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**Document 1**

Communications  
Media Monitoring Unit  
This Morning's News  
Monday 26th August 2024

<b>GMS</b>	<b>Good Morning Britain</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
Israel exchange heavy fire in major escalation	FAI to begin into death of boy who fell down manhole	Assisted dying Bill to be debated on Parliament's return	North Lanarkshire step up action on Fly tipping	Israel, Hezbollah, exchange heavy fire in escalation
British man killed in missile strike in Ukraine	Glasgow teachers ballot over strike action	One million brain scans used to assess dementia risk	Israel exchange heavy fire in major escalation	Man surrenders and confesses to Germany stabbing
One million brain scans used to assess dementia risk	One million brain scans used to assess dementia risk	Edinburgh shows urge restoration of Arts funding	Two hospitalised as fire engulfs block of flats in east London	'Zombie' knife surrender begins ahead of ban
Assisted dying Bill to be debated on Parliament's return			Ministers to make decision on Bannockburn site	Woman, 32, critical after Notting Hill stabbing
Call to reinstate arts funding as festivals end				Two taken to hospital as fire engulfs block of flats
Rumours circulate that maybe Oasis are to reform				Hunt for body of soldier killed by IRA in 1977
				Australians get 'right to disconnect' after hours
				Fish and chips price rise tops UK takeaways
				Oasis to release secret Definitely Maybe recordings

**Document 2**

Communications  
 Media Monitoring Unit  
 This Morning's News  
 Tuesday 27th August 2024

<b>GMS</b>	<b>Good Morning Britain</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
PM to say make statement on UK finances	Calls to reverse mental health budget cuts	Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped	Oasis announce they are reuniting for a series of shows	PM to make statement on UK finances
Massive Russian strikes hit Ukraine for second day	Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped	Man who confessed to Post Office theft to protect mum cleared	PM to say make statement on UK finances	Massive Russian strikes hit Ukraine for second day
Inspections to be introduced at maternity wards	Antique biscuit tins go up for £10,000 auction	Inspections to be introduced at maternity wards	Mariah Carey's mother and sister die on the same day	Current and former Next shop workers win equal pay claim
Man who confessed to Post Office theft to protect mum cleared		Oasis announce they are reuniting for a series of shows	Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped	UK government to extend hardship fund for households
Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped				NHS 111 offers new mental health service
Current and former Next shop workers win equal pay claim				Surging seas are coming for us all, warns UN chief
Oasis announce they are reuniting for a series of shows				UK at risk of missing legal target to protect biodiversity
				Oasis announce they are reuniting for a series of shows

**Document 3**

Communications  
 Media Monitoring Unit  
 This Lunchtime's News  
 Tuesday 27th August 2024

<b>Radio Scotland</b>	<b>STV News</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
Budget will be painful, Starmer warns in speech	Budget will be painful, Starmer warns in speech	SNP choices contributing to financial pressure	Budget will be painful, Starmer warns in speech	Budget will be painful, Starmer warns in speech
SNP choices contributing to financial pressure	NHS waiting lists here have reached another record high	Inspections to be introduced at maternity wards	Fans react to 'massive' news of Oasis reunion tour	SNP choices contributing to financial pressure
Ukraine says it controls 100 Russian settlements	Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped	NHS waiting lists here have reached another record high	Man who assaulted teenage girl jailed for seven years	Current and former Next shop workers win equal pay claim
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Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped		Sir Andy Murray 'legacy' tennis centre plan scrapped		Tanni Grey-Thompson forced to 'crawl off' train
		Three-day search found cocaine in banana boxes		Shuker and Bywater to be ParalympicsGB flagbearers
				Fans react to 'massive' news of Oasis reunion tour

**Document 4**

Major Events Division  
28 August 2024

**First Minister  
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care**

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3. In addition to the events outlined above there also the large range of music events and outdoor concerts and festivals that take place across Scotland each summer. As an example the recent announcement of Oasis at Murrayfield will take place in early August next year.

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Document 5

Press cuts, 28 August 2024

The Times, page 17

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## Legal eagle v jailed convict

Another candidate has thrown his mortarboard into the ring in the race to become chancellor of Oxford. Dominic Grieve, below, a former attorney-general, has support from current academics on a pro-academic freedom platform, but he'll require better fortune than he had in student elections. He failed to get on to the Oxford Union's standing committee, and his presidency of the Conservative Association was secured by virtue of no one else standing. Grieve may struggle to stand out against other politicians in the race, and perhaps this is why he has said that he is "still scuba diving and mountain walking" at 68. It's hard to see Peter Mandelson or William Hague topping that, nor indeed Imran Khan, unless his prison has an exciting day-release scheme.

