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**Subject:** RE: FM Commission: Judy Murray Park of Keir Development

[redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information] – please find update below in relation to the Park of Keir facility. I have also included some options for the First Minister to consider in relation to next steps.

Many thanks

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Purpose

Out of Scope.

Timing

Routine.

Discussion

Out of Scope.

Sensitivities

Out of Scope.

**Tennis academy relocation and the development of Scottish Tennis**

The LTA Great Britain National Academy (GB NTA) in Stirling will close at the end of the 2024 academic year. The announcement, in May 2022, came after a decision was made to change the model of approach with just one academy in Britain, which will be housed at Loughborough. The Academy has been generally recognised as a success with many players now thriving as they make their way in the professional game, while Scottish players Charlie Robertson and Hephzibah Oluwadare are performing well on the international stage in juniors, demonstrating there is talent on the performance pathway for Scotland.

As a result of the relocation, Tennis Scotland have been in discussions with the LTA to consider what additional funding can be offered to support performance tennis in Scotland. Following those discussions they will soon be announcing a new Scottish National Player Pathway which will focus primarily on young players, with a goal of delivering more Scots into the LTA British Pathway by the age of 16.

The University of Stirling will continue to be the central hub for performance tennis in Scotland and will also continue to be home to the National Performance Programme for professional players competing internationally. Regular engagement has taken place with Stirling University to understand the potential impact of the Park of Keir development given its close proximity to the University campus.

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[redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]  
Just to check in on this – is there anything notable to update the FM on since your previous update? Conscious of Andy Murray’s announcement and media queries on the development this week.

Many thanks,  
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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]  
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**Subject:** RE: Urgent FM Commission - Advice on the National Tennis Academy

[redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information] – with apologies for the delay.  
Please find attached note on the tennis academy issue. I have added it to the current tennis FMQ document.  
Please shout if you need more information.

Thanks

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**Subject:** Urgent FM Commission - Advice on the National Tennis Academy

**Importance:** High

Hello all,

The First Minister has requested an urgent note on the below issue today – grateful for confirmation this will be prepared as soon as possible please?

Please do loop in others if better placed to pick up.

 **Scott Barclay**  
[redacted]@BarclayCard18 [redacted]

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Cannot stress how INSANE it is that Andy Murray will retire in the same month that the National Tennis Academy in Scotland closes and moves all operations down to England. Incompetence on all levels from the LTA and Tennis Scotland.

#WheresTheLegacy? pic.twitter.com/0rgDr2sdtb  
30/06/2024, 18:18

Many thanks,

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## TENNIS FMQ

**ISSUE 27 June – With the impending retirement of Andy Murray from professional tennis is there a suitable “Murray Legacy” in place?  
1 July – The LTA Tennis Academy in Stirling will close this year and be relocated to England.**

### TOP LINES

#### **Andy and Jamie Murray have contributed significantly to the profile and development of tennis in Scotland and it is right that we celebrate their achievements**

- Our players, particularly Andy and Jamie Murray have done exceptionally well on the international stage, and thanks to their hard work and dedication, Scotland has made an impressive impact on world tennis.
- We are investing heavily in Tennis through the partnership between Tennis Scotland, the LTA, and sportscotland, which will provide more and better opportunities for people to get involved in tennis.
- The fifteen million (£15m) Transforming Scotland’s Indoor Tennis fund is the largest capital investment programme in the sport’s history in Scotland and will create more and better opportunities to play tennis all year round

### TENNIS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- We recognise the valuable role that sport, and physical activity can play within a community. Being physically active is one of the very best things we can do for our physical and mental health.
- We believe there should be no barriers to participating in sport and physical activity, and everyone should be able to enjoy being physically active.
- The Scottish Government is a strong supporter of tennis and recognises its significant contribution to raising Scotland’s profile on the international sporting stage.

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### NATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY IN SCOTLAND

- The LTA Great Britain National Tennis Academy (GB NTA) will close at the end of the 2024 academic year. The announcement, made in May 2022, came after a decision by the LTA to change the model of approach with just one academy in Britain, which will be housed at Loughborough.
- As a result, Tennis Scotland are in discussions with the LTA to consider what additional funding can be offered to support performance tennis in Scotland through an 'Enhanced Performance Pathway'.
- The GB NTA currently only supports three players after one recently relocated to the United States on a tennis scholarship.
- The excellent facilities at Stirling University will continue to be used extensively by Tennis Scotland and the local community to help develop Scotland’s next top players.

