FOI 202500447726 – Documents In Scope

Could you supply all documentation held by the Scottish Government, including correspondence sent and received (including internal), minutes/notes from meetings, briefings and analysis, about 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games housing plans and/or any impact on the homeless?

Document 1 – email correspondence

From: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]
@gov.scot>
Sent: 20 September 2024 11:53
To: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: To clear - media enquiry on homeless people moved out of Edinburgh for Taylor Swift

Hi [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] ,

Thanks for this and helpful to know!

We've only recently drafted the core brief for Commonwealth Games and our DD is currently reviewing it so it might need a few more tweaks depending on her feedback. I'm not sure what more from the brief will be of value to you but we can definitely share it once it's been cleared.

Noted re. your updated lines. We'd included the previous ones you sent in the briefing so will update these to reflect the changes below. [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] (cc'd) is leading on CWG from our side and she's going to keep a note of yours and [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] contact details to keep our FMQ and core briefs up to date. If there are any significant changes you think will affect the lines we currently have from you, it'd be really appreciated it you could let [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]know as/when they do!

Thanks again,

[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]
From: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:55 AM
To: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]>
Cc: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: To clear - media enquiry on homeless people moved out of Edinburgh for Taylor Swift

Hi[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] ,

Shelter Scotland were on STV last night raising concerns about the impact of Commonwealth Games on people experiencing homelessness in Glasgow so I think

we will also need to have some lines on this in our homelessness FMQ, for completeness. I appreciate you were using the lines we shared as the basis for your lines, but if there is anything additional to that from an events perspective that we could include Id be grateful if you could share that with us.

There have also been some updates made to the lines I provided you with on Wednesday – I have made the changes in the chain below. Grateful if any lines you use in FMQ next week could reflect these changes and if lines on housing/homelessness are to be included on an ongoing basis in your FMQ could you please check in with to make sure these are still accurate – unfortunately things fluctuate regularly so our lines are subject to quite a lot of change.

Thanks

[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]
[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] Team Leader | Rapid Rehousing and Rough Sleeping Response Team | Directorate for Local Government and Housing | Scottish Government | Mobile: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

From: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Sent: 18 September 2024 09:49
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Cc: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
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Amazing, thanks both for the quick turnaround. Really appreciated!

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Cc: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: To clear - media enquiry on homeless people moved out of Edinburgh for Taylor Swift

Hi[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] ,

Just noting that some of the lines[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] has provided are specific to Edinburgh - [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] has provided some additional lines which are specific to Glasgow as the host city. If you also need additional national level lines then please let us know.

Scotland has the strongest rights across the UK nations for people experiencing homelessness.

- Every council in Scotland has a legal duty to provide accommodation for anyone facing homelessness, including during major events.
- We are working with Glasgow City Council to address local housing pressures and reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation.
- We provided an additional £2m in 2023-24 to the local authorities with the largest percentage increases in temporary accommodation. Glasgow received 22% (£443k) of this funding.
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- We are providing Glasgow City Council with £1.455m of funding over 2024-25 to implement its rapid rehousing transition plan and support people into settled housing.
- We are investing over £90m in discretionary housing payments in 2024-25, and of that, over £16m (or 18%) will be made available to support households in Glasgow City Council.

Thanks

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Subject: FW: To clear - media enquiry on homeless people moved out of Edinburgh for Taylor Swift

Hi [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] ,

Please see some lines below in relation to your Teams message.

Thanks,
[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

I'm in the Major Events team and working on an FMQ for the Commonwealth Games. SpAds have asked us if we can get some lines on concerns about big events affecting homeless people and hotel availability... Don't think we've had

anything on this before (although currently looking) but wanted to check if you/anyone in your area might have something?

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Document 2 – Commonwealth Games FMQ Lines

[Redacted – Out Of Scope]
19 Sept: (STV) Shelter Scotland concerned about impact of Glasgow hosting Commonwealth Games on availability of temporary accommodation in the city.
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- We are investing over £90m in discretionary housing payments in 2024-25, and of that, over £16m (or 18%) will be made available to support households in Glasgow City Council.

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Document 3 – Email correspondence

From: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Sent: 19 September 2024 17:17
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Lauren Mcnamara <Lauren.Mcnamara@gov.scot>; DD Better Homes <ddbetterhomes@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For clearance asap please - media lines - homelessness Glasgow

Thanks[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] , I'll change to spokesperson. Thanks so much!

