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## **Document 1**

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**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2024 10:41 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Death of the former First Minister

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks, and just to confirm for benefit of the copylist that I will provide comms support to the First Minister tomorrow.

I'll aim to arrive at 8am and my number is [REDACTED] if any issues.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Communications: News (Constitution, External Affairs and Culture)

Communications Team Leader

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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## **Document 2**

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**Subject:** RE: Death of the former First Minister

Hi Helen,

Regarding your point about the flags, I'm adding in [REDACTED] in internal comms who was asking about this.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Communications: News (Constitution, External Affairs and Culture)

Communications Team Leader

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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**Subject:** RE: Death of the former First Minister

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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### **Document 3**

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**Subject:** Media bids: Death of the former First Minister

<b>WHO</b>	<b>OUTLET</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LIVE-RECORD</b>	<b>INTERVIEWER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL DETAILS</b>
FM	Times Radio	08:30	Pre-rec via Zoom	Kate McCann/Adam Boulton	Death of FFM, Council of Nations	Accept	Virtual	[REDACTED]
FM	Sky	09:00	Pre-rec	Trevor Philips	Death of FFM/Council of Nations	Accept	In person - FM's home	[REDACTED]
FM	Channel 4 News	3.30 pm	Pre-record	TBC	Death of FFM	Accept	Central Glasgow in Channel 4 studio (just getting address)	[REDACTED]

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Justice and Home Affairs  
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**Subject:** Running issues - Sunday 13 October 2024

## Good morning FMPO

Please see, below, a note on running issues in the press/broadcast this morning, along with SG lines issued.

A copy of FM's statement issued following Mr Salmond's death is below for ease.  
[REDACTED]

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Many thanks

[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]

- **Broadcast** and **print** headlines are dominated this morning by the death of former First Minister Alex Salmond – tributes, obituaries, analysis.

[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]

## First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond **Former First Minister dies, aged 69.**

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"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."

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**Subject:** Duty handover - Sunday 13/10

Monday Sunday team

### **Death of former First Minister Alex Salmond**

FM did a pooled clip with the BBC at his home around 20:30 last night and a news release and social content was issued from SG

[REDACTED] is with FM at his home this morning to support further bids. Details are in the bid grid.

[REDACTED]

FMPO is [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED- OUT OF SCOPE]

Hope today is routine – please call me on [REDACTED] if any issues.

Thanks

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Justice and Home Affairs

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## Document 6

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**Subject:** Re: FOR CLEARANCE - death of Alex Salmond

Thanks colleagues - I think internal Comms on the website please linking to FM public comments; if possible today please. Many thanks

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**Subject:** Re: FOR CLEARANCE - death of Alex Salmond

Many thanks all

[REDACTED]

Thanks again all - and happy to discuss today/ tomorrow if helpful

L

Lesley Fraser  
DG Corporate Scottish Government  
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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE - death of Alex Salmond

Thanks, both.

<[REDACTED]

I'll be offline for the next three or four hours, but can be called on [REDACTED] if needed.

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**From:** Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;>  
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**Subject:** Re: FOR CLEARANCE - death of Alex Salmond

Hi <[REDACTED]

Many thanks for this.

[REDACTED]

Happy of course to discuss if others have a different view.

L

Lesley Fraser  
DG Corporate Scottish Government  
[REDACTED]



## Document 7

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**Subject:** RE: TRANSCRIPTS - FM media bids -Multiple - Sunday 13 October

Transcripts from Sky News and BBC's LK Show now attached.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** TRANSCRIPTS - FM media bids -Multiple - Sunday 13 October

Good afternoon FMPO,

See attached for transcripts of FM on LBC and BBC's The Sunday Show.

Further transcripts will follow in due course.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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

Thanks Helen, that is a useful update and thank you for all your help today.

Colleagues, looping social media too. I have spoken to the Scottish Parliament's comms team this evening and they have advised me of their plans for informing the public of the book.

- A photographer will take stills of the book at 10am in the morning.
- Shortly after they will tweet details of the Book on the @ScotParl twitter and maybe also their Facebook.
- They will then issue an update to media.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:44 PM  
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**Cc:** Andrew Bruce <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >  
**Subject:** FW: Death of Former First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond - Book of Condolence

Hi folks

To see as below, confirming the SP will open two books of condolence tomorrow, one for public access and one for party colleagues. Further detail in my email to FM and DFM below.

I will loop you into thread with the SP, including their comms teams.

Give me a shout if any of this is unclear.

H

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:19:20 PM  
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**Cc:** John-Paul Marks <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Anna Kynaston

<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; John Webster <[REDACTED]@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] 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

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*Working from home and from SG offices and the Scottish parliament. Available on MS Teams, email or mobile. Please note I'm working flexibly and do not usually work on Friday afternoons. If you receive this outwith normal working hours please do not feel you need to pick this up outside of your own working pattern.*

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## **Document 9**

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**Subject:** RE: FOR ALLOC: Query - Bauer - Repatriation of Alex Salmond

Thanks [REDACTED] yes will be us. Copying in [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; John Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic <DFMEG@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FOR ALLOC: Query - Bauer - Repatriation of Alex Salmond

Hi all,

[REDACTED] from Bauer Media has been in touch to ask for a statement from DFM after her calls to repatriate Alex Salmond's body. Is this one for your team?

The journalist's contact details are: [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**Media Manager | News: Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic**

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## **Document 9**

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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic <DFMEG@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FOR ALLOC: Query - P&J - Repatriation of Alex Salmond

Hi all,

[REDACTED] from the P&J has called looking for information on the repatriation of Alex Salmond's body to Scotland.

She wants to confirm that Kate Forbes had a discussion with the UK Government this weekend to discuss the matter. Is this one for your team to check and get back to her?

Her telephone number is [REDACTED]. Any issues please do let me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Media Manager | News: Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic**

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**Document 10**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 11:46 AM

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**Subject:** FOR ALLOC: Query - The National - Repatriation of Alex Salmond

Hi all,

We have received a query from [REDACTED] from The National about an alleged meeting the DFM had with the UK Government on the repatriation of Alex Salmond's body to Scotland.

She is looking for a statement on this. Her email address is [\[REDACTED\]@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@newsquest.co.uk) . Any issues please do let me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## **Document 11**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;>

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**Subject:** RE: For views: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

Thanks [REDACTED]

I can't comment on the process for the MofC, however have attached advice provided by Helen Webster at the weekend that flags will be half masted for that event and the funeral.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government

[REDACTED]

Please note I work from home – **Friday** is my non working day.

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**Subject:** RE: For views: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

Thanks Jeanette, [REDACTED]. I've updated the ops note to include further detail on the motion and the flags. [REDACTED]

**ENDS**

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: For views: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

[REDACTED] as requested earlier for opp note, the motion has now been lodged. The way motions of condolence work, by convention they are signed by party leaders only. For example this is what happened with the most recent which was that marking Queen's death. However to note, as its convention Paul sweeney signed the queen one, but was only person to do so outside the party leaders

Thanks

JC

**Motion Number:** S6M-14899

**Lodged By:** John Swinney

**Date Lodged:** 14/10/2024

**Title:** Motion of Condolence

### Motion Text:

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 12:05 PM

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**Cc:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Jack

Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

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**Subject:** For views: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

All,

Please find an update on comms following the death of Former First Minister. We will shortly post social content pointing to the book of condolence available in Parliament.