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**Subject:** Briefing - Ms Todd - Wimbledon - 08 July 2024

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]

Please find attached the brief for the Minister's visit to Wimbledon on Monday 08 July 2024.

Thanks

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**ENGAGEMENT TITLE: The Championships Wimbledon 2024**

<b>Date and Time of Engagement</b>	Monday, 8 July 2024  10.30 – 20:00 approx
<b>Where</b>	Scotland House, 11 Combemartin Road, London SW18 5PP and then on to The Championships Wimbledon 2024, Church Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 5AE for the tennis.
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]</li><li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]</li></ul>
<b>Key Purpose / Message</b>	The Scottish Government is a strong supporter of tennis and recognises its significant contribution to raising Scotland's profile on the international sporting stage as well as promoting the wider benefits of sport in communities across the country.
<b>Sensitivities</b>	You are aware of the relationship between Tennis Scotland and LTA. Significant focus is anticipated around the impending retirement of Andy Murray and the legacy delivered on the back of his achievements.
<b>Suggested tweet</b>	@Wimbledon #Wimbledon @tennisscotland @the_LTA
<b>Official Support</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information], Active Scotland Division – [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]
<b>Dress code</b>	Wimbledon advises spectators on Centre Court to wear "smart attire".
<b>Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information] will meet the Minister at 09:45 in the lobby of the Travelodge Fulham.
<b>Briefing Contents</b>	<b>Annex A - Event programme</b> <b>Annex B - Key messages</b> <b>Annex C - Park of Kier Commission</b> <b>Annex D - Background</b> <b>Annex E - Biographies</b>

## EVENT PROGRAMME AND INFORMATION

<b>10.30</b>	Arrival at Scotland House for brunch.
<b>11.30</b>	Travel from Scotland House to All England Club.
<b>12.00</b>	Meeting in LTA Office with LTA and Tennis Scotland.
<b>13.30</b>	Minister will take her seat as play begins on Centre Court.
<b>15:30 approx</b>	Afternoon Tea will be provided at an appropriate break in play.
<b>16:30</b>	Return to seats on Centre Court to watch the remainder of the days play.

**Summary of meeting**

1. LTA requested to speak to you on some current issues, Tennis Scotland will be included in the meeting.

**Agenda**

1. LTA's new strategy
2. Tennis in Scotland
3. Facilities investment
4. LTA INITIATIVES
  - LTA Youth Schools
  - LTA Open Court
  - LTA SERVES
5. AOB

**KEY MESSAGES/SUGGESTED LINES TO TAKE**

- Out of Scope

**Key Messages**

Physical Activity / Tennis

- The Scottish Government understand the importance of sport and physical activity and the positive impact that it has on physical, mental, and social health.
- We believe there should be no barriers to participating in sport and physical activity, and everyone should be able to enjoy being physically active.
- The Scottish Government is a strong supporter of tennis and recognises its significant contribution to raising Scotland's profile on the international sporting stage as well as promoting the wider benefits of sport in communities across the country.
- For both performance athletes and community users, Scotland's sporting facilities are the best they have ever been, right across the country.
- In the last 20 years, sportscotland has invested over £235 million of Scottish Government and National Lottery funding in clubs, communities, and leisure trusts across Scotland to improve the places where people take part in sport and physical activity. This includes significant investment in the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund (TSIT).

**Out of Scope**

## **PARK OF KEIR**

### **Out of Scope**

#### Sensitivities

### **Out of Scope**

#### **Tennis academy relocation and the development of Scottish Tennis**

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As a result of the relocation, Tennis Scotland have been in discussions with the LTA to consider what additional funding can be offered to support performance tennis in Scotland. Following those discussions they will soon be announcing a new Scottish National Player Pathway which will focus primarily on young players, with a goal of delivering more Scots into the LTA British Pathway by the age of 16.

The University of Stirling will continue to be the central hub for performance tennis in Scotland and will also continue to be home to the National Performance Programme for professional players competing internationally.

#### Recommendation

### **Out of Scope.**

## BACKGROUND

### Out of Scope

#### Closure of National Tennis Academy in Scotland

1. The LTA announced in May 2022 that the GB national tennis academy in Stirling will close in 2024, with the operation being moved to Loughborough.
2. All operations will then be centralised at Loughborough, where the LTA's other national academy is currently based.
3. Only one Scot has been involved in the programme and the LTA says savings made from the site's closure will allow it to invest in increasing that number.
4. The University of Stirling will continue to be the central hub for performance tennis in Scotland and will also continue to be home to the National Performance Programme for professional players competing internationally.
5. Tennis Scotland will shortly be announcing the new Scottish National Player Pathway which will focus primarily on young players, with a goal of delivering more Scots into the LTA British Pathway by the age of 16.
6. This is a new five-year funding agreement with the LTA which will see enhanced investment for Scotland's best young players and is part the overall British performance strategy. Outwith the Academy, it's the biggest ever LTA investment in Scottish tennis.

