

Annex A

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:39 PM
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Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business
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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Hi Ross,

I've just spoken to Julie and we will issue the statement in full through our distribution list, publish it on the website and tweet from @scotgov.

Here is the draft tweet:

[redacted section 30(b)(ii)]

We are speaking to the BBC now about arranging a pooled camera to go to FM.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Communications: News (Constitution, External Affairs and Culture)**

Communications Team Leader
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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Comms – could you take some lines from the FM's statement and publish this on the Scot Gov FM feed with his photo

Thank you

Ross

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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

I have had a sperate bid from BBC Scotland Sunday Show too.

Jack Middleton

Special Adviser to the First Minister

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jack.middleton@gov.scot

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Comms

Could you touch base with [redacted section 38(1)(b)] at BBC – she just called to say she will coordinate everything bid wise for the BBC

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Thanks

Ross

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Here you go

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Can we get one for PA too please

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Here's the list so far:

STV [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Courier [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Sunday Mail [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

The Sun [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

CNN [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Herald [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Bids:

BBC Radio 4 Broadcasting House programme live or pre-rec 13/10
BBC Kuenssberg – Pre-rec tonight or live/pre-rec 13/10

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For copylist info

FM has cleared as below – I will issue.

Please send me a list of people requesting comment.

FIRST MINISTER COMMENTS ON DEATH OF ALEX SALMOND

Commenting on news that the former First Minister and SNP Leader Alex Salmond has died, First Minister John Swinney said:

“I am deeply shocked and saddened at the untimely death of the former First Minister Alex Salmond and I extend my deepest condolences to Alex’s wife Moira and to his family.

“Over many years, Alex made an enormous contribution to political life - not just within Scotland, but across the UK and beyond.

“Alex worked tirelessly and fought fearlessly for the country that he loved and for her Independence. He took the Scottish National Party from the fringes of Scottish politics into Government and led Scotland so close to becoming an Independent country.

“There will be much more opportunity to reflect in the coming days, but today all of our thoughts are with Alex’s family, and his many friends and right across the political spectrum.”

ENDS

Thanks

Ross

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And to confirm I’m doing motion of condolence to go to PO tonight so copying Minister for Parliament too.

Thanks

JC

From: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
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Also just adding sean, jack and jeanette to copylist

Thanks

Ross

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To confirm I am clearing a statement just now – I will share when about to issue.

Thanks

Ross

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Subject: Death of the former First Minister

FMPO,

Just starting a copylist on the news that the former First Minister Alex Salmond has died: Former Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond dies - BBC News

To note that we are receiving multiple requests for comment and interview requests for the First Minister. I understand SpAds are currently drafting a statement.

Also to note that the FM is scheduled to do bids with Times Radio and Sky News tomorrow morning 8.30-9.30.

Thanks,

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[redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Communications: News (Constitution, External Affairs and Culture)**

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All,

We will shortly post the following on @ScotgovFM and @scotgov.

First Minister @JohnSwinney has issued a statement on the death of former First Minister Alex Salmond.

Read the full statement here: <https://www.gov.scot/news/first-minister-comments-on-death-of-alex-salmond/>

[graphic attached]

Thanks,

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To confirm FM will do media from his house this evening.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister
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Attachments:



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Statement from John Swinney, First Minister of Scotland.

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FMPO

A BBC crew can be at FM's house by 08:30 this evening to do a pooled clip.

Grateful if FM can advise if he is content with this.

Many thanks

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

BBC Reporter: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Camera operator [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Sincere apologies, my fault – rushing to get their email

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Folks – I have just removed PA from this chain. How did that happen? Thanks

Jack Middleton

Special Adviser to the First Minister
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Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Evening Jeanette,

The First Minister is content, grateful if Mr Hepburn can proceed to submit the motion of Condolence.

Many thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:39 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen

<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
<MinisterPB@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Correcting small typo

From: Jeanette Campbell
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:18 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen
<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
<MinisterPB@gov.scot>
Subject: motion of condolence

FMPO

Motion of condolence for FM to amend/clear.

John Swinney Motion of Condolence

That the Parliament expresses its shock and sadness at the untimely death of Alex Salmond; offers its deep sympathy and condolences to his family; appreciates the many years of public service he gave as an MP, MSP, and First Minister of Scotland; and recognises the substantial and significant contribution he made over many decades to public life, Scottish and UK politics and the cause of Scottish independence.

Thanks
JC

Jeanette Campbell
Special Adviser to the First Minister
Scottish Government
Tel: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]



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Doc 005

From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:16 PM
To: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Julie Grant
<Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>;
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)];
Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro
<Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[redacted section
38(1)(b)]>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)];

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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Tba Parl flags are now at half mast in line with their guidance.