### NAPPY ENDING

His departure from Bute House means that the former Scottish first minister Humza Yousaf is better able to strike the work-life balance. He tells *All Talk* that his wife used to criticise him on this but he is now able to spend time with their baby. "Newborns are difficult," he said. "They want their own way, they don't settle and they're quite literally full of crap." He admits it's like he's still spending too much time with colleagues at Holyrood.

### CHAMPAGNE SUPERNAIVE

The reunion of Oasis will rob us of Noel and Liam Gallagher's potshots at each other, such as the time Noel recalled his brother coming round, opening the fridge and asking: "Why have you got a fork in a bottle of champagne?" Noel explained the widely held

(but unsubstantiated) belief that cutlery in the

neck helps champagne to stay fizzy, or as Noel put it: "It keeps it fresh." This proved to be a poor choice of words because, when Noel did a return visit to Liam's house, he found his brother had put a fork in a pint of milk.

On a similar subject Charlie Higson, creator of *The Fast Show*, recently asked his social media followers: "Does anyone know a reliable method of stopping a rum and coke from instantly going flat?" Readers will have their own techniques, but Eric Idle's method seems best. "Easy," the former Python replied. "Drink it." That's a fool-(40-per-cent)-proof solution.

### THATCHER'S THIRD WAY

Flirtation is a weapon in politics, as the documentary maker Michael Cockerell found when he followed Margaret Thatcher in the 1979 election. He tells *Times Radio* that he noticed her different personas on and off stage, and so asked her: "How many Mrs Thatchers are there?" She huskily replied: "Oh, three at least. There's the intellectual one, there's the intuitive one ... and then there's the one at home." A flustered Cockerell said her delivery was "coquettish", and it didn't go unnoticed. The BBC's Robin Day, watching this interview in studio, said off camera: "The untold story of the election: Margaret Thatcher is having an affair with Michael Cockerell."

One more for our copytakers series. The food critic Neil Maclean tells me that he would phone in copy from far-flung places, such as a Scottish hotel, and was amused to

once read the paper and discover that he'd written a rave review of a dish called "Summer Island prunes". He says "This must have confused the inhabitants of Achiltibuie — not to mention the prawn fishermen of Ullapool."

JACK BLACKBURN



**Document 6**

Communications  
 Media Monitoring Unit  
 This Lunchtime's News  
 Wednesday 28th August 2024

<b>Radio Scotland</b>	<b>STV News</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
Scotland's 'Tony Soprano' smuggled cocaine in bananas	Scotland's 'Tony Soprano' smuggled cocaine in bananas	Scotland's 'Tony Soprano' smuggled cocaine in bananas	Artists sign a letter calling for Scottish funding	Government looking at tougher outdoor smoking rules
UK government will not fight Rosebank oil field	UK government will not fight Rosebank oil field	UK government will not fight Rosebank oil field	Man found guilty of trying to kill prosecutor	Get rid of 5p fuel duty cut, RAC tells chancellor
New Shetland windfarm comes online	Artists sign a letter calling for Scottish funding	Dozens of storm-damaged houses could be demolished	Man due in court after woman in Erskine assaulted	United States national security adviser visits China
UN calls for halt to Israeli operation in the West Bank		New Shetland windfarm comes online	Oasis announces more dates for their reunion tour	UN calls for halt to Israeli operation in the West Bank
NHS staff mobile numbers revealed in data breach			Get rid of 5p fuel duty cut, RAC tells chancellor	Cruise passengers stranded in Belfast for months
Get rid of 5p fuel duty cut, RAC tells chancellor				ParalympicsGB hoping for medals on day one in Paris
				Food allergy diagnoses double in 10 years data shows
				Debate grows over Lucy Letby's convictions

**Document 7**

Media digest, 28 August 2024

The Scotsman 12 **Oasis fans face price inflation as concerts clash with Fringe**  
Oasis fans face having to fork out hundreds of pounds a night for a hotel room in Edinburgh when the reformed band stage their shows at Murrayfield next year - as thousands of people descend on the city for the festival at the same time. A huge scramble for accommodation as well as tickets has already begun as the two concerts will coincide with the second weekend of the Edinburgh International Festival, Fringe and Tattoo. Business leaders have admitted fans seeking overnight accommodation may have to stay outside the city, but also expect rooms to be snapped up well in advance on the back of the concert announcement.

