit to Zambia and Malawi. We appreciate the advance notice and understand the need to halt any further preparations.

We hope to host the First Minister's visit in the near future. We remain committed to supporting our collaborative efforts and look forward to future engagements.

Kind regards,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

On Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 9:33 PM <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot> wrote:  
Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Lusaka, [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Glasgow

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **both UNZA and KUHES**, this means of course that the planned visit on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (UNZA) and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (KUHES) will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

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International Division

7. Notification to University of Glasgow and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 1:50 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info] < [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] < [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; vc@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; pa.vc@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info] < [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; vc@unza.zm; dvc-research@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Confidential - Scottish FM Visit to Zambia and Malawi - UNZA and KUHES

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

With many thanks for this update. Well noted and well understood.

[out of scope]

Yours

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

On 10 Aug 2024, at 08:39, [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw> wrote:

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Greetings from Malawi.

Thank you for the update on the FM visit. It's very understandable and we look forward to hosting them hopefully in the not so distant future.

Kind regards,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

On 9 Aug 2024, at 21:33, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Lusaka, [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Glasgow

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

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In terms of **both UNZA and KUHES**, this means of course that the planned visit on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (UNZA) and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (KUHES) will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
International Division

8. Notification to KUHeS and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 7:47 AM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>; Vice Chancellor <vc@kuhes.ac.mw>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw>; Personal Assistant Vice Chancellor <pa.vc@kuhes.ac.mw>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw>; vc@unza.zm; dvc-research@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@unza.zm; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Confidential - Scottish FM Visit to Zambia and Malawi - UNZA and KUHES

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Many thanks for your email and for notifying us about the cancellation of the visit. Although we were so excited about the honour to host the FM, this is understandable.

**[out of scope]**

Kind Regards and best wishes

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

On Fri, 9 Aug 2024, 21:33 , <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot> wrote:  
Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Lusaka, [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Glasgow

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.



In terms of **both UNZA and KUHES**, this means of course that the planned visit on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (UNZA) and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (KUHES) will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

9. Notification to QE Dental Team and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 9:00 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Confidential - Scottish FM Visit to Zambia and Malawi - UNZA and KUHES

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for letting us know. [out of scope]

[out of scope]

Best wishes,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

On 9 Aug 2024, at 20:33, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Lusaka, [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Glasgow

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **both UNZA and KUHES**, this means of course that the planned visit on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (UNZA) and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (KUHES) will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

[out of scope]

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

International Division

10. Notification to QE Hospital and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@doctors.org.uk <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@doctors.org.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:52 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@nhs.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@lstmed.ac.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kuhes.ac.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gmail.com; drkelvinmponda@gmail.com; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@glasgow.ac.uk

**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: Confidential - Scottish FM Visit to Malawi - Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Fri 23 August

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

That's a real shame but I guess that's the life of a politician.

[out of scope] [redacted s.38 - personal info]

On 2024-08-09 20:37, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and other QE colleauges,

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **QE, Blantyre**, this means of course that the planned visit to the hospital on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

[out of scope]

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

International Division

11. Notification to Ecorys and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@ecorys.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 9:02 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@ecorys.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: Introductions - Comms for upcoming visit - ECORYS - ROUNDTABLE

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for informing us about the cancellation of the FM's visit. We have noted the update, and we'll wait to hear from you regarding the next steps.

Kind regards,  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 9:03 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@ecorys.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@ecorys.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; John.Primrose@gov.scot  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: Introductions - Comms for upcoming visit - ECORYS - ROUNDTABLE

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned FM visit to Zambia has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of Ecorys, this means of course that the planned roundtable on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August will now not see FM attend – I know that a lot of work has been put into this by yourselves and FAWE. And in relaying this news to you today, I wanted to

also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done on, eg, comms at this time.

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

12. Notification to Church of Scotland and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 10:12 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: Proposed Moderator visit to Malawi

Many thanks for letting us know, [redacted s.38 - personal info].

