

1. When the Scottish Government first became aware of the Scottish International Development Association's appointment of Patrick Grady to the role of Head of Policy and Communications.
  2. The initial response the Scottish Government drafted up for responding to press queries about this story and all subsequent changes and drafts including the final draft comment which was approved and sent out to journalists. Please state whether a Scottish Minister or special adviser gave the final sign off on this comment before being sent out.
  3. Whether any Scottish Minister has held a meeting with Patrick Grady since 4 July 2024 and if so please state which ministers, when they met and any minutes or notes recorded of that meeting.
  4. When a Scottish Minister last met with the Scottish International Development Alliance, the attendees at that meeting and the minutes of that meeting.
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## Information Relating to Second Question

### 1. Emails Clearing and Issuing of Response to Comms Query – 3 January 2024

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MP

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Thank you for this. Confirming I've issued this to the journalist.

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Hi [redacted s.38], all

Many thanks, Mr Robertson is content.

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Adding duty colleagues for both this evening and tomorrow (Saturday).

### **Cab Sec/PO**

We've fielded an enquiry from a reporter from the Sunday Post asking for a response to the news that a former MP has been appointed Head of Communications at Scotland's International Development Alliance (SIDA).

Please see below draft lines, as agreed with officials and SpAds, and grateful to learn if Cab Sec is content to clear.

The deadline is tomorrow (it is for a Sunday newspaper), but ideally it would be helpful for it to be cleared by close of play today.

Many thanks

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3. Emails Drafting Press Lines – 13 December 2024

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**Subject:** RE: Appointment at SIDA

Small clarification re. financials

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Hi [redacted s.38]

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Hi both,

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Thanks,

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## Information Relating to Fourth Question

### 4. Draft Engagement Report of Meeting between Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and International Development Core Funded Bodies

<b>ENGAGEMENT REPORT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
<b>Type of engagement</b>	In-person meeting, St Andrew's House (with Lilongwe-based MaSP to dial-in via MS Teams)
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 12 June 2024
<b>Who</b>	<p>Scotland's International Development Alliance (SIDA)            Samantha Ross (<b>SR</b>), Board of Trustees            Frances Guy (<b>FG</b>), CEO</p> <p>Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP)            Heather Cubie (<b>HC</b>), Board Chair (joined virtually on Teams)            Stuart Brown (<b>SB</b>), CEO</p> <p>Scottish Fair Trade Forum (SFTF)            Charles Sim (<b>CS</b>), Board Chair            Martin Rhodes (<b>MR</b>), CEO</p> <p>Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) (joined virtually on Teams)            Linda Dembo (<b>LD</b>), Acting CEO            Daniel Daka (<b>DD</b>), Chair  <b>[redacted s.38]</b>, Finance Officer</p>
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>Meeting with core funded bodies to discuss any immediate issues/concerns arising from recent change of FM and removal of ID Minister post.</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary spoke to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested in global citizenship work, in particular around engagement on fair trade, with diaspora communities, and on education in schools.</li> <li>• Keen to explore collectively with the core funded bodies where we have resources that are not being used that can be utilised to promote collective endeavours. What can we be doing more/less of, or differently, without additional funding? What can we do better with the resources that we do have?</li> <li>• Remains committed to the budgetary commitments SG has made on international development and also on culture, but cannot shy away from the fact that the resource available has changed such that financial pressures are having an impact.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Officials</b>	<b>[redacted s.38] ([REDACTED S.38]), [redacted s.38]</b>
<b>Copy List</b>	Shona Riach – Director, DEXA John Primrose – International Division International Development Team International Climate Justice Division Ewan Crawford - SpAd

## Welcome and introductions

- Cabinet Secretary welcomed all and apologised for the change of venue.
- Cabinet Secretary reassured all of Scottish Government's continued commitment to the core funded bodies and the global citizenship work, and that he would now be leading directly on International Development, following the recent Ministerial portfolio changes.

## Brief updates on concerns and their work

### **SIDA**

- SR spoke about Link Education. FG gave brief background on the work of SIDA and made particular mention of the diaspora group work in Scotland. FG also highlighted that SIDA intend to "merge" with IDEA which run Scotland's Development Education Centres (DECs).

### **SMP**

- SB discussed SMP looking at strategy and income diversification this year. Acknowledged that the organisation has always been urged by SG Ministers to diversify their income sources and not be reliant on SG funding, and that [REDACTED S.38] has worked with them on ideas around this.
- Concerns within Malawi include the very recent death of the VP, and likely further devaluation of the Kwacha. Positives include increasing interest again in SMP activities than in recent years, with more hits on websites – they will aim to increase case studies of Scotland/Malawi links on their website.