Please find below a proactive comment that will issue to media as soon as possible today. Grateful if [@Cabinet Secretariat](#) can consider and clear, alongside any further comments from those on copy.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

**ENDS**

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

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## Document 12

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**Subject:** RE: For urgent clearance: Book of Condolence social content

Copying in other colleagues in Helen's absence. Grateful for views/clearance asap.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 11:23 AM  
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**Subject:** For urgent clearance: Book of Condolence social content

Hi,

Please see below draft social media content on the Book of Condolence following former FM Alex Salmond's passing, to be shared on main ScotGov channels ASAP.

We would appreciate factual policy views on the messaging as soon as possible.

Please note that the social media content:

[REDACTED]

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Social Media Manager  
Email: [REDACTED]@gov.scot | Phone:

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## **Document 13**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 12:53 PM

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT For SpAd Views: Book of Condolence social content

For awareness, the content has been posted on main ScotGov channels: [\(20\) Scottish Government on X: "Following the passing of former First Minister, the Rt Hon Alex Salmond, a book of condolence is now open for anyone who would like to sign. It has been placed in the Main Hall of the Scottish Parliament which is an area open to all members of the public. <https://t.co/DnU91nShGb>" / X](#)

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## **Document 14**

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

Thanks [REDACTED],

I will share this information with media who have asked about repatriation and share names with FM Comms who can provide the ops note once it has been cleared.

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 1:51 PM

**To:** Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](#)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](#)>; First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](#)>

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

[REDACTED],

The First Minister is also content.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Hi [REDACTED],

Lesley Fraser has signed this off on Perm Sec's behalf.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 12:51 PM

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

Thanks [REDACTED]

Grateful for FM and Perm Sec consideration when possible.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### **Document 15**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:41 PM

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<DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston

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**Subject:** RE: For clearance: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

[REDACTED]

Issuing now.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:39 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSEG@gov.scot)>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[MinisterPB@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPB@gov.scot)>

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**Subject:** RE: For clearance: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

[REDACTED]

The First Minister is content.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 1:15 PM

**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSEG@gov.scot)>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[MinisterPB@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterPB@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot](mailto:CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot)>; Helen Webster [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <[dgcorporate@gov.scot](mailto:dgcorporate@gov.scot)>; Donald Cameron <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; Andrew Bruce <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; Protocol and Honours Mailbox <[protocolandhonours@gov.scot](mailto:protocolandhonours@gov.scot)>; Anna Kynaston [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** For clearance: Updated comms on death of First Minister Alex Salmond

FMPO,

Please find below a proactive operational notice which we intend to issue to media today. This has been agreed with officials and SPADs. Grateful if FM can consider and clear if content.

For awareness, we have also issued social content to sign post members of the public to the book of condolence which has been made available in Parliament.  
<https://x.com/scotgov/status/1845794761354957164>

**[REDACTED]**

**ENDS**

Thanks,  
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

News | First Minister Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

Mobile: REDACTED | Portfolio Media inquiries: 0300 244 9029

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**Document 16**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:42 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Bid to interview Deputy First Minister

WH O	OUTLE T	TIM E	LIVE/PR E-REC	INTERVIEWE R	TOPICS	Recommendati on
DF M	BBC Drive Time	17:00 or 17:30	LIVE (Zoom)	Laura McKeever	REPATRIATIO N OF ALEX SALMOND'S BODY	[REDACTED]

**23. Email exchange between SG comms regarding Motion of Condolence media statement, Monday 14 October.**

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:48 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Motion of Condolence for former First Minister Alex Salmond

For info should you get any calls.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

News | First Minister Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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## **Document 17**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Website homepage update

Many thanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

We'll stay in touch to agree how and when to review.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:01 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Website homepage update

Now live:

[www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)

[REDACTED]

Head of Online Comms

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:46 PM

**To:** Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>; James Coltham <[James.Coltham@gov.scot](mailto:James.Coltham@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Christian Storstein <[Christian.Storstein@gov.scot](mailto:Christian.Storstein@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Website homepage update

Many thanks.

Grateful if you could please proceed, but with this photo?

Thx

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scottishgovernment/6788783685/in/photolist-bkUhSz-bzoYpF-bzoXrz-e8HDQ7-e8HDQs-bmu7kw-e8Ktod-e8KtnJ-e8Ktnf-ciJu8L-dQEGMm-dQz7u2-dQEHdY-dQz8FP-c89VCS-c89VHN-c89VrS-dbyQDN-dbyPXW-dbyNhi-dbyRum-dbyR8b-pzvgs4-ar6HcM-mUnqsM-mUnqnM-c89TwY-pigtLz-phMnyH-p1yxJb-p1yekN-g8Dj33-pi1emf-pg1Jky-pi1Gfq-phMjDp-phMpQr-p1x1pw-pi3m7t-p1xTeK-p1xTkn-dUtdDH-bxCmh5-bxCbqC-bxCfUS-bixSpP-aFjhZR-dNXFit-pihHkA-dP4jhL>

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[REDACTED] | Deputy head of News, Scottish Government | [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:38 PM  
**To:** Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Website homepage update

Here is a preview:

<https://preview.publishing.gov.scot/?previewkey=0453bbdc-cc6e-4bc4-b7a3-e7acb6347ddb>

I have removed the other panel items

[REDACTED]  
Head of Online Comms

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Website (gov.scot)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Website homepage update

[REDACTED]

I've put the text and image in the system and have asked [REDACTED] to check it.

I'm not aware of any option allowing a preview of these types of items in our system (I did try) so I'm not sure it will be possible to share a mock-up link in the usual way but [REDACTED] can advise.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Content Manager | Digital Communications



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[www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot) |[REDACTED] ( work mobile)

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Website (gov.scot) <[WEBSITE@gov.scot](mailto:WEBSITE@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Website homepage update

Team,

We're looking to update the gov.scot homepage this afternoon. Proposed copy and image below.

We'll need to get this approved before it goes live, so would it be possible to provide a mock-up for that purpose?

Copy: (if too long, could go with first paragraph only)

**Death of former First Minister Alex Salmond**

First Minister John Swinney has paid tribute to the Rt Hon Alex Salmond, who led the Scottish Government between 2007 and 2014 – [First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Mr Swinney also laid a Motion of condolence in the Scottish Parliament, while a book of condolence has been placed in the Main Hall of the Parliament, which is open to members of the public.

