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**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 12:21 PM  
**To:** Cyber Security Unit <cybersecurity@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Alan Gray <alan.gray4@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Immediate - Internal Inquiry - Climate Change

[Redacted] and all in chain,

I can confirm the Cyber Security Unit have picked up this request and will commence an investigation.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Head of Cyber Defence & Engagement  
Cyber Security Unit | National Cyber Security & Resilience Division  
*[Working days are Monday – Thursday]*



**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Geoff Huggins  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:58 AM  
**To:** Cyber Security Unit <cybersecurity@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Alan Gray <Alan.Gray4@gov.scot>  
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**Importance:** High

To: Cyber Security Unit

CC: As above

I realise that both [Redacted] and [Redacted] are on annual leave.

Please see trail of emails below requesting that an inquiry take place in relation to the leak in relation to the Climate target. I have attached a couple of articles where this is in the media on this.

['Humiliated' SNP to scrap 2030 climate action target \(scotsman.com\)](#)

[Scrapped climate target is global embarrassment - charities - BBC News](#)

I would be grateful for confirmation this request has been picked up and what action will take place please.

Thanks

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**From:** Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:45 AM  
**To:** Geoff Huggins <Geoff.Huggins@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: Immediate - Internal Inquiry - Climate Change  
**Importance:** High

Geoff

We've already exchanged messages and thanks for being on standby. Grateful if you could pls action and confirm to the wider email list what's in train, and when we might report.

Thanks again

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**Lesley**

Lesley Fraser | she/her | Director General Corporate  
Scottish Government |

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**From:** **Redacted** <Redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:28 AM  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy <CabSecWENZE@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterforPB@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Permanent

Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

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Hi **Redacted**,

Thank you. Just to confirm that we will commission an internal inquiry as soon as possible.

DG Corporate/Lesley – grateful if you could get the commission sent out this morning.

Kind regards,

**Redacted**

**From:** **Redacted** <Redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:09 AM

**To:** Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

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PS/Permanent Secretary,

As you will likely be aware, prior to my Parliamentary Statement this afternoon on Climate Change, information of significant granularity has made its way into the public domain. I am extremely disappointed to be in this position before I have had the chance to, rightly and properly, update the Scottish Parliament. Whilst I do not believe this has come from within the Scottish Government, I would ask you to commission an internal inquiry to ensure that there has been no corporate communications in recent days beyond what was approved in the Comms handling Plan.

Best wishes,

Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

**Redacted**

Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy – Mairi McAllan MSP

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