### **SFTF**

- CS outlined partnerships of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum, including with Eco-congregations, and detailed their work. MR added there is wide support for Fair Trade in Scotland, with campaigners continuing behind the scenes working to promote and support fair trade and should not be forgotten. SFTF continue to work to stimulate demand for Fair Trade products, but also to ensure products are available. They will be reassessing this year if Scotland is still a Fair Trade nation, and reflecting on how the criteria can be more global. Other countries are interested in Scotland as a Fair Trade Nation, and Cabinet Secretary noted he is keen to promote this overseas.

### **MaSP**

- LD gave extensive background on the beginnings and aims of MaSP, as well as their core objectives – promoting advocacy, promoting resource mobilisation for members, providing training etc. Expressed gratitude to SG for funding which has helped meet the needs of communities. Cabinet Secretary gave condolences as Malawi mourns the Vice President and other lives lost in plane crash.

## Reflections on SG International Development Programme

- Cabinet Secretary invited CFBs to give feedback on programme and specifically where there is room for improvement.
- SR talked about funding calls. The process has been more transparent in recent years, which has been welcome. Overall positive. SR noted, however, that the CPG on International Development is currently looking at issues around recent non-competitive awards by SG, and also sectoral concerns that funding has gone to non-

Scotland based organisations who she said cannot have the same impact in relation to spend.

- **[REDACTED S.38]** asked for clarification on what the concerns were, and SR clarified that the issue is about the Climate Just Communities award last year – that it had gone to non-Scottish organisations, that Scottish organisations would have used the funds more impactfully, and that the CPG “Inquiry” would look at this;
- **[REDACTED S.38]** noted, however, that the CJC had been a competitive procurement exercise through which funding had been awarded to the top bidders.
- FG expressed concern that SG’s good global citizenship is not attainable if there is no policy coherence within/across SG, and raised that the Ministerial Working Group on Policy Coherence has only met a few times. Cabinet Secretary asked for examples where there is seen to be policy incoherences. FG mentioned gaps in climate change policy and a disconnect where SG is providing Loss and Damage yet still supporting the use of fossil fuels. Also added that the National Performance Framework (NPF) is not aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- FG also reminded Cabinet Secretary of the SG commitment to increase ID budget to £15 million in this parliamentary term. Cabinet Secretary responded that SG trying to do everything that has been committed to, including across international development and culture, but cannot shy away from the fact that the resource available has changed such that financial pressures are having an impact.
- SB noted that, on a very positive note, despite the pressures of the cost of living in communities in Scotland, there is still a global citizenship mindset in Scotland, and it is good for SG to champion this. SB also focused on SMP exploring ways to diversify their income streams. Asked how to tap into the networks that are offered. Mentioned also the annual award funding cycle is difficult to work on and would support a return to 3-year funding cycles.
  - Cabinet Secretary stated this point on multi-year funding is well understood and will look to make that happen.
  - Also asked about how do we make sure we can tell stories to reach all – especially young people on social media. Spoke about the popularity of TikTok amongst the youth and if you’re not on that platform then you don’t reach them. Highlighted SG’s TikTok ban.
- SR voiced concern about schoolchildren’s use of mobile phones during school hours and whether laws can be brought in by SG to restrict phone/social media use in school. Cabinet Secretary explained headteachers are already empowered to set rules for their schools.
- MR also reflected SB point, that there is a lot of interest in this area across Scotland, with campaigners continuing to promote issues like fair trade. He then asked in terms of policy coherence how to access other parts of SG such as Business Support or Economic Development - they find that when ID refers them to another area of SG, they may then get sent again on to another team, and eventually they come back to ID as other teams don’t see it as their policy area.
  - **[REDACTED S.38]** said we can look into this area re other SG teams. Action point on team.
  - Cabinet Secretary asked for feedback on organisations’ ability to coalesce young people with commercial outlets. “Where is the buying power of the kids you’re educating?”

- CS shared observation that some retailers got into Fair Trade, but over time the enthusiasm dies and the retailers move on. Cabinet Secretary keen to bring the big supermarkets in for fair trade discussion. Action point on team.
- Cabinet Secretary asked whether any of the Global Scots are involved in promoting Fair Trade. Action point on team to check.
- FG: Scottish Government used to have a Business Pledge, could this be brought back? Action point on team to check where that stands.
- HC: On what could be done – we could be more creative/innovative on how we learn. Listen a bit better. Delivering information verbally is better than written - gave example of people in a waiting room will be likely to receive spoken information better than written information that is given to them and just goes into the bin. We should try to listen and learn more from (Global) South countries.
- LD echoed HC's sentiments – it's important to be innovative in what we're doing.

### **Closing remarks**

Cabinet Secretary said this is not the beginning of the end but rather just the end of the beginning. Looking forward to working with all.

Emphasised this is a 2-way process and is keen to learn from partner countries.