Very sorry to hear that, but completely understand and appreciate you advising as soon as you were aware.

Take care,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2024 21:10  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@churchofscotland.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; John.Primrose@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: Proposed Moderator visit to Malawi  
**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **the Church of Scotland** this means of course that **the planned FM attendance at the CCAP Centenary Event alongside the Moderator** on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August will now not happen. In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**  
**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**  
**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**  
International Division

12.1 Further Response on Same Chain

**From:** **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**<**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@churchofscotland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 12:23 PM  
**To:** **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** <**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**<**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@churchofscotland.org.uk>; **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**<**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@churchofscotland.org.uk>  
**Cc:** **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** <**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@gov.scot>; **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** <**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** <**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** <**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: Proposed Moderator visit to Malawi

Dear **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**,

Thanks for your email. I am sorry to hear that the First Minister can't travel meantime but hope that he will get to Malawi and Zambia at some point. **[out of scope]**

Best wishes

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]** | The Church of Scotland

13. Notification to Police Scotland and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 4:30 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: Zambia Police Service Partner Profiles [OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

OFFICIAL

Hi [redacted s.38 - personal info]

All noted, we'll wait to hear from you on Monday. [redacted s.38 - personal info]

Speak Monday

Thanks

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:07 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>, [redacted s.38 - personal info]la <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk>  
**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: Zambia Police Service Partner Profiles [OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned FM visit to Zambia has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of Police Scotland, this means of course that the planned activity with yourselves on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August centred around the One Stop Centre will now not see FM attend – I know that a lot of work has been put into this by yourselves and your Zambian Police colleagues. And in relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.



**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done on, eg, comms at this time.

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

14. Notification to KidsOR

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 4:19 PM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@kidsor.org>;  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kidsor.org>;  
[redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@kidsor.org>  
**Cc:** John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen  
<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 -  
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personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: FM VISIT - IMPORTANT UPDATE - KIDSOR -

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Last night, the First Minister spoke at a Scotland Malawi Partnership reception here in Edinburgh and explained in person – now publicly - that he would no longer be going on the planned visit and the reason for having taken the difficult decision to cancel the visit at this time. What FM has explained is as follows:

The First Minister is in regular contact with Police Scotland and has been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister feels this is not the right time to be out of the country.

**[out of scope]**

Thanks

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
International Division

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 9:40 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@kidsor.org>  
**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@kidsor.org>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FM VISIT - IMPORTANT UPDATE - KIDSOR  
**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

I was hoping to speak to you in person first on the phone, rather than emailing cold, but think it's best to just get this message to you this evening now:

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **KIDSOR** this means that:

- FM is keen nonetheless to come to the **KIDSOR Dundee site on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August as planned** – so there will be no change there, other than that there will be no announcement of a Malawi visit under surrounding comms
- FM will then **not however visit the KIDSOR site at UTH, Lusaka.**

In relaying this disappointing news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you, [redacted s.38 - personal info] and the KIDSOR team have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

I'll be avail over the weekend, so if you want to call me, pls do.

With kind regards

[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
International Division

15. Notification to Link and Response

From: [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkeducation.org.uk>  
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 9:54 AM  
To: [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkeducation.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@chanceforchildhood.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sts-international.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@chanceforchildhood.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkedmalawi.org>  
Cc: [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE - FM VISIT TO MALAWI - LINK

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for letting us know and for copying in consortium partners so they were made aware in good time.

[out of scope]

Thanks [redacted s.38 - personal info],

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

From: [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 8:52 PM  
To: [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkeducation.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkeducation.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@chanceforchildhood.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@sts-international.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@chanceforchildhood.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@linkedmalawi.org>  
Cc: [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>  
Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE - FM VISIT TO MALAWI - LINK  
Importance: High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and colleagues,

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Malawi by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **LINK and the planned visit to Stella Maris school in Blantyre**, this means of course that the planned visit to the secondary school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

16. Notification to Oxfam

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:49 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@oxfam.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@oxfam.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@oxfam.org>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@oxfam.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@oxfam.org.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info] @oxfam.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: Comms plan for FM visit - OXFAM

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and colleagues,

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **Oxfam and the planned visit to Stella Maris school in Blantyre**, this means of course that the planned visit to the secondary school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit, including comms work.