Daily Record 2 **Oasis are back. And the hotel prices in Edinburgh have gone..**  
**supErsOnic** Fans hoping to see Oasis in Scotland face paying thousands for hotels amid the biggest scramble for tickets ever seen. Brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher confirmed yesterday at 8am that they had ended their 15-year feud to reunite for a string of concerts next year. The first shows by Oasis since 2009 are part of a UK and Ireland tour and include gigs at Murrayfield stadium in Edinburgh on August 8 and 9.

Daily Record 1 **SOME MIGHT STAY BUT IT WILL COSTA FORTUNE)** The cost of hotel rooms in Edinburgh went Supersonic as soon as Oasis revealed they will play Murrayfield next year. Fans now face paying anything from a grand for a "budget" hotel to about £5000 for somewhere posh to stay for both gigs. Patrick Harvie, co-leader of the Scottish Greens, said: "This kind of blatant profiteering is cynical and wrong."



## Document 8

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**Subject:** Running Issues note - 28 August 2024

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### The papers

**Daily Record** leads with accusations that next year's Oasis concerts at Murrayfield are already sparking 'blatant profiteering' over accommodation.

**The Scottish Sun** leads with the news on next year's Oasis concerts – 2 concerts will be played at Scottish Gas Murrayfield.

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## Document 9

Media Digest – Thursday 29th August 2024

The Herald 18 **Can Scotland cope with Oasis and the Fringe at the same time?**  
Ask Edinburgh businesses if the city centre being taken over by Swifties for a weekend in June was welcome and you can bet almost all will say yes - the star's Eras Tour is estimated to have been worth around £100 million to the Scottish economy alone. Yet at the same time, the capital is set to bring in a tourist tax from 2026, to help ameliorate some of the negative effects of tourism, while the city could also follow many across Europe in requiring licenses for Airbnb and other short-term rental properties which push up prices for locals.

**Document 10**

Communications  
 Media Monitoring Unit  
 This Lunchtime's News  
 Friday 30th August 2024

<b>Radio Scotland</b>	<b>STV News</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
Electrician who hid cameras in women's homes jailed	Report in Flamingo Land development published	Electrician who hid cameras in women's homes jailed	Homes evacuated after 'suspicious items' found	Israeli court orders end to general strike as thousands march
Trial hears about life changing drug smuggling plan	Arthur's Seat memorial for woman killed by husband	Trial hears about life changing drug smuggling plan	Worrying increase in use of nasal tanning spray	One-word Ofsted grades for schools to be scrapped
Israeli court orders end to general strike as thousands march	Man jailed for ten years for series of sexual assaults	Manhunt in Dundee after criminal escapes from court	Arthur's Seat memorial for woman killed by husband	Tories make leadership pitches as Parliament returns
Galloway book shop becomes holiday success	Scots Conservatives hopefuls to go head to head in debate	No Under-18s in young offenders institutions	Tories make leadership pitches as Parliament returns	Trial adjourned after rioting boys' mother on holiday
				Oasis 'dynamic pricing' row prompts government probe
				Put speaks to school class about Ukrainian incursion

**Document 11**

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**Subject:** SNP Conference day 2

I've got an idea Nikki, since neither of us were invited to the SNP's 90th Annual National Conference do you fancy just nipping along the road there to the Oasis concert at the Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium ?



**Document 12**

Media Digest, 1 September 2024

Sunday Mail 16 **Nothing funny about NHS hell** One Oasis fan in that online queue yesterday was Scottish Health Secretary Neil Gray. Nothing wrong with that it could be said - except that he was doing it while taking part in a panel discussion on Alzheimer's disease. Like many other gaffe-prone and bungling members of John Swinney's SNP group, no doubt he'll escape any consequences. But it's indicative of a failing government, lacking in discipline, direction and the ability to focus on the job in hand.

Sunday Mail 6 **Very sorry.. but I'm half the world away trying to get tickets for Oasis** Neil Gray has been branded shameful for admitting he was trying to buy Oasis tickets during a panel discussion on Alzheimer's during the SNP conference. Gray was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care following the resignation of Michael Matheson after the row over £11,000 of public money in roaming charges he claimed for his iPad on holiday. Angus Robertson was forced to apologise after an outcry over a secret meeting with an Israeli diplomat that First Minister Swinney had defended.

Sunday Mail 1 **Look nat in anger** Health Secretary Neil Gray tried to buy Oasis tickets yesterday... while taking part in a discussion about Alzheimer's disease. The SNP minister admitted he was "half the world away" on his phone as experts spoke around him at his party conference.

