

**From:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** 11 January 2024 12:22  
**To:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** 6 by-election eCounts

Not sure why Redacted (S38)(1)(b)) wrote this? Is he suggesting lines to use in Redacted (S38)(1)(b)) or indeed our briefing?

**Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**  
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**From:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b)) **Sent:** 11 January 2024 10:09  
**To:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** RE: by-election eCounts

Still thinking about the briefing on this:

- The award of contract was managed by the SG on behalf of the Returning Officers
- Currently this is covering council by-elections only until 2027
- Software and onsite delivery is through a specialist electoral management system contractor
- An operational valid, tested and trusted eCount solution is necessary

**From:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:54 AM  
**To:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** by-election eCounts

Do you think there is an opportunity here to move forward on our discussions of the potential for Idox to take over the by-election contract?

**From:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:14 PM  
**To:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Cc:** Redacted (S38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** RE: Glasgow By Election 7th March

**Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

Many thanks for your very wise suggestion – colleagues here have agreed that and I am busy adjusting material!

**Redacted (S38)(1)(b))** – I can't guarantee we can keep Idox's name out of this but we will try. If we get stuck on this we will ensure we point out that you were also the software supplier in 2012 and 2017.

Hope this helps

Cheers

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**From: Redacted (S38)(1)(b)) Sent:** 10 January 2024 17:58

**To: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Subject:** RE: Glasgow By Election 7th March

Do Idox need to be named? E.g. "the software is provided by ~~Idox~~ as a specialist elections services provider";

**From: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:52 PM

**To: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Cc: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Subject:** RE: Glasgow By Election 7th March

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**From: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))** Sent: 10 January 2024 17:43

**To: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Cc: Redacted (S38)(1)(b))**

**Subject: RE: Glasgow By Election 7th March**

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**From: Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**

**Sent:** 10 January 2024 14:02

**To: Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**

**Subject:** RE: 7 FUJITSU

Hi **Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**, maybe that accounts for **Redacted (S38 (1) (b))** saying yesterday that they would not charge us for flight cases!!!

Cheers

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**From: Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**

**Sent:** 10 January 2024 13:36

**To: Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**

**Subject:** FW: FUJITSU

For info

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:15 PM

**To: Redacted (S38 (1) (b))**

**Subject:** FUJITSU

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This might end their moaning about the value of the contract: they need friends just now.....[Scottish ministers to discuss Fujitsu contracts after Post Office scandal - BBC News](#)

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**Cc:** James Newman Redacted (S38 (1) (b))  
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**From:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** 09 January 2024 12:50  
**To:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** 9 Recent Media Coverage

Thanks Redacted S(38)(1)(b)), that would be great.

Best wishes

Redacted S(38)(1)(b))

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**From:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** 09 January 2024 12:18  
**To:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** RE: Recent Media Coverage

Hi Redacted S(38)(1)(b)),


Happy to cover off at the end of today's call. if you and Redacted S(38)(1)(b)) are ok to hang on at the end, then I'll go through with you both.

Regards,

**Neil Blake**  
Deli Redacted S(38)(1)(b))very Executive - Government Shared Services

**Fujitsu**  
Redacted S(38)(1)(b))



 Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this email?

**From:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 11:26 AM  
**To:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Cc:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** RE: Recent Media Coverage

Hi Redacted S(38)(1)(b))

Many thanks for the offer. I have copied Redacted S(38)(1)(b)) in since I think it is highly relevant for Councils too. We have a scheduled by-election monitoring meeting this afternoon (in for 2:30-3:30, though it is unlikely to take that long), which Redacted S(38)(1)(b)) and Neil are scheduled to attend. I wonder if we could pick this up either before or after that, if that suited Redacted S(38)(1)(b)) and yourselves?

Best wishes

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**From:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Sent:** 08 January 2024 11:40  
**To:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Cc:** Redacted S(38)(1)(b))  
**Subject:** Recent Media Coverage

Hello Redacted S(38)(1)(b)),

I hope that you are keeping well.

The reason for my email is that since the airing of the ITV docu-drama, "Mr Bates vs The Post Office" there has been and continues to be a huge amount of media coverage of the Post Office Horizon. I wondered if you had time for a short call either today or tomorrow so that either myself or Neil could explain in more detail Fujitsu's position and our current focus.

Please could you let **Redacted S(38)(1)(b)** or I know if you would like a conversation.

Best Wishes

**(Redacted S (38)(1)(b))**

Head of Local Government & Higher Ed UK & Public Sector Scotland

**Fujitsu**

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