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There is also another action regarding additional funding for ScoJec due to increased workload on the organisation as it responds to rising community concerns associated with the impact of the Israel / Gaza conflict.

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I WORK TUESDAY to FRIDAY

BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER

**MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCOTTISH JEWISH COMMUNITY
WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024**

Key messages	The Scottish Government values our relationships with Scotland’s Jewish communities. We have excellent relationships with the community and engage regularly with them, including through regular faith and belief meetings. SCoJeC also supported the development of Scotland’s Hate Crime Strategy and we will continue to engage with them, and other faith and belief organisations.
What	This is an in-person meeting at the request of the First Minister with representatives of Scotland’s Jewish community to discuss issues affecting Jewish communities in Scotland with the First Minister.
Why	The First Minister wishes to meet with Jewish representatives in order to build relationships and to provide assurance about the direction of the Government and his commitment to confront anti-semitism, following his appointment as First Minister.
Who	SCoJeC (Scottish Council of Jewish Communities) [Redacted] SCoJeC [Redacted] Glasgow Jewish Representatives Council [Redacted] Edinburgh University Jewish Society
Where	First Minister’s Office Saint Andrew’s House
When	15 May 2024 1330hrs to 1415hrs
Likely themes	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] • Community Cohesion in relation to Israel/Gaza
Media	[Redacted]
Supporting official	[Redacted] - Hate Crime and Faith and Belief Mobile: [Redacted] [Redacted] Unit Head
Attached documents	Annex A – Agenda and Summary [Redacted] Annex C – Faith and Belief [Redacted] Annex E – Israel/Gaza [Redacted]

Agenda

There is no formal agenda for the meeting, The meeting is at the request of the First Minister, and is intended to be an introductory meeting to build relationships, and for the First Minister to provide assurance about the direction of his Government and his commitment to confront anti-semitism

Background

- SCoJeC is the representative body of Jewish communities in Scotland, and seeks to advance public understanding about Jewish religion, culture and community by providing information and assistance to educational, health and welfare organisations and representing the Jewish community to government, police and other statutory bodies.

Officials continue to meet with the SG Faith and Belief representatives' Group on a bi-monthly basis to discuss issues of concern and policy development. The Jewish community are represented on the group by SCoJeC. The last meeting was on 20 March. The next meeting is scheduled for 29 May.

- The Representatives Group has membership from a wide cross section of faith and belief organisations, including the Jewish community through SCoJeC

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**ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
MEETING WITH A MEMBER OF THE FAITH AND BELIEF REPRESENTATIVES GROUP – SCoJec**

What	This is an in-person meeting at the request of the Permanent Secretary.
Where	Permanent Secretary's Office St Andrew's House, Edinburgh
When	Wednesday 05 June 2024 - 1500hrs to 1545hrs
Why	The Permanent Secretary offered a meeting with [REDACTED] a current member of the SG's Faith and Belief Representatives Group, to follow up on items raised in your introductory meeting with the entire group on 05 October 2023.
Who	[REDACTED] SCoJec – Scottish Council of Jewish Communities
Likely themes	
Media	N/A
Key messages	
Supporting official	[REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED]
Attached documents	Annex A – Background Summary Annex D – Issues including Israel/Gaza Annex E – Attendee biography

Background

SCoJeC is now widely recognised in the Jewish and wider communities as the representative umbrella body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. Their remit includes a strong commitment to fostering integration and promoting dialogue and understanding between the Jewish community and other communities in Scotland, and we work in partnership with other organisations and communities to promote equality, good relations, and mutual understanding.

SCoJec and the [REDACTED] are in the process of merging.

SCoJec is keen to understand more about the race observatory and officials plan to invite relevant policy officials to the next faith and belief representatives meeting towards the end of July.