### Out of Scope

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**Subject:** Fwd: Embargoed: Tennis Scotland and LTA announce record performance investment and Scottish National Player Pathway

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b) - personal information]

Please find attached details of the new Scottish National Player Pathway for tennis. This is the expected announcement of LTA funding into Tennis Scotland flagged up in briefings earlier in the week. Hopefully this helps address some of the concerns about what will happen when the LTA Academy in Stirling closes.

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**From:** Tennis Scotland Communications  
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Good morning,

Tennis Scotland will shortly be announcing the new Scottish National Player Pathway and five-year record LTA investment in Scottish performance tennis. For your information, please find the media release attached and please note this is **embargoed until 10.30am on Friday, 5 July.**

Thanks,  
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**STRICTLY EMBARGOED:  
10.30AM ON FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 2024**

## **TENNIS SCOTLAND AND THE LTA AGREE RECORD INVESTMENT IN SCOTTISH PERFORMANCE TENNIS**

Tennis Scotland and The LTA have agreed the biggest-ever investment in performance tennis in Scotland – in a major milestone for the development of the country’s most promising young players.

Designed to deliver a clear route towards professional tennis and competitive success, the investment will fund the new Scottish National Player Pathway (SNPP), with the ultimate goal of delivering more Scottish players into the LTA Performance Pathway by the age of 16.

Beginning in August 2024, the five-year agreement will see substantial annual investment of around half a million pounds into the SNPP, which has been structured to ensure the best Scotland-based players obtain world-class training and competition programmes at all stages of their development.

In addition to the enhanced pathway supporting a programme for the best players aged 11 and under, the new investment will also focus on a dedicated Scottish Player Development Centre (SPDC) programme for the most talented 11-14 year-olds. Also included in the SNPP is a transition programme for players aged 14 to 16 as they continue their tennis journeys.

Tennis Scotland will soon be announcing an exciting team of national performance coaches for the SNPP, which will operate from a central hub at the Scottish National Tennis Centre at the University of Stirling, alongside provision in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Younger players, meanwhile, will also benefit from focused support at a local level, and Tennis Scotland will be consulting with District associations over delivery of the enhanced pathway.

Players at each stage of the pathway will receive support from the Tennis Scotland national performance coaching team and regular national training camps, as well as services from the **sportscotland** institute of sport.

In addition to the SNPP, which will begin immediately after the end of the five-year GB National Tennis Academy at the University of Stirling, Tennis Scotland will continue to deliver the National Player Programme (NPP) for Scottish professionals who are competing internationally. As part of the new investment and structure, a Base Coach for the NPP – also based at the Scottish National Tennis Centre in Stirling – is being recruited.

Blane Dodds, Chief Executive of Tennis Scotland, said: “The Scottish National Player Pathway will create a clear route towards professional tennis for our most talented young players, providing them with world-class coaching and competitive opportunities.



“We are delighted with the new investment from the LTA, which will enable more of our best under-16 Scottish players to obtain additional support.

“Scotland has enjoyed extraordinary success in tennis in recent years, with Andy and Jamie Murray and Gordon Reid all becoming world number one, and we would like to capitalise as best we can on their achievements for those they have inspired.

“Tennis is thriving as a sport in Scotland, with record club membership, growing participation among adults and children, investment in new facilities and more Scots than ever competing at the highest levels.”

Michael Bourne, LTA Performance Director, said: “We are delighted to be able to deliver this new five-year investment into performance tennis in Scotland. We are working closely with the team at Tennis Scotland to ensure this investment is focused on giving more talented Scottish players an opportunity to progress to the LTA Performance Pathway by the age of 16.

“Scottish players have a proud history of contributing to the success of British tennis and this investment aims to build on that success for the long-term.

“We look forward to supporting Tennis Scotland and all the national coaches and players as they aim to capitalise on the new investment.”