Image:

[Fort William Cabinet | First Minister Alex Salmond speaks at... | Flickr](#)

Thanks,

**[REDACTED], Head of Digital & Content, Scottish Government**  
St Andrew's House (3W), Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

**Document 18**

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Ross

Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Colin McAllister [REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Stephen Noon <Stephen.Noon@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: SpAd view // FM bid - documentary on the life of FFM AS - BBC Scotland

[REDACTED], ross, [REDACTED] and I will discuss and come back to you thanks

[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:34 PM

**To:** Jack Middleton[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Stephen Noon[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** SpAd view // FM bid - documentary on the life of FFM AS - BBC Scotland

Hello SpAds,

Please see below request that has just come in from BBC Scotland, for a 30-minute sit-down with FM for a documentary on the life of former FM following his death.

Timescales are fairly tight – producer told me they’re looking to have interviews recorded within the next seven days.

I’ve included comms recommendation in the usual bid grid format, and included the BBC’s original request beneath for completeness. Grateful for a SpAd view.

YOU HTL CET	TIME	LIVE/RE-REC	INTERVIEWER	TOPICS	Recommendation	Other details (if required)
FBB MC Scotl and	TBC BBC has requested a 30-minute slot sometime before 22/10	PRE-REC	[REDACTED]	Life of former FM	[REDACTED]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-recorded 30-minute interview to contribute to a documentary on the life of former FM Alex Salmond</li><li>• BBC approaching a wide range of figures from across the political spectrum and public life; confirmed contributors at present include George Osborne</li><li>• Documentary air date tbc, but BBC plans to air it within the next ten days</li></ul>

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

m: [REDACTED]

Senior Media Manager | First Minister | Scottish Government |

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** BBC Scotland - FM bid

[REDACTED],

Thanks for your time today. As I said, BBC News is compiling a 30 minute documentary on the life of Alex Salmond to be broadcast over the next 10 days or so. We'd very much to extend the opportunity for the First Minister to contribute to this. I appreciate he's given some interviews across the BBC over the last few days, but this documentary will run across the BBC UK wide on TV and available to stream over the iPlayer.

The interview itself would take around 30 mins, and it will be presented by [REDACTED] It's being made by the in-house team at BBC Scotland news.

If this is something we can fit into his diary, please do let me know what windows might suit. Or if you have any further questions please let me know. We're approaching a wide range of figures from across the political spectrum and public life in Scotland who had dealings with Mr Salmond over his career, that process is ongoing but we're currently recording an interview with George Osborne and expect to gather more over the coming days. We would like to include the FM's thoughts as part of that.

Thanks again for your time,

And if you wouldn't mind replying to this email, so I know it's been received.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BBC Scotland News

[www.bbc.co.uk/scotlandnews](https://www.bbc.co.uk/scotlandnews)

☎ **Mob:** [REDACTED]

✉ The Newsroom, BBC Scotland, 40 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DA  
email: [REDACTED]

*I am occasionally working from home. Please call my mobile with anything urgent.*



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## **Document 19**

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 3:43 PM

**To:** COMMS : News <DLODOBCOMMSND@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FW: Motion of Condolence for former First Minister Alex Salmond

All,

For awareness, please find below an operational notice we have issued regarding the passing of former First Minister Alex Salmond. Should you have Ministers undertaking media in the coming days, please make sure they are familiar with this notice and the arrangements currently in place.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

Mobile:[REDACTED] | Portfolio Media inquiries: 0300 244 9029

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## **Document 20**

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 5:03 PM

**To:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Spads Admin <Spads\_Admin@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: For SpAds view -BBC, Record query -Alex Salmond legal action

Thanks Ross, will send to DFM now,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 5:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Spads Admin <Spads\_Admin@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: For SpAds view -BBC, Record query -Alex Salmond legal action

Hi

I am content but could the DFM clear?

Thanks

Ross

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 4:53 PM  
**To:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Spads Admin <Spads\_Admin@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: For SpAds view -BBC, Record query -Alex Salmond legal action

Good afternoon SpAds,  
With apologies for chasing, grateful for views on below when possible.  
Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

## **Document 22**

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 5:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Ross Ingebrigtsen [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Spads Admin <Spads\_Admin@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ashleigh Gray [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Communications Finance and Local Government

<[CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot)>; Communications Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic <[DFMEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMEG@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: For clearance -BBC, Record query -Alex Salmond legal action

[REDACTED]

DFM is content.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] Leas-rùnaire Priobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson na h-Eaconamaidh is Gàidhlig – Ceit Fhoirbeis BPA

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## **Document 23**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 6:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@nationalworld.com>

**Subject:** David Davis comments

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find SG line below.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**A Scottish Government spokesperson said:**

“It would not be appropriate to comment on live litigation.”

[REDACTED]

**News | Media Manager – Finance, Local Government and Corporate**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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## **Document 24**

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 8:09 PM  
**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** Shona Riach [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; John Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Pauline Aylesbury <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Thanks Jeanette, will do.  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 8:07:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** Shona Riach [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; John Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Pauline Aylesbury <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Please only provide opps note to anyone inquiring. We will update if and when we have something to update

Thanks very much  
Jeanette

**From:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 7:45 PM  
**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
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**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Hi SpAds,

[REDACTED] has just rang, saying he has heard discussions are taking place around the 'chartering of a plane'.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 5:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

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**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

We are agreed thanks

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**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2024 5:04 PM

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**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Hi [REDACTED]



Subject to views from SPADs, I'd suggest just pointing media to the ops note issued earlier.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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And the Sun have asked if we'd like to add anything further given the below. Shall we stick to the lines in Ops Note for now?

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**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Hi SpAds,

Global Radio have asked whether we can confirm that DFM has met with the UKG.

Grateful for views on whether we can confirm or just point to the ops note?

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: For spad views: Various media; death of FFM / repatriation

Hi Jeanette,

That's helpful thank you. Copying DFM Comms for their awareness on bids. Have added the FM's comments from yesterday as well. Will send to FM, DFM and Perm Sec to clear shortly.

Thanks,

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Hi

[REDACTED]

Please note DFM has had several requests direct to her for interviews etc which I've said she should send – or tell them to - go direct to SG Comms.

[REDACTED]

When we have an update we will discuss again about what can be said.

Thanks  
Jeanette

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Hi SpAds,

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.

Grateful for your views on the below information for sharing at this stage.

Many thanks,  
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**Subject:** RE: For Alloc - Repatriation, private plane - P&J

Thanks [REDACTED], I'll pick up  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** For Alloc - Repatriation, private plane - P&J

Hi All,

[REDACTED] at the P&J is looking for confirmation and/or lines on SG potentially chartering a private plane to repatriate former FM Alex Salmond.

She has the holding lines presumably – think she was on distribution list yesterday for holding lines?

Contact details: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** STV request re Salmond repatriation

Hi

As discussed here's the line from PA:

Meanwhile, work to repatriate Mr Salmond's body continues, with a top aide to the organiser of the conference the former SNP leader was attending when he died saying a "special flight" will return him to Scotland.

Boris Josifovski - who works for former North Macedonian president Gorge Ivanov, told the Associated Press paperwork was "nearly finished" on Monday and the flight would likely take off from the city of Ohrid in the country's south west.

And here's what the foreign office said:

We are providing consular support to the family of Alex Salmond following his death in North Macedonia, and are in contact with the local authorities and Scottish Government.'