Thanks

JC

Flying of flags at half-mast

“Half-mast” actually means that the flag is flown two-thirds up the flagpole. The occasions on which flags are to be flown at half-mast are:

1. From the announcement of the death up to the funeral of the Sovereign, except on specified times on Proclamation Day (the day the new Sovereign is proclaimed), when flags are flown at full-mast.
2. The funerals of members of the Royal Family, subject to discussion with the Palace.
3. The day of the announcement of death, funeral and day of any motion of condolence for all serving Members of the Scottish Parliament.
4. The day of the announcement of death, funeral and day of any motion of condolence for former Presiding Officers and former Scottish First Ministers.
5. The day of the announcement of death and funeral for serving and former Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom.

“Day of the announcement of death” means Parliament’s flags fly at half-mast until sunset, or if the death is announced after 1pm on the day, flags will also fly at half-mast on the following day.

From: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 7:29 PM

To: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen

<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell

<Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; First Minister

<FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Donald Cameron

<Donald.Cameron@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary

<PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>;

Cabinet Secretariat Inbox [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; Andrew Bruce

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Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

<MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Pauline Aylesbury <Pauline.Aylesbury@gov.scot>; Anna

Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Colleagues

Not for now, but to note the extract below from the published guidance: Flag flying on government buildings: 2024 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

9. Flying of flags at half mast

'Half-mast' - the flag is flown two-thirds up the flagpole.

The occasions on which flags are to be flown at half-mast are:

- Death of The Sovereign*
- Funerals of Members of The Royal Family*
- Funerals of Foreign Rulers*
- Funerals of serving and ex-Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom*
- Funerals of serving and former First Ministers of Scotland*
- International Workers Memorial Day (28 April)
- The Death And Funeral of Serving And Ex-Serving Foreign Rulers

* further guidance will be issued at the time

We can pick this up into next week as part of wider advice but wanted to drop here in the event of any media enquiries.

Many thanks,
Helen

Helen Webster (she/her) | Deputy Director for Cabinet, Parliament and Governance & Secretary of Commissions | Directorate for Communications and Ministerial Support | Scottish Government

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Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:17 PM

To: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Donald Cameron <Donald.Cameron@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Dominic Munro <Dominic.Munro@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Pauline Aylesbury <Pauline.Aylesbury@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Death of the former First Minister

Adding Pauline, Anna and Helen

Thanks j

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Doc 006

[redacted section 30(b)(i)]

Doc 007

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:04 PM

To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: motion of condolence

Anna,

As discussed, please see attached motion of Condolence which the First Minister has cleared.

Many thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From[redacted section 38(1)(b)]> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 7:28 PM

To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Hi all,

Please find attached motion as lodged.

Business Team have confirmed that although we can lodge the motion it will only be published when Chamber Desk opens on Monday.

There is no supporting Minister recorded on the motion so that members of the opposition can put their names to support. This was the process for the motion of condolence for the Queen.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn MSP

The Scottish Government

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T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **M:** [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Email:** MinisterPB@gov.scot

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:43 PM

To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Thanks Jeanette – confirming Mr Hepburn has noted.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn MSP

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T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **M:** [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Email:**
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Doc 007 – Attachment

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT MOTION

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

12 October 2024

Name of Minister: John Swinney

Supported by:

Motion of Condolence

Terms of Motion: To move

“That the Parliament expresses its shock and sadness at the untimely death of Alex Salmond; offers its deep sympathy and condolences to his family; appreciates the many years of public service he gave as an MP, MSP, and First Minister of Scotland; and recognises the substantial and significant contribution he made over many decades to public life, Scottish and UK politics and the cause of Scottish independence.”

Signature.....

(Individual with delegated authorisation for lodging motions on behalf of the above member of the Scottish Government)

Doc 008

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Doc 009

From: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:35 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

Many thanks [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

I understand that action has now been taken to lower the flags at SAH and Victoria Quay. We will take forward to align with the funeral and motion of condolence in due course, as per FM's ask below.

I am in touch with the Scottish Parliament regarding the Book of Condolence and will revert with further detail as soon as possible.

Colleagues have advised separately with further advice regarding repatriation and FCDO engagement.

I am adding Jeanette to this chain for awareness.

Many thanks,
Helen

Helen Webster (she/her) | Deputy Director for Cabinet, Parliament and Governance & Secretary of Commissions | Directorate for Communications and Ministerial Support | Scottish Government
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Doc 010

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:46 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser

<Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

All,

DFM passes on her thanks for this advice.