**ENDS**

### **About Tennis Scotland**

Tennis Scotland is the independent governing body for tennis and padel tennis in Scotland and provides support to member clubs and organisations. Our aim is to grow tennis and padel tennis by making them relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. For more information about Tennis Scotland, please visit <https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/in-your-area/tennis-scotland/>

### **About the LTA**

The LTA is the National Governing Body of tennis for Great Britain. We are here to govern and grow tennis, from grassroots participation through to the professional game. Our vision is “Tennis Opened Up” and we’re on a mission to grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. We work with schools, with volunteers, with coaches and with venues across the whole country. We also represent the interests of over one million members, men and women, girls and boys, playing on more than 23,000 courts. The LTA runs and supports a network of 11,500 approved tournaments for players of all ages, the four cornerstones of which are the premier grass-court events leading up to The Championships, Wimbledon: the Rothesay Open Nottingham, the Rothesay Classic Birmingham, the cinch Championships (at The Queen’s Club, London) and the Rothesay International Eastbourne. For further information about the LTA and tennis in Britain, visit [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk) or follow us on Twitter [@the\\_LTA](https://twitter.com/the_LTA).

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Many thanks

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Purpose

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## **Tennis academy relocation and the development of Scottish Tennis**

The LTA Great Britain National Academy (GB NTA) in Stirling will close at the end of the 2024 academic year. The announcement, in May 2022, came after a decision was made to change the model of approach with just one academy in Britain, which will be housed at Loughborough. The Academy has been generally recognised as a success with many players now thriving as they make their way in the professional game, while Scottish players Charlie Robertson and Hephzibah Oluwadare are

performing well on the international stage in juniors, demonstrating there is talent on the performance pathway for Scotland.

As a result of the relocation, Tennis Scotland have been in discussions with the LTA to consider what additional funding can be offered to support performance tennis in Scotland. Following those discussions they will soon be announcing a new Scottish National Player Pathway which will focus primarily on young players, with a goal of delivering more Scots into the LTA British Pathway by the age of 16.

The University of Stirling will continue to be the central hub for performance tennis in Scotland and will also continue to be home to the National Performance Programme for professional players competing internationally.

#### Recommendation

That the First Minister notes the position in relation to the Park of Keir development and the timeline and actions required for the Sportscotland Board to reach a final investment decision on 27 August.

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Just to confirm this has been picked up and we will get something over to you by the deadline tomorrow.

Thanks  
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**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

The First Minister would be grateful for an update on Judy Murray's Park of Keir development. Specifically, following the exchanges at FMQ's last week, FM would like background on the development to date, what stage the assessment by Sportscotland with regard to funding has reached, the issues at hand, the timeline for resolution and prospects (if known) of a positive outcome.

If resolution is not imminent, the First Minister would like to know what options are available for acceleration of the process.

I would be grateful for confirmation that this has been picked up and advice provided by **3pm tomorrow**.

Many thanks,

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Tennis Scotland weren't approached for input or a response/ right of reply to this article. They are of the opinion that it contains many inaccuracies. We would certainly agree that it does not reflect all the good work that Tennis Scotland is delivering around the country.

This is what we had provided on the Academy in the Wimbledon briefing:

- The LTA Great Britain National Academy (GB NTA) will close at the end of the 2024 academic year. The announcement, in May 2022, came after a decision was made to change the model of approach with just one academy in Britain, which will be housed at Loughborough.
- As a result, TS are in discussions with the LTA to consider what additional funding can be offered to support performance tennis in Scotland through an 'Enhanced Performance Pathway'.
- The GB NTA has reduced to three players after one recently relocated to the United States on a tennis scholarship.

These are the lines Tennis Scotland had sent us last week:

- LTA confirmed in 2022 that they would not be renewing the GB NTA contract at Stirling. LTA performance strategy was to reduce to one academy across Britain.
- Academy has been a big success with players now thriving as they make their way in the professional game, while Charlie Robertson and Hephzibah Oluwadare are doing Scotland proud on international stage in juniors.
- Development work with youngest players paying off with many performing well in the junior ranks.
- New investment into the Scottish performance pathway with announcement due late June 2024. (NB: This has now been delayed and will be announced soon.)

This is the additional info provided by Tennis Scotland today:

- University of Stirling will continue to be the central hub for performance tennis in Scotland.
- Tennis Scotland will be announcing the new Scottish National Player Pathway which will focus primarily on young players, with a goal of delivering more Scots into the LTA British Pathway by the age of 16.
- This is a new five-year funding agreement with the LTA which will see enhanced investment for Scotland's best young players and is part of the overall British performance strategy.
- For background, outwith the Academy, it's the biggest ever LTA investment in Scottish tennis.
- Stirling will also continue to be home to the National Performance Programme for professional players competing internationally.

Thanks,

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