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Senior Reporter

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**Subject:** RE: For awareness - Scottish Sun/ P&J; repatriation media queries

Also attaching this from BBC.

Please hold these queries just now. I am due to catch up with SPAD colleagues and will revert.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED], if you haven't already, I'll respond to STV?  
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**Subject:** RE: For awareness - Scottish Sun/ P&J; repatriation media queries

Hi all

Sorry for jumping in but we've just taken a call from STV – attached – on similar.

They're pointing to comments coming out of North Macedonia with some details of travel preparations.

STV are ultimately just looking for our latest comment/position and suggest op-note info also suitable to cover this one off at this juncture.

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**Subject:** For awareness - Scottish Sun/ P&J; repatriation media queries

Good morning SpAds and colleagues,

We've heard this morning from the Scottish Sun and the Press & Journal who are looking for any update on the repatriation of former FM Alex Salmond.

As agreed, we will point to the below Ops note issued yesterday and advise we will be back in touch with any update.

Best wishes  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Photos required: FM to sign book of condolence

All, just to confirm that [REDACTED] is able to cover this tonight. We'll now look at logistics for this on a reduced copylist.

Tim, thank you so much for being willing to cover on your day off but I'm glad to say that's not needed this time!

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**Subject:** RE: Photos required: FM to sign book of condolence

Hi [REDACTED],

We discussed and this is likely to take place at the Parliament - if [REDACTED] is not available then although I was on leave tomorrow I could re-schedule to cover the evening if required.

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**Subject:** Photos required: FM to sign book of condolence

Hi all

To make you aware we expect FM to sign the book of condolence for former First Minister Alex Salmond tomorrow evening when he returns from London. This is expected to be late and will likely be around 1015/1030. Can you please consider who has availability to cover please?

The photos should then go live on Flickr first thing Wednesday morning and we should then post the images on social. [REDACTED] can you consider and let me know if SCH can draft copy and which channels the image should go on?

At the moment we don't think we will do media around the signing but that may change if timing changes.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** FW: For information - death of former First Minister

For info / as flagged on TL huddle

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: For information - death of former First Minister

Hi everyone,

Also coming in to provide more information on the motion of condolence.

Mr Hepburn would like all Ministers to be aware that the motion has now been lodged and is available on the Parliament's website: [S6M-14899 | Scottish Parliament Website](#).

Ministers and Cab Secs should not add their names to this motion. It's usual practice for motions of this nature to be in the name of the First Minister, with other party leaders only adding their names in support of the motion. We're picking this up with other parties as required.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary to the [Minister for Parliamentary Business](#) – Jamie Hepburn MSP

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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]

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That's fine and ross will be in touch

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Good morning SpAds and colleagues,

We've heard this morning from the Scottish Sun and the Press & Journal who are looking for any update on the repatriation of former FM Alex Salmond.  
As agreed, we will point to the below Ops note issued yesterday and advise we will be back in touch with any update.

Best wishes

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Hi all

FM has confirmed he will visit Parliament this evening to sign the Book of Condolence. Our working assumption is that FM will arrive around 1015. FM will be escorted by Jack Middleton and his SLO's.

[REDACTED] will attend to provide comms support and [REDACTED] will attend to capture images of FM signing the book.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will arrive in advance of FM if that helps.

[REDACTED – OUT OF SCOPE]

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Colleagues

Additional information from SP.

While FM may choose to sign either book, space has been held at the front of the Garden Lobby book for the FM. PO, DPOs etc. to sign first.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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All

Our SP colleague has requested that, if the rest of the party are not parliamentary passholders, we should let the security team know in as soon as possible, so access can be arranged. It would be helpful to know when that information will become available, please?

Thanks to [REDACTED] for confirming the photographer will hold their own pass.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Thanks. Once [REDACTED] has discussed with FM, we can confirm media arrangements and the name of the SG photographer (who will have a parliamentary pass).

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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Thanks Jeanette

It would be helpful if we can get all the information/questions etc required over to the SP colleague in a single email please, subject, of course to FM's clearance/requirements.

Thanks

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Thanks' [REDACTED] will the SP need to know who all coming? There would also be photographer attending who would not be in FM party of folk who will need access. FMPO/Comms can you liaise with Terri on this so parl aware what will be needed if and when FM agrees on this.

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Hi Jeanette

Our SP colleague has advised that the senior security person on duty tomorrow night will be [REDACTED] who can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Further, the first page in the book will be reserved for the PO, but that FM will be prominent thereafter.

I hope this information is helpful.

Regards

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Thanks Jeanette

We have approached SP for that information and will confirm as soon as they reply

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**Subject:** FM signing Book of Condolence

Hello

Starting new chain on this. [REDACTED] (thanks for doing) has confirmed the Scottish Parliament can organise for FM to attend to sign either / both the books of condolence and should come in via the Canongate entrance. Security staff have been briefed to expect him.

[REDACTED], if there could be a contact at parliament provided to FMPO that be helpful in case of any transport holds ups, as you know FM will be coming direct from arriving at train station so if any delays – or indeed to alert folk he's on way – that would be of use.

Also can you confirm the first page of the book for passholders is being kept specifically for FM to sign – I understand first ages are kept for all party leaders?

FMPO – please note option to sign both books.

Comms copied for organising SG photographer

Many thanks

Jeanette

## **42. Email exchange between comms and DFM PO re proactive statement on AS death, Tuesday 15 October**

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

[REDACTED],

DFM is content.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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

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Apologies, final copy below.

Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes said:

“The loss of a loved one is a difficult time for any family, made more complex when **they have** passed away overseas.

“I have been speaking directly with Mr Salmond’s family, discussing a range of possible options with them regarding how we can most appropriately support them.

“In addition, we continue to engage with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to ensure consular support is in place for Mr Salmond’s family. The Scottish Government’s strong desire is for the dignified repatriation of the former First Minister to Scotland.”

**ENDS**

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED], and thanks to DFM for changes. One amend in bold below.

We discussed with SPADs and agreed we would issue this to media around 1315.

Will leave SPADs/officials to confirm relevant details to share the update. @Shona could you or someone in your team also share DFM’s comment with the FCDO, please?

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED],

Please see below revision from DFM.

DFM has also asked for this to be shared with [REDACTED] so it's not a surprise. Grateful for confirmation of who will share this with [REDACTED] and PO can provide the email address.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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DFMPO,  
FMPO,

Please find a suggested proactive comment we propose issuing to media from DFM today. Grateful if DFM can consider and clear if content.

We will issue to broadcast media, PA and selected journalists who are looking for an update.

Officials, before we issue can you separately confirm accuracy please.

[REDACTED]

**ENDS**

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Subject:** RE: Salmond repatriation

Hi [REDACTED],

Just to say BBC are also looking for an on-camera interview about this today – details attached.

Would you be able to progress alongside the DFM's statement?

Thanks,

[REDACTED] | **Senior Media Manager**  
First Minister's Communications  
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House  
[\[REDACTED\]](#)

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Subject:** RE: Salmond repatriation

Hi [REDACTED], Confirming I'll wait to hear from you – have got STV and BBC queries on hold.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Salmond repatriation

I added this to a separate chain with SPADs. Can we sit on it for now. I'll come back after the 12noon call.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Salmond repatriation

Adding [REDACTED]. We can handle.