**Document 13**

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

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Subject: SNP Health Secretary branded 'shameful' as he tried to buy Oasis tickets during key Alzheimers conference panel - Scottish Daily Express

SNP Confetence, the final day thank God

Dear Mr Gray MSP,

Look Neil I wouldn't worry about being distracted by starring at your phone for hours during the Alzheimer's conference panel yesterday, the main thing is you managed to get the Oasis tickets that you can always sell on for a massive profit if you are too ill to attend next year because you can't get a GP or hospital appointment.

Thank you,  
[Redacted]

<https://www.scottishdailyexpress.co.uk/news/politics/snp-health-secretary-branded-shameful-33576827>

**Document 14**

Communications  
 Media Monitoring Unit  
 This Morning's News  
 Monday 2nd September 2024

<b>GMS</b>	<b>Good Morning Britain</b>	<b>Reporting Scotland</b>	<b>Clyde One</b>	<b>Radio 4</b>
<b>No Under-18s in young offenders institutions</b>	Scots Conservatives hopefuls to go head to head in debate	<b>No Under-18s in young offenders institutions</b>	Worrying increase in use of nasal tanning spray	One-word Ofsted grades for schools to be scrapped
<b>Rise in women seeking mental health support</b>	<b>No Under-18s in young offenders institutions</b>	Arthur's Seat memorial for woman killed by husband	Oasis 'dynamic pricing' row prompts government probe	Israel faces general strike after night of protests
Israel faces general strike after night of protests	Arthur's Seat memorial for woman killed by husband		Israel faces general strike after night of protests	At least 41 hurt in Russian air strikes on Kharkiv
Arthur's Seat memorial for woman killed by husband				German far right hails 'historic' election victory
Labour windfall tax will cost economy £13bn, trade warns				Oasis 'dynamic pricing' row prompts government probe
Book lover's dream holiday discovered in Scotland				Winter virus jab for pregnant women and elderly
				Illegal visa network making millions fleecing students
				Striking images reveal depths of Titanic's slow decay
				Rise in the number of visitors to National Trust properties

**Document 15**

Media digest, 2 September 2024

Daily Mail (Scotland) 7 **Gray spent meeting on Oasis ticket sale website** Neil Gray has been accused of 'shameful' disrespect after trying to buy Oasis tickets during a meeting about Alzheimer's. The Nationalist MSP even joked about being in an online queue after checking his phone. Meanwhile, Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth yesterday told an EIS teaching union fringe meeting that MSPs could 'engage better' by not using mobile phones 'all the time' in Holyrood.

The Daily Telegraph 3 **'Scalping' Ticketmaster should face probe over Oasis dynamic seat pricing, say MPs** The SNP's Health Secretary has admitted trying to purchase Oasis tickets while taking part in a panel discussion about Alzheimer's. Neil Gray spoke about the band after a passionate speech from Prof Terry Quinn, of Glasgow University, about medical breakthroughs giving new hope in the fight against dementia. The SNP attempted to downplay the apparent gaffe, saying it was a joke that the audience enjoyed, but Mr Gray faced attacks from opponents who claimed it summed up his party's negligent approach to the health service.

Daily Record 6 **MSPs SHOULD 'SET MOBILE EXAMPLE'** MSPs in Holyrood should take the lead with a digital detox, it was claimed yesterday. Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth recently said school heads will be "empowered" to ban devices in the classroom. Yesterday, she told conference they would all engage better by reducing the use of phones in the Scottish Parliament. She spoke a day after Health Secretary Neil Gray admitted to queuing for Oasis tickets on an electronic device during a meeting on dementia at the conference.



## Document 16

Media Digest, 3 September 2024

The National (Scotland) 24 **Energy and fun was the big surprise at the SNP conference** leading causes of death in Scotland. At the recent SNP conference University's Terry Quinn on how medical advances were giving new hope in the fight against dementia, SNP Health Secretary Neil Gray apparently looked up from his phone and said: "I'm in the queue to buy Oasis tickets. Hope is very important ... hope that I get these tickets." In

## Document 17

Press cuts, 3 September 2024

Scottish Daily Mail, 3 September 2024

Page 14 – “The SNP is a busted flush – and can’t blame Westminster for its own version of austerity max”

of ‘austerity’ – but he didn’t go (though you wouldn’t sound convincing. notice, as many of them are

The reality is that the in a rundown condition). emergency spending freeze Some local authorities are introduced by Ms Robison, plotting to hike council tax and the cutbacks she will by up to 11 per cent, unless announce, are products of the SNP Government steps in to limit the increases. We can take it as read that making. They will be another freeze is likely to be painful, but we shouldn’t kid off the table.

ourselves that these savings Drug deaths soared by will make much difference nearly 12 per cent in the past to the bloated public sector year and remain at the high- and its endemic waste. est level in Europe, while a

The spinners and special depleted, demoralised police advisers who help shape service dishes out rap-on- the SNP’s ‘message’ are the-knuckle warnings to probably safe – style has cocaine and heroin users – always outranked substance, who are now described by through nowadays there is the Chief Constable as ‘vic- precious little style and even tims of drug consumption’.