The message to all is "Let's be imaginative on convening power (of SG)".

5. Draft Meeting Note of Meeting between Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and SIDA Diaspora Group

## **Note of Meeting – Virtual Introductory Call between the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and the Diaspora Group for Global Citizenship – 7 November 2024**

### **Attendees:**

#### **Scottish Government -**

**Angus Robertson (AR)** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

[redacted s.38], DCEA

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#### **Diaspora Group for Global Citizenship (DGGC) -**

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**Hannah Clyne (HC)**, Scotland's International Development Alliance

### **Minute**

#### **Introductions**

1. [redacted s.38] invited AR to address the group. In his warm introductory remarks, AR spoke to the value placed on the collective experience of the group by the Scottish Government and noted that he welcomed the opportunity to listen to and learn from DGGC.
2. [redacted s.38] led a round of introductions for DGGC. Following this she emphasised that group members possess a wealth of knowledge and that they are eager to act as 'a living bridge' between the SG and the diaspora communities they represent, strengthen the voice of Scotland's diverse communities locally and globally and, be a mouth piece for marginalised and underrepresented communities.
3. AR outlined his portfolio responsibilities. He spoke about the SG's international network and representation overseas, the Scottish Connections Framework and highlighted the GlobalScot initiative (the remit of which he hopes to extend beyond its current business and trade focus). AR advised that he is always keen to hear views on how to engage with the many different diaspora communities across Scotland and include them in Scottish Connections work.

4. AR noted that the group's interests extend beyond his portfolio and that they may find it valuable to engage other areas of SG around their priorities.

### **DGGC research findings and lived experience**

5. HC outlined research findings on the barriers faced by diaspora communities which were summarised in the paper submitted by DGGC ahead of the meeting.
6. This was followed by a round of short presentations from DGGC members on their lived experience in Scotland. **[redacted s.38]** described his work on facilitating dialogue between diaspora communities and culture/heritage institutions. **[redacted s.38]** spoke to the global south's wealth of diverse cultural knowledge, skills and expertise and of the importance of a bidirectional conceptualisation of global citizenship. **[redacted s.38]** told a vivid personal story to illustrate that the barriers to participation for the diaspora community stops both individuals and society reaching its potential.

### **DGGC Recommendations**

7. **[redacted s.38]** outlined the five DGGC recommendations, being 1) create open spaces for engagement, 2) Enhance transparency and accessibility, 3) Promote participation and leadership, 4) Recognise the intellectual and economic contributions of diaspora communities, 5) Take an interconnected approach.

### **Closing Remarks**

8. In closing, AR thanked the group, noting that he was interested in exploring a broad understanding of diaspora. AR noted that teams across government will have a particular interest in the expertise of the group and asked for officials present to facilitate introductions with DGGC.

**Action:** DCEA and DEIHR to continue discussions with DGGC at official level.

**End**

**[redacted s.38]**  
**International Division**  
**12 November 2024**



6. Draft Engagement Report of SIDA Conference 4 September 2024

<b>What</b>	A drinks reception and networking event after the Scottish International Development Alliance's autumn conference.
<b>Where</b>	Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8AS
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 4 September 2024, 17:00 – 19:00
<b>Who</b>	<p><u>Audience</u> Organisations and individuals including NGOs, businesses, academic institutions and public sector bodies working in international development.</p> <p>Facilitated introductions to key stakeholders –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland's International Development Alliance (SIDA), Chair</li> <li>• SIDA's diaspora group for global citizenship (Exhibitor)</li> <li>• IDEAS Network/ Scot Dec</li> <li>• Global Hospital / Kids Operating Room (Exhibitor)</li> <li>• Glasgow Afghan United (Speaker)</li> </ul> <p>A number of other delegates also approached the Cabinet Secretary to introduce themselves and speak to him about their work. These included representatives of EMMS International, Action for Humanity and the Institute of Directors.</p>
<b>Actions</b>	<p>The Cabinet Secretary requested that officials take forward the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a meeting with the SIDA Diaspora Steering Group on Global Citizenship to hear more about their experiences and priorities.</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary met with <b>[redacted s.38]</b>, Young Board Member of Glasgow Afghan United, who was speaking at the SIDA event as the voice of future generations and asked officials to explore how to bring in the voice of young people, such as <b>[redacted s.38]</b> into international development/external affairs policy development and engagement.</li> <li>• make the US Consulate General aware of the partnership between, the Scottish global health charity, Global Hospital/ Kids Operating Room (Kids OR) with major US agencies (e.g. NASA).</li> </ul>
<b>Officials in attendance</b>	<p><b>[redacted s.38]</b> &amp; <b>[redacted s.38]</b>, International Development Team John Primrose, International Division, Deputy Director</p>