With kind regards

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

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International Division

17. Notification to MUBAS and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@strath.ac.uk>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:19 AM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>;

[redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal info]@strath.ac.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>;

[redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>;

[redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John

Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted

s.38 - personal info]@strath.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted

s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38

- personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: SG MUBAS contacts for August - MUBAS

Great to see you on Monday and thank you for the update [redacted s.38 - personal info]

[out of scope]

Best wishes

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:41 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal

info]@strath.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]< [redacted s.38 - personal

info]@strath.ac.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>;

[redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>;

[redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John

Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE - RE: SG MUBAS contacts for August - MUBAS

**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info]

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **MUBAS, Blantyre**, this means of course that the planned visit to the university on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you

today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

With kind regards

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division



18. Notification to Matero Level 1 Hospital

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:15 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Namasiku Siyumbwa <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gmail.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.com>

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

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Note Verbale - Zambia Visit - Matero Level 1 Hospital

Dear Director [redacted s.38 - personal info],

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned visit to Zambia by Scotland's First Minister has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/ Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of **Matero Hospital and the PEN PLUS clinic**, this means of course that the planned visit on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August will now not see FM attend. In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done by yourselves in preparation for the visit.

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

International Division

19. Notification to Heriot Watt

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 8:11 PM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@firstafrica.com>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info], [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@hw.ac.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE: HERIOT WATT MBAs visit, Zambia

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] (sorry [redacted s.38 - personal info], this is the second such email you'll receive),

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned FM visit to Zambia has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi in terms of FM activity.

In terms of Heriot Watt and the Watt Club, this means of course that the planned visit to one of the MBA student businesses on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August will now not see FM attend – I know that a lot of work has been put into this by yourselves and the students. And [redacted s.38 - personal info], in relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to you for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that no further work is done on, eg, comms at this time.

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

International Division

20. Notification to Malawi MFA and Response

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 11:34 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@foreignaffairs.gov.mw>  
**Cc:** london@malawihighcommission.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@foreignaffairs.gov.mw; [redacted s.38 - personal info] [redacted s.38 - personal info] @malawihighcommission.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: FW: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024 - MALAWI GOVERNMENT

Many thanks [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Just to explain:

The First Minister is in regular contact with Police Scotland and has been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister feels this is not the right time to be out of the country.

[out of scope]

Best wishes,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
[redacted s.38 - personal info]  
International Division

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@foreignaffairs.gov.mw>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 9:39 AM  
**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: FW: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024 - MALAWI GOVERNMENT

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

This is noted with thanks

Rgds

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

On 2024-08-09 20:50, [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in London, and [redacted s.38 - personal info] and [redacted s.38 - personal info] in Lilongwe,

I wanted to let you all know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned FM visit to Zambia has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Malawi/Zambia in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Malawi and Zambia.

In terms of Malawian Government activity, this means of course that the planned bilateral between FM/HE President Chakwera will no longer take place on Saturday 24th August, nor FM attendance at the CCAP event in Lilongwe on Sunday 25th. We also want to tender our sincere thanks to HE Vice President Dr. Michael Bizwick Usi for the offer to come to Blantyre to welcome the First Minister on arrival in Malawi on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

In relaying this news to you today, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to everyone in the Malawian Government for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you all know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that you can advise State House in particular.

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

21. Exchange with BHC Zambia and Malawi

**[out of scope]**

OFFICIAL

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Saturday, 10 August 2024 4:53 pm

**To:** Sam Waldock <sam.waldock@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Fiona Ritchie <Fiona.Ritchie@fcdo.gov.uk>; John Primrose (Scot Gov) (External) <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Shona.Riach@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024

OFFICIAL

Hi Sam,

FM will write to both the Malawi and Zambian Governments to tender his apologies and thank them for all their support for the planned visit. I'll also respond to ZHC today.