For the sake of the copy list, DFM has confirmed she has spoken to a representative of the family and also [redacted section 38(1)(b)] who remains in North Macedonia.

DFM has also continued engaging with SoSfS, who is engaging with Foreign Secretary.

The critical element from the family's perspective is confirmation that a flight will be available by Tuesday as this is the earliest point at which the body might be available for repatriation – once the necessary paperwork is complete. [redacted section 28(1)] DFM says the family's primary concern is the safe arrival of the body.

Kind regards,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)](she/her)

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

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

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:07 PM

To: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>

Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

Good afternoon [redacted section 38(1)(b)],

The First Minister has considered the advice below and is content with the screen shots providing that there is a link to the First Ministers full statement embedded in it.

As mentioned below, the First Minister has asked for flags to be lowered at SAH and VQ until tomorrow and on the day of the funeral and the Motion of Condolence. The First Minister has asked and would be grateful if we could agree with the Parliament, the possibility of opening a joint book of condolence in Parliament. The First Minister has spoken with the Deputy First Minister about the need to ensure the Scottish Government is doing all that it can to support Mr Salmond's family in the swift repatriation process. The First Minister has also asked the Permanent Secretary and John Webster, PPS to pursue this issue and secure a call with FCDO Ministers to press this necessity.

The First Minister has asked the DFM to undertake that call should the First Minister not be available due to the restrictions at the Investment Summit tomorrow.

The First Minister would like to stress the urgency of this action and asks colleagues to ensure we have a cohesive and swift approach to ensuring all this happens.

Grateful for confirmation that the above has been picked up and I would welcome further advice on the point of a joint condolence book in Parliament.

Many thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 011

From: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:40 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government <CabSecFLG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024 <CabSecES2024@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024 <CabSecforJHA@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy <cabsecfornze@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Transport <CabSecfortransport@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and

Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Business <MinisterforBusiness@gov.scot>; Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise <MinisterCYPTP@gov.scot>; Minister for Climate Action <ministerforca@gov.scot>; Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy 2024 <MinisterforDAP2024@gov.scot>; Minister for Employment and Investment <MinisterEI@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities <MinisterforEqualities@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Health and Women's Health <MinisterforPHWH@gov.scot>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <MinisterforSCMWS@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims and Community Safety 2024 <MinisterforVCS@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; Pauline Aylesbury <Pauline.Aylesbury@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)] <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: For information - death of former First Minister

All Scottish Government Ministers

For information - death of former First Minister

The Permanent Secretary's office has been working closely with the offices of the FM and DFM since late yesterday on the Scottish Government response to the death of the former First Minister, Alex Salmond.

Please note that there is no Scottish Government precedent for this. The below summarises key actions for your information:

- SG officials have been in regular dialogue with FCDO officials since last night to ensure consular support for the family.
- The Permanent Secretary's office contacted FCDO to ask for the repatriation protocol for a former First Minister. We are awaiting this response.
- The First Minister has requested a meeting with FCDO Ministers, that will be undertaken by FM or DFM depending on diaries.
- A decision was taken by the First Minister to lower the flags outside both St Andrew's House and Victoria Quay, this was an exception to the published protocol. Flags will be raised at 9 am on Tuesday 15th October and then lowered again on the day of the funeral, in line with protocol.
- The First Minister has asked that officials reach out to the Presiding Officer first thing on Monday to discuss a joint book of condolence to be hosted at the Parliament, facilitating former Parliamentary colleagues and the public access.
- A motion of condolence has been lodged with the Scottish Parliament and will be published when the Parliamentary Chamber desk opens on Monday morning.

- Ministers will have seen the external communications led by the First Minister, these have been shared with Scottish Government colleagues this afternoon via Saltire.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Anna

Anna Kynaston
PPS Permanent Secretary
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 012

From: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:19 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

FM, DFM

To confirm that I have spoken further with [redacted section 38(1)(b)] and colleagues at the Scottish Parliament, including in the Presiding Officer's team.

The Scottish Parliament will open two books of condolence tomorrow, Monday 14 October. One of these will be placed in the main hall for public access and one in a private area (Garden Lobby TBC) for passholders.

Colleagues at the Parliament will reserve pages at the front of the book(s) for the PO, FM and Ministers to sign.

The books will not be 'badged' so both Parliament and Scottish Government communications can point to them and direct as required.

If the FM and DFM are content with these arrangements, I will connect communications colleagues to progress this, and ensure messaging is consistent.

