

**Document 1: FM messages with Ewan Hunter**

[Tue 15 Oct] [19:39]  
[Ewan Hunter]

Dear John apologies for the interruption. Ewan Hunter here we are wondering if the repatriation of Alex has been resolved if not confidentially we can help if you point me to who best to speak to? Sorry didn't know who we could speak thanks Ewan

[John Swinney]

Ewan. Thanks for the message. This is all being worked on just now and is, of course, very sensitive. I am travelling by train back from London and will be able to speak about 10:30. Could I call you then? Thanks for getting in touch. John

[Ewan Hunter]

Of course John appreciate the sensitivity in absolute terms will be by the phone thank you Ewan

[John Swinney]

Will call you then. John

[Tue 15 Oct] [22:44]

[John Swinney]

Many thank for our call Ewan. I am deeply grateful to you and to Tom for your offer of assistance. I will send you Kate's number for you to call in the morning. Best regards, John

Kate Forbes KF (contact)

[Ewan Hunter]

Appreciated First Minister. Will, as discussed, talk to Tom first thing and define with Kate out support. With great respect Ewan.

**Document 2: Notification to SG of Salmond family statement**

**From:** [redacted- s38(1)(b)]@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** Jeanette Campbell <[redacted- s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** ALEX SALMOND

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