What we will say, and for your use too in response to any queries, is that:

**STARTS**

The First Minister is in regular contact with Police Scotland and has been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister feels this is not the right time to be out of the country.

**ENDS**

Hope this helps, and thanks again to you both.

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

OFFICIAL

**From:** Sam Waldock <sam.waldock@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 8:39 AM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Fiona Ritchie <Fiona.Ritchie@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024

OFFICIAL

Hi [redacted s.38 - personal info]

Thanks for letting us know. What a shame – we were really looking forward to hosting you!

I've also let the Zambian High Commission and State House know this morning.

Could you let us know why the visit has been pulled and any reason you'd like to give the Zambian/ Malawian system (so we are consistent in our messaging)?

[redacted s.32(1)(a) – international relations]

Thanks

Sam

OFFICIAL

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, 9 August 2024 8:34 pm

**To:** Fiona Ritchie <Fiona.Ritchie@fcdo.gov.uk>; Olympia Wereko-Brobby <olympia.wereko-brobby@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; Sam Waldock <sam.waldock@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; John Primrose (Scot Gov) (External) <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] (Scottish Exec Office) (External) <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot;

Shona.Riach@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] (Scot Gov) (External) <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Shona.Riach@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]<[redacted s.38 - personal info]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August

2024

**Importance:** High

OFFICIAL

Dear Fiona/Olympia/[redacted s.38 - personal info] in Malawi, and Sam/[redacted s.38 - personal info] in Zambia,

I wanted to let you all know as soon as possible that unfortunately the FM visit has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Malawi/Zambia in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit, and will email the MHC and ZHC too as part of this. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in Malawi and Zambia. For you of course, conscious that the BHC Receptions had been planned for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> in Lusaka and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> in Lilongwe.

In relaying this news to you, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to everyone in the BHCs Zambia and Malawi for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it and I think it's set a great way of working ever more collaboratively in future. We'll look forward to meeting many of you in person soon.

Will be in touch again Monday.

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

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International Division

22. Exchange with Zambian Government High Commission

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 3:55 PM

**To:** High Commissioner <HC@zambiahc.org.uk>

**Cc:** Lubu Nxumalo <dhc@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@firstafrica.com; ZHCL <info@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Jemima Gordon-duff <Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024 - ZAMBIA

Many thanks Macenje,

Just to explain:

The First Minister is in regular contact with Police Scotland and has been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister feels this is not the right time to be out of the country.

**[out of scope]**

Best wishes,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

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[redacted s.38 - personal info]

International Division

**From:** High Commissioner <HC@zambiahc.org.uk>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 12:32 AM

**To:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>



**Cc:** Lubu Nxumalo <dhc@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@firstafrica.com; ZHCL <info@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Jemima Gordon-duff <Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024 - ZAMBIA

Good day [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thank you for the email. This is unfortunate news [out of scope]

Looking forward to hearing from you next week.

Regards

Macenje

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 7:43 PM

**To:** High Commissioner <HC@zambiahc.org.uk>; Lubu Nxumalo <dhc@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@yahoo.co.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@firstafrica.com

**Cc:** ZHCL <info@zambiahc.org.uk>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Jemima Gordon-duff <Jemima.Gordon-duff@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; [redacted s.38 - personal info]@scotland.police.uk; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** IMPORTANT UPDATE: RE: Scottish Government - Malawi/Zambia visit August 2024 - ZAMBIA

Dear Macenje and Lubu in London, and PS-Donor Ministry of Health **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**, Rosemary and **[redacted s.38 - personal info]** in Lusaka,

I wanted to let you all know as soon as possible that unfortunately the planned FM visit to Zambia has today been cancelled. **FM will not now be travelling to Zambia/Malawi in August as planned.**

I'm just in the process of notifying everyone involved in the visit. We'll be in touch more fully on Monday, but just immediately now standing down any ongoing logistics and other work on the visit in both Zambia and Malawi.