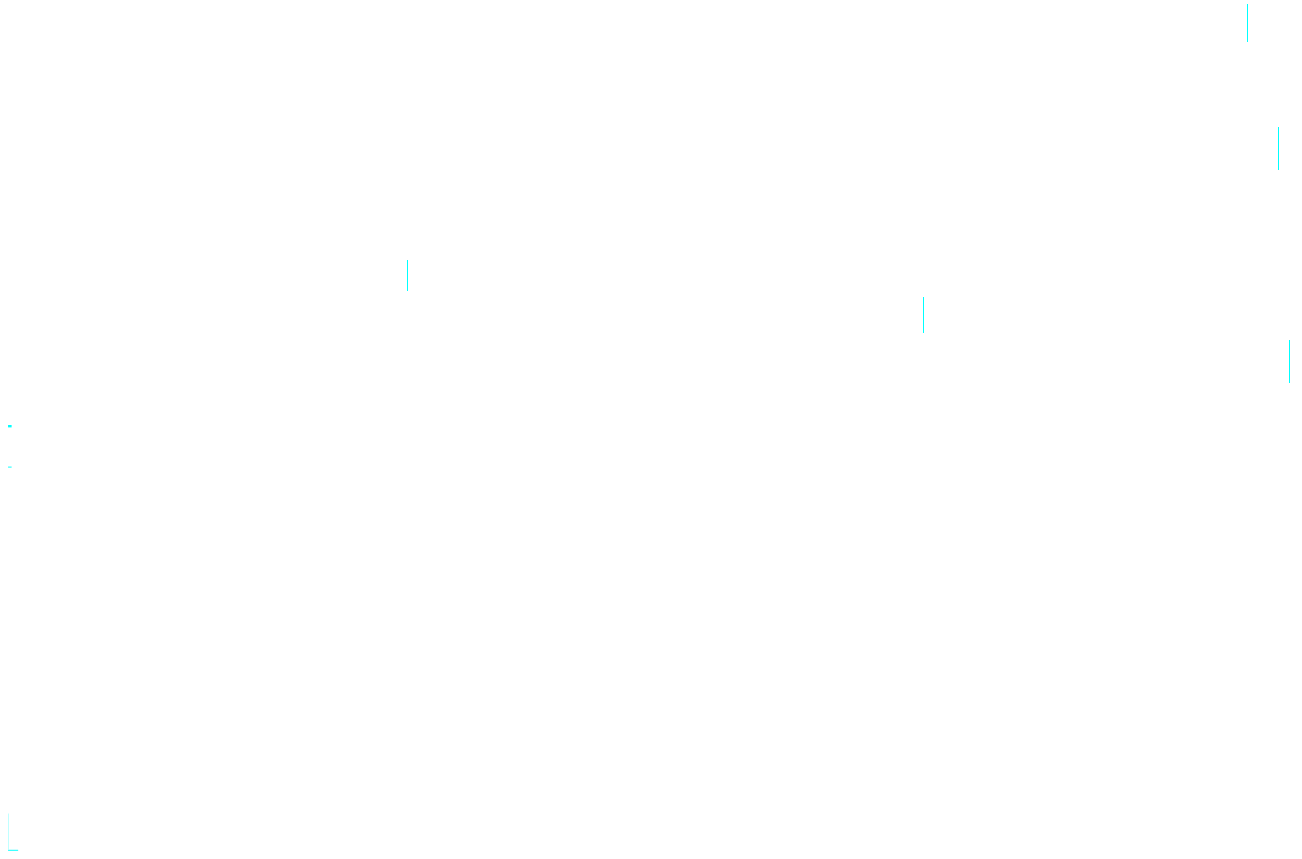
[REDACTED] is a member of the Scottish Government Faith and Belief Representatives Group which met most recently on 29 May.