[REDACTED] | Communications Team Leader  
Finance & Local Government | Scottish Government

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:43 AM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Salmond repatriation

Hi [REDACTED],

Looking for comment on this statement –

A spokesperson for the Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said: "From our side, all the technical work has been completely finished, and we are waiting for information regarding the departure time from the Scottish side."

Also, Alba general secretary Chris McEleny and David Davis MP have been calling for the UK government to deploy the RAF to aid the repatriation.

Are you able to confirm if the Scottish government supports such calls, or whether it is considering any other ways to provide private transport for the process?

All the best,  
[REDACTED]

### **Document 33**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Salmond inquiry



Hi [REDACTED],

I believe my colleague [REDACTED] has spoken to you looking for an updated line on Alex Salmond, in light of the latest from North Macedonia re repatriation. I just wanted to add that we'd be keen to speak to someone on-camera if at all possible at some point today, even if there is relatively little to say! Do let me know if that might be possible.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

## **Document 34**

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**Subject:** RE: For Alloc - Repatriation, private plane - P&J

Thanks [REDACTED], will add her to the list. Hopefully updated lines going out soon.  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: For Alloc - Repatriation, private plane - P&J

Similar query from [REDACTED] at The National. Have pointed her to the ops-note but passing on in case there is anything further for you to add.

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**Subject:** For Alloc - Repatriation, private plane - P&J

Hi All,

[REDACTED] at the P&J is looking for confirmation and/or lines on SG potentially chartering a private plane to repatriate former FM Alex Salmond.

She has the holding lines presumably – think she was on distribution list yesterday for holding lines?

Contact details: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Could this background line be shared with mr gray's office if not already please

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**Subject:** Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Adding duty colleague [REDACTED] to the copylist in case of further query this evening.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:02 PM

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Hi Ross,  
I'll send to him now.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

**From:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:01 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> ; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Hi [redacted] – could this line go to [redacted] at the BBC if it hasn't already  
Thanks

Ross

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:12 PM

**To:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Thanks Ross. We will reissue the following to media outlets that have approached us for comment today.

### **For information**

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

Thanks,  
[redacted]

[REDACTED]

News | First Minister Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

[redacted]

**From:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:10 PM

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Hi all

PO – I've spoken to DFM.

For the benefit of copylist – can we [REDACTED], and stick to the background note that was issued yesterday.

Thanks

Ross

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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:57 PM

**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> > First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

Thank you Jeanette,

I have informed DFM.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] Leas-rùnaire Priobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson na h-Eaconamaidh is Gàidhlig – Ceit Fhoirbeis BPA

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:52 PM

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

[REDACTED] I am revising the email just now and had already planned to put today's cleared line in that along with yesterday's lines

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

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**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Proactive comment - update on death of former First Minister

DFMPO,

FMPO,

Please find a suggested proactive comment we propose issuing to media from DFM today.

Grateful if DFM can consider and clear if content.

We will issue to broadcast media, PA and selected journalists who are looking for an update.

Officials, before we issue can you separately confirm accuracy please.

[REDACTED]

**ENDS**

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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<[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: REQUEST FROM SG OVERSEAS OFFICES

Will do [REDACTED]

Thanks for the helpful advice.

<[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]>,

Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team

Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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**To:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Internal Communications <[InternalCommunications@gov.scot](mailto:InternalCommunications@gov.scot)>; Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: REQUEST FROM SG OVERSEAS OFFICES

Thanks [REDACTED]. Grateful if you can keep us posted. With apologies for omitting from earlier email, adding [REDACTED] who leads on external/international comms brief.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**  
The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh  
[REDACTED]  
[www.gov.scot/news](http://www.gov.scot/news)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:30 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >>  
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**Subject:** RE: REQUEST FROM SG OVERSEAS OFFICES

Thanks [REDACTED]

There is no protocol for this situation, we will issue a holding reply based on the information you have provided and take it forward with Lesley and FMPO at a later date.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]>,  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team



Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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**To:** [REDACTED] Thomson <[Terri.Thomson@gov.scot](mailto:Terri.Thomson@gov.scot)>  
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**Subject:** RE: REQUEST FROM SG OVERSEAS OFFICES

Thanks [REDACTED]. Adding further comms contacts.

Thank you for sharing this with us. Assuming we don't have protocol in place for this situation? If overseas offices are looking to respond directly (which seems odd), I'd suggest they point to the wording issued by FM on Saturday. [First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/news/first-minister-comments-on-death-of-alex-salmond)

I'd suggest it might be more appropriate for the messages to be collated centrally and a response of thanks to be agreed with Lesley and FM for use in response. This should replicate / draw from FM's statement from Saturday which continues to be our source of truth/public comms on the passing of the former First Minister. I'd also suggest that we should not rush to respond to these and should give some time to ensure FM has advice and the opportunity to consider the most appropriate response.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: For awareness: Query on SG presence at tonight's Scotland game

[REDACTED]

The First Minister has noted.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**S[REDACTED]**  
**Deputy Private Secretary**  
**Office of the First Minister**

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**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <CommunicationsHealthandSocialCare@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** For awareness: Query on SG presence at tonight's Scotland game

Cabinet Secretary,  
FMPO for awareness,

The Sun have asked if FM, Mr Gray or any other Ministers are attending tonight's Scotland Game where there are plans to hold a minute clap in memory of former First Minister Alex Salmond.

We have discussed with SPADs and suggest verbally briefing the Sun that Mr Gray will be in attendance. Suggested line below.

For information

Neil Gray, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, with responsibility for Sport, is due to attend tonight's match.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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### **Document 38**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:46 AM

**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Thanks all

For sight, good to see the outcome.

[REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]>

Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team

Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:35 AM

**To:**

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Great thanks to all, partic for organising so late in evening

**From:** <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:34 AM

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

The post, with pic, issued at 8am

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:33 AM

**To:** <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>;

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

I like photo thanks – does it need cleared by FM or did it issue as planned?

**From:** <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:56 AM

**To:**

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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot><[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

[REDACTED],  
Resized image attached.

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> | Deputy head of News, Scottish Government | [REDACTED]  
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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:53 AM

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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

[REDACTED]  
I'll resize file ... 7002 and send back now.

The SCH will look after Flickr later

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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Hi [REDACTED]

Unfortunately all the pics on Hightail are too big to post on X/Twitter via Hootsuite - and I'm not sure about how to upload files to Flickr.

Could you send through more compressed pics before 8am when I've been asked to post on Twitter/X??

Grateful if other colleagues on the copylist can assist with this,

Many thanks [REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:43 PM

**To:** <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; J<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; John Webster <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Please find the hightail link with a selection of photos of the First Minister signing the Book of Condolence:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/O2HPrzeO9q>

The First Minister preferred the wide angle. I would suggest photo DSC07002.