In terms of Zambian Government activity, this means of course that the planned bilateral between FM/HE President Hichilema will no longer take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, nor the PS Health/Education/Gender meeting that was in the planning for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also want to tender our sincere thanks to HE Minister for Education for the offer to take time out of annual leave on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with the First Minister.

In relaying this news to you, I wanted to also say a huge thanks to everyone in the Zambian Government for all the support you have given us to date in preparing for the visit – we have really appreciated it and I think it's set a great way of working ever more collaboratively in future.

**[out of scope]**

Will be in touch again Monday, but I wanted to let you all know this evening, ahead of the weekend so that you can advise State House in particular.

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

**[redacted s.38 - personal info]**

International Division

23. Exchange with FM Private Office on Cancellation

[out of scope]

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**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 12:43:27 PM  
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Thanks Leanne,

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John

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Hi all,

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Thanks,

Leanne

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Good morning **[redacted s.38 - personal info]**,

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Thanks,

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Thaks John,

I'll now let SMP know. **[redacted s.30(b)(ii) deliberation]**

Best

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**Subject:** RE: Urgent: FM Visit to Malawi and Zambia

John,

Thanks for letting us know, and for sharing FM's thanks to the Team for designing the programme for the visit, and all advice to date.

In terms of next urgent steps:

**[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

2. I will contact the Malawi and Zambia government tonight, as well as FCDO. I will also alert local partners. At this stage I will simply say that the visit will not now take place, to stand down any logistics underway, and that I'll be in touch further on Monday with more details. **[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

Thanks

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Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Urgent: FM Visit to Malawi and Zambia

**Importance:** High

**[redacted s.38 - personal info],**

The First Minister has decided that he can no longer continue with the planned visit to Malawi and Zambia. Given the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, the First Minister felt this was not the right time to be out of the country.

I would be grateful if you could immediately set the wheels in motion on rolling back visit arrangements. As you are aware, I reached out to the small group of domestic external stakeholders who were travelling with the First Minister on this visit. We will need to confirm to them immediately that the visit is off.

**[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

The First Minister understands fully that a huge amount of work has gone into putting together a hugely impressive and high impact programme, and thanks you and the team for that work. **[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

FM Comms – grateful if, in consultation with SpAds would could develop lines for deployment on this decision. Ross and I have discussed.

Very best wishes,

**John Webster**

Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister

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24. Email from First Minister on Cancellation

**From:** John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 10:55 AM

**To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: STEERING BRIEF FOR FM: RE: FM international engagement -  
ROUTINE: BRIEFING FOR MONDAY 29TH MEETING RE THE PROPOSED FM  
VISIT TO ZAMBIA AND MALAWI: AUGUST 2024

Noted. I am grateful for this material and have considered it carefully. Regrettably due to the need to handle current events, I have come to the conclusions that I cannot make the Malawi/Zambia trip as planned.

FM

25. Cancellation of Car Hire

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 10:49 AM

**To:** res@vrzam.com

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**Subject:** RE: Re:Re:[## 337813 ##] Quote for Car Hire- 18 - 22 August - Lusaka

[redacted s.38 - personal info],

I am very sorry to let you know but due to circumstances out of our control we have been forced to cancel our planned visit to Zambia and as such will no longer require this booking. Thank you for being so helpful and responsive. If we do in fact visit Zambia in the coming months, I will be sure to be back in touch with you.

Thanks again,

[redacted s.38 - personal info]

26. Travel Cancellations

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 11:18 AM

**To:** North Scot Gov <north.gov.scot@travelctm.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: CTM / 2599535 / URGENT - travel costs information

Thanks.