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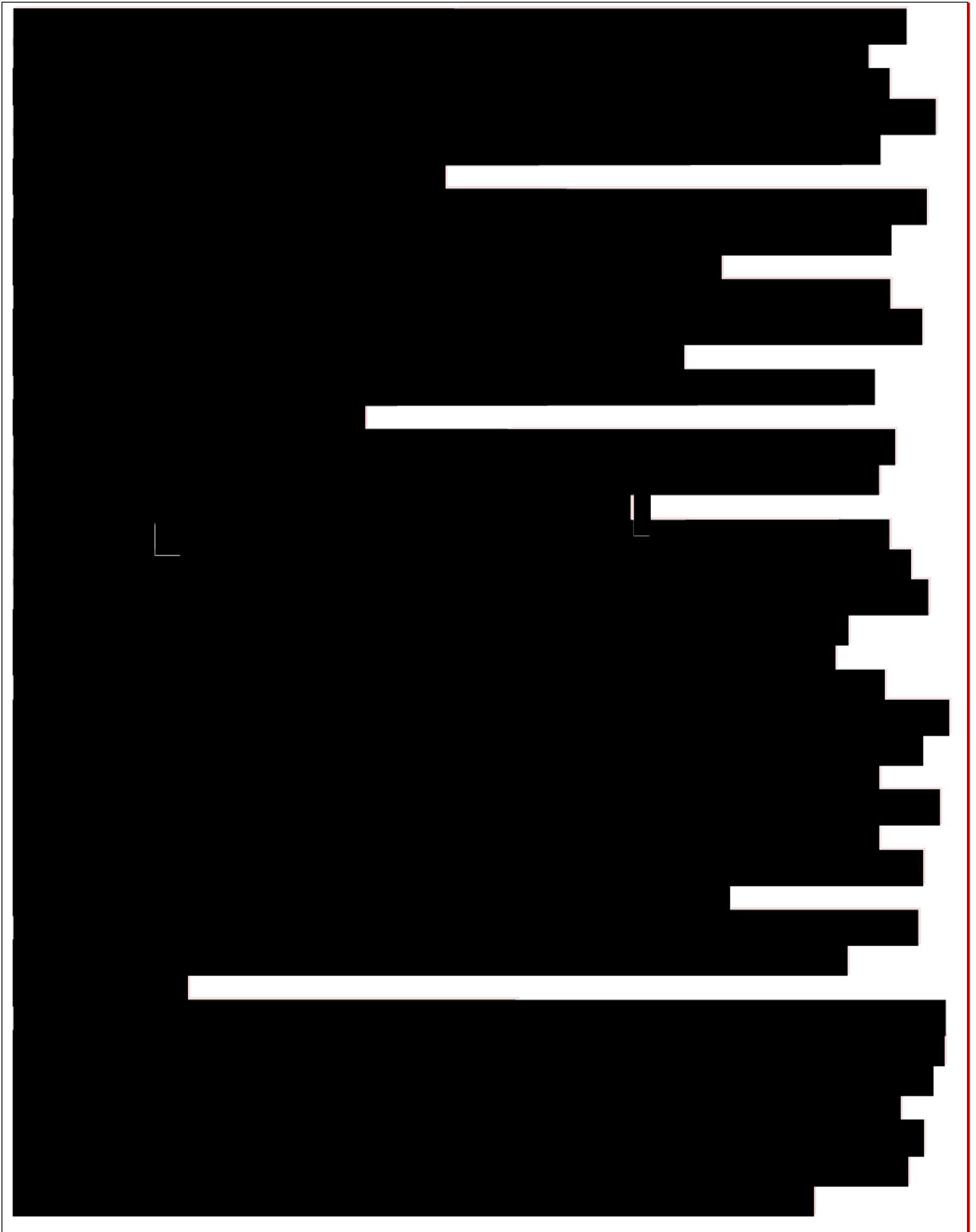
Recent and upcoming Engagement with the Faith and Belief Representatives Group

- The Faith and Belief Representatives Group has membership from a wide cross section of faith and belief organisations, including the Jewish community through SCoJeC and meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss policy issues relevant to faith and belief communities.





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	<p>[REDACTED], SCoJeC</p> <p>In 1999, [REDACTED] led the transformation of the Standing Committee of Scottish Jewry into SCoJeC, which is the democratic representative body for the entire Jewish community in Scotland.</p>
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First Minister Introductory Meeting with Jewish Community
Wednesday 15 May 2024 – SAH – 13:30pm to 14.15pm

Attendees:

[REDACTED] – Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)
[REDACTED] SCoJeC [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Glasgow Jewish Representatives Council
[REDACTED] Edinburgh University Jewish Society

SG Officials – [REDACTED] Mainstreaming and Inclusion Division

Note of Meeting

[REDACTED]

- Much discussion took place around community cohesion and how it is feeling in the Jewish community, particularly in relation to the impact of the Israel / Gaza conflict and rising antisemitism.

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- SCoJeC went on to speak about funding challenges [REDACTED] due to the increased work for the organisation as a direct result of the Israel / Gaza conflict and raised concerns across the Jewish community in Scotland. [REDACTED]

Action: Officials to follow up with SCoJeC to explore options. [REDACTED]

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COMMUNITY COHESION ENGAGEMENT – ISRAEL / GAZA CONFLICT

Since the start of the conflict on 7 October 2023 there has been sustained and regular engagement by FFM, Cab Sec Social Justice and most recently First Minister. These are listed below and mainly fall across Jewish and Muslim communities.

Aug/September 2024 – Officials are scoping another meeting between the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (ScoJec) and Community Security Trust(CST). This will look at the 6 month incident report to be published in mid-July on the experiences of Jewish Students in Scotland.

Meeting (in person) with Perm Sec and SCoJeC – Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

Wednesday 5 June 2024 – SAH – 3pm to 4pm

Attendees

[Redacted] – SCoJeC
[Redacted] – SCoJeC

[Redacted] SG DD Equality and Inclusion
[Redacted] SG Senior Comms and Engagement Manager
[Redacted] – SG Faith and Belief Policy Manager

Summary

Perm Sec looking to follow up issues with individual stakeholders after his introductory meeting to the Faith and Belief Representatives Group in Oct 2023.

Key points made

Israel and Palestine tensions – Middle East conflict affecting life in Scotland
– security and safety of Jewish communities have been impacted and vulnerability is high at the moment – [Redacted]

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