Many thanks
Helen

Helen Webster (she/her) | Deputy Director for Cabinet, Parliament and Governance & Secretary of Commissions | Directorate for Communications and Ministerial Support | Scottish Government

E: Helen.Webster@gov.scot | Mob: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: Helen Webster

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:00 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>

Cc: 'John-Paul Marks' <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

Colleagues

To confirm that I have spoken to colleagues at the Scottish Parliament and this will be picked up first thing tomorrow and further advice issued. I will keep this copylist updated.

Many thanks,
Helen

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Doc 013

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]<[redacted section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:15 PM

To: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

John,

For the benefit of the copylist, I can confirm DFM is undertaking a call at 14:15 today with Minister of State for Europe, North America & UK Overseas Territories, Stephen Doughty MP.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)](she/her)

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

, Leas-rùnaire Prìobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson na h-Eaconamaidh is Gàidhlig – Ceit Fhoirbeis BPA

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M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] E: DFMCSF@gov.scot

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From: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:55 PM

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>;

Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

[redacted section 38(1)(b)],

FM thanks DFM for this further update.

FM has confirmed that DFM should lead on the call with FCDO Minister Doughty tomorrow.

Grateful if you could liaise with Shona Riach on arrangements, keeping FMPO updated on this email chain.

Thank you,

John Webster

Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister

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T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] | M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]



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Doc 014

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:30 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen

Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Hi all,

Confirming that the motion of condolence has now been lodged and is published on the parliament's website - S6M-14899 | Scottish Parliament Website.

We have also written to all Business Managers, Ash Regan and Alex Cole-Hamilton to ask party leaders to add their names to the motion, as is usual practice. All parties were given the motion in advance of us lodging as well.

Mr Hepburn has also asked that I write to all Ministers to alert them to the motion, and highlight that party leaders will add their names to the motion only. The Minister will consider similar communications to the SNP Group.

Any questions, let me know.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary to the Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn MSP

T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] | **M:** [redacted section 38(1)(b)] | **E:**

MinisterPB@gov.scot

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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:36 PM

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Adding Perm Sec and Helen Webster to the chain for awareness.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister

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M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:47 PM

To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: motion of condolence

Hi all,

As discussed Jeanette and FM have discussed, we have not lodged this motion as we are going to share with Business Managers, Alba and Lib Dems first. The motion will be lodged first thing tomorrow morning and we will let you know when it has been published on the website.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn MSP

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T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **M:** [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Email:** MinisterPB@gov.scot

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Doc 015

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:50 PM

To: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Colleagues,

Just to confirm that [redacted section 38(1)(b)] from the Scottish Parliament has replied to me to say that the FM is free to come in at that time via the Canongate entrance and sign either the book in the Garden Lobby or the Main Hall. Security staff have been briefed to expect him.

Thanks

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)], OBE, MVO

Head of Protocol and Honours Team

The Scottish Government

Mobile [redacted section 38(1)(b)] or [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Email: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot or Protocolandhonours@gov.scot

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:15 PM

To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Thanks all

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] and I have this in hand, will report when we get a response.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] MBE,
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team
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[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)] [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Thanks [redacted section 38(1)(b)], grateful if whoever liaising with Parl and [redacted section 38(1)(b)] can look into this please.

Thanks
JC

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Lesley Fraser
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Debbie Livingstone <Debbie.Livingstone@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser

<Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Bringing Debbie and Terri into this chain in Helen's absence.

Kind regards
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] **Chief of Staff to Lesley Fraser, DG Corporate
Scottish Government** | [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Hello All,

Copying Ross and please keep both of us copied in on these issues please – maybe new chain needed please.

[redacted section 39(1)]. I know in recess parl tends to shut around 9/10, but if there was a way for him to be able to sign the book of condolence then, it would be much appreciated, as not sure when else it could be done – certainly not this week, and seems appropriate he signs it early. I know some people on leave, but if whoever is liaising with Parliament could inquire about this, I'd be grateful.

<https://x.com/ScotParl/status/1845759918546059327>
[redacted section 30(b)(ii)]

We are in discussion with comms on what we do that now.

The motion of condolence has now been tabled and is expected to be signed by all party leaders.

Thanks all
Jeanette

From: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:40 PM
To: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Thanks, John

I'll progress this now and engage comms teams here and in SP. Noted re messaging below; I think we can point as the FM says to the SP being a public building in the way SG is not. I am grateful to [redacted section 38(1)(b)] too for his efforts on this at pace today and for collegiate approach.

Helen

From: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:36 PM
To: Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
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Subject: Re: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Thanks Helen,

The First Minister is content with these arrangements.

[redacted section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks for all your efforts today. FM appreciates the work that has been done.