In addition to those, refunds for the Protea should also be applied for bookings made by my colleagues for:

22 Aug 2024 - 24 Aug 2024 2 nights:

- John Swinney
- [redacted s.38 - personal info]
- Ross Ingebrigsten
- [redacted s.38 - personal info]
- [redacted s.38 - personal info]

[out of scope]

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27. Travel Cancellations

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 10:58 AM  
**To:** North Scot Gov <north.gov.scot@travelctm.com>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 - personal info] <[redacted s.38 - personal info]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: CTM / 2599535 / URGENT - travel costs information

Morning [redacted s.38 - personal info],

Thanks for this. Just to explain, the Ministerial side of the visit has now been cancelled, so we are actively cancelling key elements.

Action pls today – if you can't do this, pls tell us immediately and we'll contact Expedia ourselves:

**PROTEA HOTEL, BLANTYRE**  
[redacted s.30(b)(ii) - deliberation]  
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**We'd want to cancel and get full refund for:**

- 3 pax for 2 nights on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August ([redacted s.38 - personal info], [redacted s.38 - personal info], [redacted s.38 - personal info])
- 6 pax for 2 nights on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 (John Swinney, [redacted s.38 - personal info], Ross Ingebrigsten, [redacted s.38 - personal info], [redacted s.38 - personal info], [redacted s.38 - personal info]).

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Thanks

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28. Exchange between FM Private Office and Officials to Provide Advice on Next Steps

**From:** [redacted s.38 - personal info]  
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**Subject:** [redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]

Morning all,

**[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

I've sent to FM's office our 3 page Steering Brief which sets the scene for how our programmes are evolving and the role that Scotland can play globally, and how this visit supports those aims.

Many thanks

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**Subject: RE: [redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

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**Subject:** [redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]

To confirm, just gathering in this info at the moment. [out of scope]

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**Subject:** [redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]  
**Importance:** High

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Thanks  
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29. Excerpts of Updated FM Briefing for Scotland Malawi Partnership Event

**“Agenda and Summary**

**[out of scope]**The First Minister’s intent to visit Malawi/ Zambia and to engage at this reception has had a markedly positive impact on stakeholder relations, albeit it is now going ahead around the decision by FM not to visit Malawi next week as planned.”

[...]

**[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

[...]

**“Q&A – if pressed**

***NB:*** Given the brief nature of FM’s engagement, officials do not anticipate an in-depth Q&A.

**[redacted s.30(b)(i) – provision of advice]**

[...]

**“Q- Why has the First Minister cancelled his visit to Malawi and Zambia?**

**A-** I am in regular contact with Police Scotland and have been working closely with faith and refugee community leaders to promote community cohesion across Scotland following the disorder which has taken place in other parts of the UK.

In light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, I feel this is not the right time to be out of the country.

**Q- Does the First Minister plan to visit Malawi in the future?**

**A-** I greatly value the strength of Scotland’s relationship with Malawi. It is a partnership rooted in history, but it is also inherently modern and forward looking. I will continue to explore the possibility of visiting Malawi in the future with the aim of further strengthening our innovative partnership with both government and civil society.

**Q- Does this mean that the Scottish Government will reduce funding for programming in Malawi and Zambia?**

**A-** My difficult decision to cancel the planned visit is not related to programming. Simply that in light of the range of complex and highly sensitive domestic issues converging at the moment, I feel this is not the right time to be out of the country. I however remain steadfast in my commitment to our partner countries. I want to reiterate my personal commitment to building on the proud history of the Scottish Government’s international development work by enhancing Scotland’s reputation as a good global citizen. This will continue to be a priority for Angus Robertson, and I am delighted that he will be able to speak to this tonight, in person.”

[...]

## **Speaking Note**

This is publicly available here: [First Minister pledges continued commitment to Malawi | Scotland Malawi Partnership \(scotland-malawipartnership.org\)](#)

30. Excerpts of Updated Cabinet Secretary Briefing for Scotland Malawi Partnership

<b>Why</b>	FM had intended to use this event to announce his visit to Malawi/Zambia, following that cancellation, the key objective of this engagement is to reassure stakeholders that SG's commitment to our partner countries remains unwavering, and that we will continue to support global citizenship in Scotland through our core funded bodies.
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