Photos can be downloaded straight from hightail, if a Social Media colleague could then please upload to Flickr when ready that would be appreciated. If there is any trouble with the size of the photo downloaded from Hightail for social media platforms, upload to Flickr and download a compressed size.

Thanks,

REDACTED

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:39 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; John Webster <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** Re: FM signing Book of Condolence

To confirm, wording has been agreed as drafted in earlier emails.

Scott, fine to post at 8am tomorrow once Mhairi has shared the picture.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:09:19 PM  
**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >>; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Debbie Livingstone <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> > Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot><; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; John Webster <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: FM signing Book of Condolence

Thanks [REDACTED]

Will pass that over now

<[REDACTED]>,  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

Please note I work from home – **Friday** is my non working day.

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## **Document 39**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:24 AM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: BBC Scotland - FM bid

Hi [REDACTED]

I wondered if there was any update on this bid

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Jack.Matthews@gov.scot](mailto:Jack.Matthews@gov.scot) <[Jack.Matthews@gov.scot](mailto:Jack.Matthews@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2024 15:19  
**To:** Allan Price - GW <[allan.price2@bbc.co.uk](mailto:allan.price2@bbc.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: BBC Scotland - FM bid

**External:** Think before clicking

Hi [REDACTED]

Confirming receipt, with thanks.

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:18 PM

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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic <DFMEG@gov.scot>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Adding [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] who are also taking calls.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Communications Deputy First Minister, Economy and Gaelic <[DFMEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMEG@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Thanks. To confirm, anyone asking for a comment on Sky report should be directed to the ops note issued on Monday which continues to reflect the current situation and so we can reissue that line, specifically: The Scottish Government has been in regular dialogue with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office since Saturday to ensure full support is in place for the family and around the repatriation of the former First Minister.

All calls can get logged on the sheet. Thanks!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

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**From:** John Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:12 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Hi

Sorry for jumping in but just taken a call from National on the same and I'll add to the G-Doc.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:11 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> ><  
[\[REDACTED\].Scott@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].Scott@gov.scot)>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Thanks both, if you could add deets to grid that would be appreciated.

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:09 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Have done the same for [REDACTED] at PA.

Couple of repatriation lines in newsdesk grid – should we collate those that have been given the message in a fresh line?

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**[REDACTED]** Senior Media Manager | [First Minister](#) | [Scottish Government](#) |  
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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:07 PM  
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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

And from ITV News – I have referred them back to the op note that was issued on Monday.

**[REDACTED]** Senior Media Manager  
First Minister's Communications  
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House  
**[REDACTED]**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:04 PM  
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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Hi,

FYI ust taken call on the same from [REDACTED]who seeks urgent confirmation if this is the case.

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[REDACTED]

Senior Media Manager | First Minister | Scottish Government |

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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:02 PM

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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Thanks. Adding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Media query - Repatriation of FFM - LBC

Hi all

LBC are asking for confirmation/details about the piece running on Sky that says SG has chartered a flight to repatriate the FFM.

Thanks

<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

[Scottish government pays to repatriate Alex Salmond's body after request to use RAF rejected | UK News | Sky News](#)

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Senior Media Manager

Justice and Home Affairs

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## **Document 41**

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:37 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >< [REDACTED].Scott@gov.scot>;  
<[REDACTED]@gov.scot><Russell.Fallis@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated comms around former First Minister

Great ta, too much flag stuff for me to remember

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:34 PM  
**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated comms around former First Minister

Thanks. Protocol and Honours confirmed flags would be lowered on the day of the reading and the day of the funeral. We said that in Monday's ops note.

Will hold off for changes to quote then send up.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
News | First Minister Communications Team Leader  
The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh  
[REDACTED]  
[www.gov.scot/news](http://www.gov.scot/news)

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated comms around former First Minister

Can you say tabled a motion please

Also is this definitely for us on day of the reading and not just parliament?

We will send changes to quote shortly as on with FM now

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

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:29 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Cc:** <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated comms around former First Minister

Tweaks (adds) highlighted

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## **Document 42**

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:46 PM  
**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSEG@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; J<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Shona Riach <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>>; Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot](mailto:CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot)>; John Webster <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>>; DG Corporate <[dgcorporate@gov.scot](mailto:dgcorporate@gov.scot)>; Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Pauline Aylesbury <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[Angela-Claire.Coutts@gov.scot](mailto:Angela-Claire.Coutts@gov.scot)>; Anna Kynaston <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> ;Communications Finance and Local Government <[CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot)>; Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Update on the death of former First Minister

Dear All

This is family statement which should issue imminently.

Jeanette

I will be issuing in the next 10 minutes

For immediate release: Wednesday 15 October 2024

**ALEX SALMOND**

The family of Alex Salmond are able to advise that an agreement has been reached to charter a private plane, the costs of which will be paid for by a private citizen, for the purpose of transporting and returning the body of the Former First Minister **The Rt Hon Alex Salmond** from Ohrid, North Macedonia to Aberdeen. Further details on the timings of the flight will be made available in due course. Acting Alba Party Leader **Kenny MacAskill** said:

*"The family of Alex Salmond would like to put on record their appreciation to the North Macedonian Government for expediting the necessary procedures to allow Alex's body to be released. The family would also like to thank the UK and Scottish Governments for their endeavors to put in place the swift arrangements to bring Alex Salmond home to Scotland. The family are incredibly grateful for the support which is being provided by a private citizen to charter a private plane to allow Alex's body to come home to Scotland.*

*"It brings a great deal of comfort to Moira and other members of the family to know that he will soon be home with them.*

*"The family have asked that their privacy be respected at this time and will be making an announcement in due course about the funeral arrangements and a memorial service to honour the life of Alex Salmond."*

ENDS

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:43 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSEG@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Ross Ingebrigtsen <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; J<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Shona Riach <<[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>>; Lesley Fraser <[Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot](mailto:Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot](mailto:CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot)>; John Webster <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; DG Corporate <[dgcorporate@gov.scot](mailto:dgcorporate@gov.scot)>; Andrew Bruce <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>>; Pauline Aylesbury <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[Angela-Claire.Coutts@gov.scot](mailto:Angela-Claire.Coutts@gov.scot)>; Anna Kynaston <<[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications Finance and Local Government <[CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFinanceandLocalGovernment@gov.scot)>; Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>;

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Update on the death of former First Minister

[REDACTED],

The First Minister is content to clear but commented that this should only be issued once the statement has been made by the family.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of the First Minister**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Update on the death of former First Minister

FMPO, DFMPPO,

Following confirmation that the family of former First Minister Alex Salmond have made private repatriation arrangements, please find a proactive SG comment that is intended to issue to media this afternoon. We understand that the Alba Party are expected to issue a statement on behalf of Mr Salmond's family imminently. We will then issue this comment so grateful for confirmation of clearance as soon as possible.

[REDACTED]

**ENDS**

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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## **Document 43**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:24 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Re: EXTERNAL:- ALEX SALMOND

yep got that thanks

**From:** [\[REDACTED\].Scott@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].Scott@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 16 October 2024 14:23  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL:- ALEX SALMOND

Hi [REDACTED]

To confirm, you should have received a comment from us. Attached for ease.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
News | First Minister Communications Team Leader  
The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh



[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:18 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> [REDACTED]@gov.scot><  
**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL:- ALEX SALMOND

Many thanks Laura.