Best wishes,

John Webster

[redacted section 38(1)(b)][duplicate doc 012]

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[duplicate 010]

Doc 016

From: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:10 PM
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>
Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: For clearance: Various media, FFM death / repatriation

All,

FM is happy with these lines and has cleared them.

Thanks

John

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:06:37 PM
To: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For clearance: Various media, FFM death / repatriation

Thanks Jeanette,

DFM has noted.

Kind regards,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)](she/her)

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

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

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:42 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>

Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For clearance: Various media, FFM death / repatriation

POs, please note we would be keen to update this line at end of day and can discuss with FM/DFM after further discussions been had

Thanks

Jeanette

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:34 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Pauline Aylesbury <Pauline.Aylesbury@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Jack Matthews <Jack.Matthews@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)] [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>

Subject: For clearance: Various media, FFM death / repatriation

Good afternoon FMPO, DFMPO, Permanent Secretary,

We've had queries from Radio Clyde and the Courier on whether SG is involved in the repatriation process of the former First Minister's body. The National are also aware of the DFM's meeting with the UKG.

With thanks to SpAds and Officials, we would propose sharing the below information at this stage.

Grateful for your consideration.

Many thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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For information

The Scottish Government has been in regular dialogue with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office since Saturday to ensure consular support is in place for the family and around the repatriation of the former First Minister.

First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

Doc 017

From: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:00 PM

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>

Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

Thanks [redacted section 38(1)(b)],

The FM would appreciate an update from that call as soon as possible after it has happened.

John Webster

[Duplicate doc 013]

Doc 018

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 3:18 PM

To: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Lorna Gibbs <Lorna.Gibbs@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - Flag Flying Lines - The Death of Mr Alex Salmond

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

The First Minister is content.

Many thanks,
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Courtney Gibson (she/her)
Deputy Private Secretary
Office of the First Minister

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 2:11 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Lorna Gibbs <Lorna.Gibbs@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Anna Leslie <Anna.Leslie@gov.scot>; Debbie Livingstone <Debbie.Livingstone@gov.scot>; Darren Jeffery <Darren.Jeffery@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE - Flag Flying Lines - The Death of Mr Alex Salmond

FM/PPS

Grateful if you could clear the amended lines and disregard those in my email of 1:49.

Thank you

“Thank you for your enquiry, following the sad passing of former First Minister, Mr Alex Salmond. This is an unprecedented occurrence in Scotland’s history, the first death of a former First Minister.

The flags at St Andrews House, Edinburgh, were lowered on Sunday as a mark of respect and will remain lowered today. Flags will be lowered again on the day of the reading of the Motion of Condolence and again on the day of Mr Salmond’s funeral.

We will reach back to you to confirm final SG handling ahead of that to allow you to consider your local approach/arrangements.”

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] MBE,
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team
Scottish Government
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:49 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Lorna Gibbs <Lorna.Gibbs@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE - Flag Flying Lines - The Death of Mr Alex Salmond

FM/PPS

We have had a number of enquires from Lord Lieutenants, other government agencies, and Local Authorities regarding the procedure for the half masting of flags following the death of Mr Salmond. While flag flying guidance is directed at Scottish Government buildings only, it is widely used by such organisations and individuals as previously mentioned.

I would, therefore, be grateful for your clearance of the lines below.

[redacted section 30(b)(ii)]

Warm regards

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]
[redacted section 38(1)(b)] MBE,
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team
Scottish Government
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 019

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 6:14 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>
Cc: John-Paul Marks <John-Paul.Marks@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

PS/First Minister,

Please find attached note of the Deputy First Minister's call with Minister Doughty today.

Thanks,

[redacted section 38(1)(b)](she/her)
Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

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

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M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]E: DFMCSEF@gov.scot

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Attachment – 019

[redacted section 28(1)]

Doc 020

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 8:17 PM
To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: OFFICIAL: Transcript of interview excerpt

For awareness.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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M: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 8:12 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>
Cc: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: OFFICIAL: Transcript of interview excerpt

PS FM and DFM,

Please find attached transcript of an excerpt from BBC Radio Scotland's *Drivetime* interview with Christopher McEleny, who is in North Macedonia, where he spoke about efforts to arrange repatriation.

Russell

[redacted section 38(1)(b)] Deputy head of News, Scottish Government | [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Attachment – 020

Presenter

He's made the journey to North Macedonia to assist with that process. How are you doing today given that you've lost a colleague and a friend too?

CM

It's very surreal, just basically running on adrenaline. It's just a massive shock for everybody that knew Alex – more so than anyone, his wife and his family. As soon as I found out, I came straight here and, as I say, I'm running on adrenaline. I've got one last job to do for Alex and that's to get him home to his family.