‘Airmiles Angus’ Robert- This is despite – or perhaps son, the embattled Culture because of – the SNP’s Secretary, may have to limit ‘national mission’ to cut the death toll, which has proved his overseas jaunts, but civil a calamitous failure. servants will continue to waste their time on churning out propaganda about independence and the SNP’s

mission to create a ‘normal’ expect Mr Swinney to give country, free to make its own the subject no more than a few seconds of his time in his decisions. parliamentary address, if he would any ‘normal’ country mentions it at all.

become mired in a financial quagmire of its own creation Income tax hikes are – and then try to pass the unlikely to feature in his buck to another government speech, but they’re probably which has no control over its on the horizon, in line with day-to-day spending? the gloomy rhetoric about

We can expect more of this tough and painful decisions bilge when Mr Swinney coming from the top of the addresses MSPs after their SNP.

two-month summer break, Sir Keir Starmer is deploy- and we’re told there will being the same platitudes – renewed commitments to things can only get worse – reducing child poverty and weeks after telling us that furt hering the net zero voting Labour would lead us crusade. to a bright new future.

Yet the proportion of This has given Mr Swinney children living in ‘relative and his colleagues the poverty’ has risen from 23 to back-up they need for the 26 per cent between 2022 and cuts they’re about to impose 2023 – while former First – it’s not just us, they can Minister Humza Yousaf argue, it’s happening in dumped ambitious climate England, too.

change targets. Normally, of course, they’re

Motorists who can’t afford keen to point out cross- costly electric vehicles face Border differences, to high- hefty fines for venturing into light how much more Low Emission Zones, which progressive we are. are killing off businesses. The SNP has just one core

Yet they still have to pay belief that will never change council tax to maintain the and it’s dead in the water. city centres where they can’t

leaving its hierarchy in a quandary.

They have to pay lip service to independence without having the means to achieve it, to keep the members happy – or those who have stuck around.

This is a government in name only and it’s already given up the fight to cling on to power – an early surrender by a party which knows the game is up.

How else to describe the conduct of senior figures such as Health Secretary Neil Gray, who appears to have been trying to buy Oasis tickets during a conference session on dementia?

He tried to laugh it off – much as his predecessor Michael Matheson did when he was caught taking the taxpayer for a ride during the row over his iPad usage.

Doubtless many other delegates longed for some form of escape from the proceedings – even if it did mean languishing in a Ticketmaster queue.

But this is the man tasked with rescuing the NHS, with hundreds of thousands of Scots trapped on waiting lists, some of them living with Alzheimer’s – or anxious about symptoms of the disease and desperate to see a consultant.

Mr Gray and his cohorts are profoundly unserious people, certainly, devoid of vision or ability – but now it’s obvious they don’t care who knows it.

Sadly for the rest of us, we’re stuck with these second-raters until 2026, barring an unforeseen turn of events.

Meanwhile, the problems keep piling up – the state education system is failing, the NHS is on life support, anyone who wants to work for a living faces the highest taxes in the UK – and economic growth is in the doldrums.

If the Nationalists aren’t up

**Document 18**

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

From: [Redacted]@icloud.com>

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Subject: Scottish health secretary Neil Gray denies he tried to buy Oasis tickets during Alzheimer's panel at SNP conference | UK News | Sky News

Dear Ms Constance MSP,

Everyone's in denial mode these days Angela. I think Neil has taken a leaf out of Michael's book who denied that football was watched on his government-issued iPad.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

[https://news.sky.com/story/scottish-health-secretary-neil-gray-denies-he-tried-to-by-oasis-tickets-during-alzheimers-panel-at-snp-conference-13208381](https://news.sky.com/story/scottish-health-secretary-neil-gray-denies-he-tried-to-buy-oasis-tickets-during-alzheimers-panel-at-snp-conference-13208381)

**Document 19**

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Subject: Scottish health secretary Neil Gray denies he tried to buy Oasis tickets during Alzheimer's panel at SNP conference | UK News | Sky News

Dear Mr Gray MSP,

Neil, I managed in the end to get some Oasis tickets - they were dynamically priced so I got them for £6,437.99 each. I know it's illegal to re-sell them on but since it's you, how many do you want ?

Thank you,

[Redacted]

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