We'll be issuing an updated SG spokesperson comment very shortly.

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot> | Deputy head of News, Scottish Government | [REDACTED]  
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## **Document 44**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:31 PM  
**To:** COMMS : News <DLODOBCOMMSND@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Update on repatriation of former First Minister Alex Salmond.

All,

Please see below an update on the repatriation of former First Minister Alex Salmond. Please familiarise yourself with these comments, especially if you have Ministers doing media later this week.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**  
The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh  
[REDACTED]  
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## **Document 45**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:40 PM

**To:** DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>; DL Ministers <DLMPOPMIN@gov.scot>

**Cc:** DL SPADS <DLSPADS@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; Protocol and Honours Mailbox <protocolandhonours@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>>; Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>; Julie Grant <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>; Pauline Aylesbury <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** FOR AWARENESS: Communications following the death of former First Minister Alex Salmond

### **Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers,**

### **CC: SPADs, Officials and News Team Leaders,**

Following confirmation that the family of former First Minister Alex Salmond have made repatriation arrangements, SG communications have issued the following statement to media this afternoon.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

### **Update on repatriation of former First Minister Alex Salmond.**

Following confirmation that the family of former First Minister Alex Salmond have made arrangements for repatriation to Scotland, a Scottish Government spokesperson said: "The loss of a loved one is a difficult time for any family, made more complex when they have passed away overseas.

"Over the last few days the Scottish Government and UK Government have been engaging with Alex Salmond's family and working closely together in accordance with their wishes, to ensure the swift and dignified repatriation of the former First Minister to Scotland.

"Having explored a number of options, the family have now made arrangements for this to take place with the support of a private citizen.

“The Scottish Government continues to engage with Mr Salmond’s family, and we stand ready to offer further advice and support, should it be required.”

## **Background**

Following Mr Salmond’s death on Saturday 12 October, the Scottish Government has been in regular contact with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to ensure consular support is in place for the former First Minister’s family.

First Minister John Swinney paid tribute to Alex Salmond – who led the Scottish Government between 2007 and 2014 - on Saturday. [First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

The First Minister has tabled a Motion of Condolence in the Scottish Parliament and has signed a Book of Condolence in memory of Mr Salmond. A book has been placed in the Main Hall of the Scottish Parliament for any members of the public who would like to sign it.

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

## **ENDS**

[REDACTED]

News | First Minister Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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**From:** Shona Riach <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:55 PM

**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED].Scott@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>

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FCDO were grateful for sight of the press notices. They do not intend to issue anything.

Shona  
[REDACTED]

*Remainder of email trail as above at item 54*

## **Document 47**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Update on repatriation of former First Minister Alex Salmond.

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this. Nothing further to add to the statement below.

As the family have confirmed, they have agreed arrangements for repatriation. I understand the family have confirmed they will confirm funeral arrangements in due course.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

News | First Minister Communications Team Leader

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michael Blackley <[michael.blackley@dailymail.co.uk](mailto:michael.blackley@dailymail.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3:31 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >< [\[REDACTED\].scott@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].scott@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** FW: Update on repatriation of former First Minister Alex Salmond.

Hi [REDACTED],

Can I please check a few things on this:

Does this mean there are no costs whatsoever for the SG in relation to repatriation?  
Was the Scottish Government prepared to pay the costs of repatriation prior to the family confirming a private individual would pay?  
Is the Scottish Government involved in planning for a funeral or memorial service?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

## **Document 48**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:58 PM  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FFM

Hi [REDACTED]  
Here's the info that media can be pointed to in case of any queries. [REDACTED]  
Anything major, would flag to SpAds (Jeanette has been the lead, Ross can also advise).  
Hope tonight is straightforward.  
Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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## **Document 49**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:29 PM  
**To:** Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: The Death of Mr Alex Salmond - Overseas Messages of Condolence

Thank you, Lesley.

We have spoken to FMPO who are happy with a short email out lining as below. We will include the copy list when it goes up.

Warm regards

<[REDACTED],  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]

Please note I work from home – **Friday** is my non working day.

**Know someone who deserves an Honour? Please contact [Scottishhonours@gov.scot](mailto:Scottishhonours@gov.scot) for more information.**

**From:** Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:24 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Cc:** Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; S <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: The Death of Mr Alex Salmond - Overseas Messages of Condolence

Many thanks indeed [REDACTED]

I am grateful to you and P&H colleagues for coordinating this. I think that your proposed approach sounds very sensible.

Please do keep me updated as you suggest.

Thanks again

L

**Lesley**

Lesley Fraser | she/her | Director General Corporate  
Scottish Government | [REDACTED]

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## **Document 50**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> ><[REDACTED].Scott@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:07 AM

**To:** Protocol and Honours Mailbox <[protocolandhonours@gov.scot](mailto:protocolandhonours@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: FOR AWARENESS: Communications following the death of former First Minister Alex Salmond

Will do!

[REDACTED]

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Protocol and Honours Mailbox

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:07 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FOR AWARENESS: Communications following the death of former First Minister Alex Salmond

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this, can you add me to any other updates please?

Cheers my dear

<[REDACTED]>  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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## **Document 51**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 11:53 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>

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<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: Messages of Condolence - Mr Alex Salmond - SG Overseas Offices - Response

[REDACTED]

Would appreciate a quick chat.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

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Scottish Government, St Andrews House

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Thanks. No comments from me.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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**Subject:** RE: Messages of Condolence - Mr Alex Salmond - SG Overseas Offices - Response

Thank you, Lesley,

[REDACTED], comms colleagues, [REDACTED]



Warmest regards

[REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]>  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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**Subject:** RE: Messages of Condolence - Mr Alex Salmond - SG Overseas Offices - Response

Many thanks all

Yes – content for my part

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**Lesley**

Lesley Fraser | she/her | Director General Corporate  
Scottish Government | [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Messages of Condolence - Mr Alex Salmond - SG Overseas Offices - Response

Thank you [REDACTED]

Subject to Lesley and Comms response we will issue the lines to SG overseas offices.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]

<[REDACTED],  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Messages of Condolence - Mr Alex Salmond - SG Overseas Offices - Response

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for the undernoted. I have discussed with [REDACTED] and if Comms and DG are content, FMPO would be grateful if the following response could issue please “ Thank you for your kind words, your message will be passed on to the office of the First Minister” If all messages could be sent to the Protocol and Honours Team we can store centrally and save for the National Archives.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Office of the First Minister  
Scottish Government  
5TH floor/St Andrews House/Regent Road  
Edinburgh EH1 3DG  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** T <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:35 PM

**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> > <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Julie Grant <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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FM/FMPO

Grateful if you could note and advise FM that there have been requests from International Relations colleagues, posted overseas, for standard lines of reply to messages of condolence, marking the death of Mr Alex Salmond. We have therefore requested that these messages are forwarded to the P&H team, who will review and provide FM with an overview and draft response, to be issued to all correspondents and SG overseas offices, should he be content with this approach. We hope this meets with your approval and would ask that any such messages which are sent directly to FMPO could be forwarded to [protocolandhonours@gov.scot](mailto:protocolandhonours@gov.scot) for inclusion in this review and response.