Presenter

After making that journey what has happened then?

CM

There's been a lot of people that have been really supportive, and I think it just sums up the influence and the friendships that Alex had. Sir David Davis has been extensively lobbying the UK Government to have them support the repatriation attempts. Kate Forbes has, I think at about 2 pm your time, had a meeting with the UK Government to put forward Scottish Government's position that they are fully supportive of repatriation efforts. There is no protocol, as far as I understand it, to repatriate a former First Minister. Alex is the first former First Minister to have died. Donald obviously died while he was in office. We should set a precedent that if a tragic event like this happens overseas, we just need to – I mean, just looking back home it's quite clear that a lot of people are upset, emotional. The King has paid tribute to Alex, the leader of the Opposition, the Prime Minister, every opposition party in the country. I just think it's fit and proper for the office that he once held, and the contribution he made to Scottish society and public life, that we bring him home as quickly as possible – because the alternative is trying to take him home commercially, which could take a significant amount of time. And I think that for his family's sake, his friends, we should get him home as quickly as possible. And for all that he did for Scotland, I think it's the least that we can do for him.

Presenter

Have you been well assisted by the authorities there and perhaps by the Foreign Office too, are they involved in helping?

CM

Of course. The chair of the Alba party was out here with Alex. For the last few years he's been quite a significant speaker on the international stage in terms of speaking at events promoting democracy, international peace and justice. So she was here. Her husband thankfully managed to come out with me at the same time to be with her, and she's been an immense source of getting things done in terms of liaising

with the North Macedonian authorities - because they were involved in running the conference where Alex tragically died.

So the North Macedonian Government have been very good. They've helped speed things along as quickly as possible. As I understand it, they have done everything that they need to do at their end to assist the repatriation. There is a small airport just close to the hospital that Alex is in. And if the UK Government approve the repatriation events, we would be able to fly Alex directly home here directly to Scotland, as opposed to a quite stressful and upsetting process which would have to be embarked upon if the UK Government weren't willing to give us that support that I think, regardless of his constitutional beliefs and his political leanings, you know, I think – He was a holder of one of the great offices of state from a UK perspective. He was our First Minister, he was a member of the Privy Council. This is a man that had breakfast, lunch and dinner with Her Majesty the Queen. And I just think that the only fitting and appropriate action that should be undertaken by the UK Government, is to support his repatriation.

Presenter

How long might that take, Chris?

CM

To be frank, if the UK Government say get it done, it gets done. So I think, if they listen to the suggestions that David Davis has been making, friends of Alex Salmond have lobbied people directly, people such as the Chancellor of the Exchequer – and obviously the Deputy First Minister has been very supportive, Ms Forbes – I think we could be talking days, if not day, if the UK Government approve the repatriation. If not, it could be longer, and I think one of the phrases that Alex often used to me was 'we take our fences as they come to us', and at the moment we're focused on repatriation attempts with the support of the RAF. If we don't succeed in that, then we would explore alternatives...

<discussion about repatriation efforts ends>

Doc 021

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:45 PM

To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>

Cc: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Invitation from the First Minister

FM – please note correspondence below from Henry McLeish.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: Henry McLeish <[redacted section 38(1)(b)]>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:00 PM
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Invitation from the First Minister

[redacted section 38(1)(b)],
Could you pass to the FM my sincere condolences on the passing of Alex Salmond at the weekend. I am in the U.S. but have given a few comments to the media which I hope were appropriate. This was a man of courage who took the SNP from the margins of Scottish politics to become the dominant force in Parliament and in the country.
Best wishes,
Henry.

Sent from my iPhone

[Out of Scope]

Doc 022

From: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 7:20 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: motion of condolence

Please ask Mr Hepburn to submit the Motion.

FM

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] on behalf of First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:58:14 PM
To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: motion of condolence
Correcting small typo – Motion of condolence for clearance/consideration.
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]
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From: Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:39 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: motion of condolence
Correcting small typo

From: Jeanette Campbell

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:18 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: motion of condolence
FMPO

Motion of condolence for FM to amend/clear.

John Swinney Motion of Condolence

That the Parliament expresses its shock and sadness at the untimely death of Alex Salmond; offers its deep sympathy and condolences to his family; appreciates the many years of public service he gave as an MP, MSP, and First Minister of Scotland; and recognises the substantial and significant contribution he made over many decades to public life, Scottish and UK politics and the cause of Scottish independence.

Thanks

JC

Jeanette Campbell

Special Adviser to the First Minister

Scottish Government

Tel: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]



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Doc 023

section 38(1)(b)]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

<MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

FMPO

Below are bids for tomorrow with suggested times. STV and Bauer can be fitted it around the others at FM's home.