Thank you

<[REDACTED]>  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]>

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## **Document 52**

**From:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 1:39 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> >; Shona Riach <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy &

Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: TBA

Tba this was released on behalf of the Salmond family at 1.30:

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## **Document 53**

**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 2:43 PM

**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>

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

**Subject:** FW: Statement

Colleagues,

Please see below statement from the Hunter Foundation.

Thanks,

<[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED] Jeffries (she/her)

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

<[REDACTED] Jeffries, 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:** Ewan Hunter <[ewan@thehunterfoundation.co.uk](mailto:ewan@thehunterfoundation.co.uk)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 2:27 PM

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[dfmcseg@gov.scot](mailto:dfmcseg@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Statement

Dear Deputy First Minister

Please find enclosed our statement to the media vis a vis the repatriation...Warm best wishes  
[REDACTED]

Following significant media inquiries Sir Tom Hunter issued the following statement confirming he had funded the repatriation of Alex Salmond to Scotland;

“Whilst he and I disagreed on some of his ambitions, Alex Salmond devoted his life to Scotland and the Scottish people and as such he, and importantly his family, deserved the dignity and privacy of a private return to the home of his birth. Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are with his family at this time.

To be clear I remain resolutely apolitical.” Sir Tom Hunter

Note to editors: The jet flight was paid for personally by Sir Tom and not by The Hunter Foundation his philanthropy.

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 3:47 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Official Sensitive - Further Update on Repatriation of FFM

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this update, which the First Minister has noted. The FM has said he is grateful to Officials for working at pace and with great sensitivity to ensure the Scottish Government acted to provide support and assistance to the Salmond family. He has asked for his thanks to be passed on to everyone involved. Grateful if you could please pass on the FM's thanks and appreciation to anyone not on this copylist.

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary to the First Minister

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**From:** Katherine Goodwin <[Katherine.Goodwin@gov.scot](mailto:Katherine.Goodwin@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** DG Corporate

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:36 PM

**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[DFMCSEG@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSEG@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government <[CabSecFLG@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecFLG@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Lesley Fraser <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <[dgcorporate@gov.scot](mailto:dgcorporate@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Alison Coull <[Alison.Coull@gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Coull@gov.scot)>; Shona Riach <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Aileen Wright <[Aileen.Wright@gov.scot](mailto:Aileen.Wright@gov.scot)>; Nick Ford <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Chief Financial Officer <[cfo@gov.scot](mailto:cfo@gov.scot)>; Anna Kynaston <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Official Sensitive - Further Update on Repatriation of FFM

**First Minister**

**Deputy First Minister**

**Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government**

We are now aware that a private benefactor has offered to fund the costs associated with the repatriation of Alex Salmond from Ohrid to Aberdeen. The family has also appointed an International Funeral Director from the list of preferred FCDO providers and therefore the family has made the arrangements for the repatriation. The flight details have not yet been confirmed but we are not expecting this to be before Friday.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are in direct contact with the family's representative regarding their offer of a Saltire flag for the coffin.

Ministers will also wish to be aware that President Gordana Siljanovska Davkova of North Macedonia has offered to accompany the coffin from its current location to the airport in Ohrid, and is arranging a guard of honour. Mr Salmond's family and their representatives are inviting media to cover the repatriation.

SG officials stand ready to offer Ministers further advice as required, and DFM continues to offer the family further assistance should this be helpful. The FCDO also continue to offer support to the family, particularly ahead of the flight.

SG Comms issued the agreed statement today following the family announcement, both of which are below for information.

Kind regards

Katherine

[REDACTED]

*Statement from Alex Salmond's family as included at item 54 above*

[Katherine Goodwin](#) | Chief of Staff to Lesley Fraser, DG Corporate | Scottish Government | 07780 676784

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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Protocol and Honours Mailbox

**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 12:43 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** RE: FM bid: Documentary on the life of former First Minister Alex Salmond - BBC Scotland

Sorry [REDACTED] can you add me in please, otherwise I am likely to miss something.

Cheers



<[REDACTED],  
Deputy Branch Head, Protocol & Honours Team  
Scottish Government  
<[REDACTED]

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**From:** <<[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 12:32 PM

**To:** First Minister <[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: FM bid: Documentary on the life of former First Minister Alex Salmond - BBC Scotland

Hi all

As agreed with SPADs, we are facilitating this interview at Edinburgh University after the FM's speech and print huddle have concluded.

We have sourced an additional room on another floor which we will use for the recording. BBC will set up that morning and FM will be interviewed in front of a black screen which is the format the BBC are filming all interviews.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**News | First Minister Communications Team Leader**

The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh

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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:30 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>; DG Corporate <[dgcorporate@gov.scot](mailto:dgcorporate@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot](mailto:CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot)>; Protocol and Honours Mailbox <[protocolandhonours@gov.scot](mailto:protocolandhonours@gov.scot)>; J <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <[CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot)>; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; First Minister

<[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: FM bid: Documentary on the life of former First Minister Alex Salmond - BBC Scotland

[REDACTED],

As discussed this is now with SpAds and will await an update from Jack/Ross.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of the First Minister**

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**From:** <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** FM bid: Documentary on the life of former First Minister Alex Salmond - BBC Scotland

FMPO,

We have received a bid from BBC Scotland for a 30 minute sit-down interview with the First Minister for a documentary they are producing on former First Minister Alex Salmond following his death.

BBC Scotland have confirmed they are approaching a wide range of figures from across the political spectrum and public life; confirmed contributors at present include former Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne. The release date of the documentary is yet to be confirmed but BBC Scotland are planning to have all interviews recorded within the next seven days. The interviewer is likely to be Lynsey Bews.

We have discussed with SPADs and would suggest that if FM is able to accept, we look to facilitate the recording either before or after the planned speech on Monday which is the first time the First Minister is scheduled to be in Edinburgh. We could look to do this at

Bute House. Alternatively, we could look to facilitate at the BBC on Tuesday after the FM joins the photocall for the Commonwealth Games.

If FM was keen to accept but explore other timescales and locations, we can discuss with PO and BBC.

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# First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond

Former First Minister dies, aged 69.

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."

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## Motion of Condolence for former First Minister Alex Salmond

First Minister John Swinney has lodged a Motion of Condolence in the Scottish Parliament to mark the passing of former First Minister, the Rt Hon Alex Salmond. By convention, Motions of Condolence are signed only by Party Leaders.

This coincides with a public book of condolence in memory of the former First Minister being made available in the Main Hall of the Scottish Parliament, which is an area open to all members of the public.

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.

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

First Minister John Swinney paid tribute to Alex Salmond – who led the Scottish Government between 2007 and 2014 - on Saturday. [First Minister comments on death of Alex Salmond - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/news/first-minister-comments-on-death-of-alex-salmond/)

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