Grateful if FM could advise if he is content with these. Logistics will follow.

Many thanks

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

WHO	OUTLET	TIME	LIVE-RECORD	INTERVIEWER	TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION	LOCATION
FM	Times Radio	08:30	Pre-rec via Zoom	Kate McCann/Adam Boulton	Death of FFM, Council of Nations	Accept	FM's home
FM	Sky	09:00	Pre-rec	Trevor Philips	Death of FFM, Council of Nations	Accept	FM's home
FM	BBC Kuenssberg	09:30	Live	Laura Kuenssberg	Death of FFM	Accept	FM's home
FM	Sunday Show/Sunday Politics	10:00	Live	Gary Robertson	Death of FFM	Accept	FM's home
FM	LBC Lewis Goodall show	10:30	Live	Lewis Goodall	Death of FFM, Council of Nations and Regions	Accept	FM's home
FM	STV	TBC	Pre-rec	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	FM's home
FM	Bauer	TBC	Pre-rec	Alan Smith	Death of FFM	Accept	FM's home
FM	Channel 4 news	15:30	Pre-rec	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	Channel 4 news suite, central Glasgow

FM	BBC Radio 4 Broadcast ing House	09:0 0- 09:4 5	Live	TBC	Death of FFM	Decline	
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Justice and Home Affairs

Desk: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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From: Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:31 PM

To: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>;
First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton
<Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>;
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Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Donald Cameron
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section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted
section 38(1)(b)] [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; Minister for Parliamentary Business
2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

OK thanks – can we work out an appropriate order in which to do these bids and put them to FM, on the assumption he'll undertake them all.

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:22 PM

To: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern
<Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack
Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell
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section 38(1)(b)]; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; Minister for Parliamentary Business
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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Sky were scheduled for 09:20 but are now asking for 9am so that could work.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Subject: Re: Death of the former First Minister

Ok
 I would recommend Accetp for all bids
 Can timings work for LK around sky bid?
 Can do some in Glasgow I think?

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:15:42 PM
To: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>
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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Ross, all
 Here are the bids so far.
 Thanks
 [redacted section 38(1)(b)]

WHO	OUTLET	DATE/TIME	LIVE/PRE-REC	INTERVIEWER	TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION	OTHER DETAILS
FM	BBC Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg	12/10 or 13/10	Live 9-10 on 13/10 or pre-rec – flexible timing	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	

FM	Channel 4 News	13/10	Pre-rec – flexible timings	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	
FM	BBC Radio 4 Broadcasting House	13/10 -	Live 09:00-09:45 or pre-rec - flexible timing	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	
FM	STV news	13/10	Pre-rec – flexible timing	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	
FM	Bauer	13/10	Pre-rec – flexible timing	Alan Smith	Death of FM	Accept	
FM	LBC Sunday with Lewis Goodall	13/10	Live 10am-12 or pre-rec – flexible timing		Death of FM	Accept	
FM	BBC Sunday Politics/Sunday Show	13/10	Live at 10:05	TBC	Death of FM	Accept	

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Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 7:52 PM

To: Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>

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2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

Thanks Sean

Just to confirm to copylist – the FM is expecting BBC at his home this evening at about 2030

Regards morning bids – do we have a final list?

He is aware that Kuenssberg programme are also bidding in addition to the other bids, and content to do.

The main thing needing worked out is the timings between the live bids.

He has asked for comms support in the morning.

Thanks

Ross

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Subject: RE: Death of the former First Minister

FMPO – I understand that Ross has spoken with FM and that he is content to do the pooled clip at this time.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 024

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

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:44 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

I am content with the screen shots providing there is a link to my full statement embedded in it.

I have asked for flags to be lowered at SAH and VQ until tomorrow and on the day of funeral and Motion of Condolence.

I would be grateful if we could agree with Parliament the possibility of opening a joint book of condolence in Parliament.

I have spoken with DFM about the need to ensure the Scottish Government does all that it can to support Mr Salmond's family in the swift repatriation of his body. I have asked the Permanent Secretary and PPS to pursue this issue and to secure a call with FCDO Ministers to press this necessity. I have asked DFM to take that call should I not be available due to Investment Summit restrictions.

I would stress the urgency of this action.

Can I also colleagues to ensure we have a cohesive and swift approach to ensuring this all happens.

Many thanks

FM

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]> on behalf of First Minister
<FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:07:22 PM

To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond
FM, for consideration/review – please see advice below from Cabinet Secretariat regarding current protocol and guidance on Scottish Government response the death of a former First Minister.

I have flagged and shared with the Perm Secs office the Motion of Condolence which has now been lodged and will be published when Chamber Desk opens tomorrow.

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 025

From: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:38 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

I am content. I think we should make the point if asked that the Parliament is better placed to enable public access which our buildings are not generally designed to handle other than for access to SG meetings.

FM

From: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] on behalf of First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:34:41 PM
To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

To note update from Helen Webster regarding the book of Condolence at Parliament.

Are you content with proposed arrangements?

[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 026

From: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:10 PM
To: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: statement to clear

Revised.

FM

From: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 5:49 PM
To: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Subject: statement to clear

FM

Based on your steer – suggested statement

FIRST MINISTER COMMENTS ON DEATH OF ALEX SALMOND

Commenting on news that the former First Minister and SNP Leader Alex Salmond has died, First Minister John Swinney said:

“I am deeply shocked and saddened at the untimely death of the former First Minister Alex Salmond and I extend my deepest condolences to Alex’s wife Moira and to his family.

“Over many years, Alex made an enormous contribution to political life - not just within Scotland, but across the UK and beyond.

“Alex worked tirelessly and fought fearlessly for the country that he loved and for her Independence. He took the Scottish National Party from the fringes of Scottish politics into Government and led Scotland so close to becoming an Independent country.

“There will be much more opportunity to reflect in the coming days, but today all of our thoughts are with Alex’s family, and his many friends and right across the political spectrum.”

ENDS

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Ross Ingebrigtsen
Special Adviser & Political Spokesperson
First Minister of Scotland
Room 4N.05 St Andrew’s House
Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
Tel: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] Mob: [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
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Doc 027

From: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:45 PM
To: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Subject: Fw: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond

FYI

FM
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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Doc 028

From: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For information - death of former First Minister

Anna,

FM has seen.

One amendment. Can you take out the highlighted text. With that amended, FM is content for this to issue as an update.

John Webster

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T: [redacted section 38(1)(b)] | **M:** [redacted section 38(1)(b)]



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Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:11 PM
To: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: For information - death of former First Minister

Hello

Draft for you to look at. Can you let me know whether you want to go to 1. all Ministers 2. Just Cab Secs

Thanks

All Scottish Government Ministers

[redacted section 30(b)(ii)]

Anna Kynaston
PPS Permanent Secretary
[redacted section 38(1)(b)]

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[John Webster] [18:38] [Sat, 12 Oct]

FM, if you are free to speak, I have talked to the Head of Shift at FCDO Global Response Centre. Can update you briefly.

[John Swinney] [18:52] [Sat, 12 Oct]

Voice call

[John Webster] [19:03] [Sat, 12 Oct]

I should have mentioned FM. I have been in touch with Sur Clive to make sure this Palace has all it needs. HMK will be issuing a short statement of condolence this evening.

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[John Swinney] [17:20] [Sat, 12 Oct]

Call me right away. FM

Doc 033

[[redacted section 38(1)(b)]] [18:33] [Sat, 12 Oct]

Hi FM, Ross mentioned you will be doing bids tonight. Can I confirm you are happy to do them from home and you won't be going to Dundee Studio? [redacted section 39(1)]. Thanks

[John Swinney] [18:34] [Sat, 12 Oct]

[redacted section 39(1)]. I think a camera will be coming to my house. Thanks. FM

[[redacted section 38(1)(b)]] [18:35] [Sat, 12 Oct]

Thank you – I have also sent you a motion of condolence for clearance from Jeanette. Thanks

[[redacted section 38(1)(b)]] [21:00] [Sat, 12 Oct]

FM to confirm – [redacted section 38(1)(b)] or [redacted section 38(1)(b)] from Comms will provide support for you on the ground tomorrow morning. They will arrive at 8am for first media bid to take place at 08:30am. The final list and timing of bids are being worked on and I will send over to you as soon as I have it.

[[redacted section 38(1)(b)]] [22:10] [Sat, 12 Oct]

FM, I have sent you over the list of media bids for tomorrow morning. We have just received an update from Channel 4 that timings might not work for them which would rule out coming to Glasgow slightly earlier as proposed in my email. Comms support will be in place as confirmed in my earlier text. Thanks

[John Swinney] [22:22] [Sat, 12 Oct]

Thanks. I have said I will do all of the bids. Thanks. FM

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[Kate Forbes] [11:37] [Mon, 14 Oct]

When you have 5 mins I'd appreciate a quick call

[Kate Forbes] [21:11] [Mon, 14 Oct]

Positive discussion this evening with family. Can update now or wait for tomorrow.