From: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 5:16 PM
To: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Cc: Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Lauren Mcnamara <Lauren.Mcnamara@gov.scot>; DD Better Homes <ddbetterhomes@gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For clearance asap please - media lines - homelessness Glasgow

Thanks[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] . Mr McLennan is in meetings but Cab Sec has cleared, so if we can just adjust the name it goes in/do a spokesperson then good to issue.

Thank you!

[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]
[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
M: [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] E: CabSecforSJ@gov.scot
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To: Minister for Housing <MinisterforHousing@gov.scot>
Cc: Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Lauren Mcnamara <Lauren.Mcnamara@gov.scot>; DD Better Homes <ddbetterhomes@gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Subject: For clearance asap please - media lines - homelessness Glasgow

Housing Minister/PO – for urgent clearance,

We've received a quey from STV about the risk of homeless people being displaced during the Commonwealth Games, please see in full below. We have been given a very tight deadline for this.

With thanks to officials, please see suggested response below for clearance. Due to timings, we have not been able to seek separate clearance from SpAds, but cc'ing on this chain. These lines should all be familiar.

Very grateful for clearance by 5.15 tonight please, or as close to that as possible.

Thanks,
[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

DRAFT LINES

Housing Minister Paul McLennan said:

"I have been meeting with Housing Convenors across the country since last summer to discuss the housing pressures each area is facing. We are working with Glasgow City Council to address local housing pressures and reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation. Every council in Scotland has the legal duty to provide accommodation for anyone facing homelessness.

"In 2024-25 Glasgow City Council will receive over £1.6 billion to fund local services, including homelessness services – an additional 4.9% compared to the 2023-24 budget.

"Alongside measures to prevent homelessness, increasing housing stock is key to reducing the use of temporary accommodation. Since 2007, we have delivered more than 131,000 affordable homes, with more than 93,000 of those being for social rent and we will invest nearly £600 million in affordable housing in 2024-25."

MEDIA QUERY

Hi [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

As discussed, Shelter Scotland have discussed some of their concerns with me regarding the 2026 Commonwealth Games and how accommodation arrangements could end up displacing homeless people who currently rely on temporary hotel accommodation due to the current housing crisis.

They said:

If they are reliant on hotels during a housing emergency, that will mean homeless people have nowhere else to go.
So what is the plan and how are the Scot Gov going to meet their housing needs in the city at the same time as welcoming so many commonwealth visitors?
Big events have a big impact on the homelessness system, so until the Scot Gov stops the reliance on hotels and starts providing proper temporary accommodation and permanent accommodation, it is predictable that any big event will have a negative impact on the country's homeless people.

Reminder that my hard deadline is 5:15pm

Many thanks

[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] Media Manager
Scottish Government
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Document 4 – Email correspondence

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Subject: RE: For policy input asap please - media query - homelessness

Thanks [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]
Just to note that if using any previous lines in the chain that the £11.6m to housing associations line should be removed as the updated figure I supplied for the Glasgow bullet included that.

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[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] / AHSP Programme Manager / More Homes Division / Scottish Government / [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

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Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>;[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For policy input asap please - media query - homelessness

Hi[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] , lines updated as below.

Will keep SpAds sighted and send to Minister now

Housing Minister Paul McLennan said:

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Figure for Glasgow updated to reflect their share of the £40m.
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[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] / AHSP Programme Manager / More Homes Division / Scottish Government / [Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

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[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data] ,

This query isn't too dissimilar to that which we received about the Taylor Swift concerts, although that was in relation to Edinburgh rather than Glasgow. I've attached the lines cleared by SpAds if that's helpful and provided some Glasgow specific lines that can be added as well as making a small addition in red below.

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Hi policy colleagues,

We've received a quey from STV about the risk of homeless people being displaced during the Commonwealth Games, please see in full below.

We've pulled together a response below as a starting point – grateful for views/amends on the below please.

With apologies for the tight turnaround, grateful if any comments could please be provided within the next 20 minutes if possible. Sorry, we only just received this query, with a deadline of 5.15pm for tonight's news.

Thanks,
[Redacted s.38(1)(b) - Personal Data]

DRAFT LINES

Housing Minister Paul McLennan said:

"I have been meeting with Housing Convenors across the country since last summer to discuss the housing pressures each area is facing. The Scottish Government is working with local authorities to identify ways to reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation and provided an additional £2 million in 2023-24 to the local authorities with the largest percentage increases in temporary accommodation.

"We recently allocated a further £40m to councils to increase the supply of social and affordable homes, with the majority of funding being allocated to the local authorities with the most sustained pressure on temporary accommodation, including Glasgow.

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than 131,000 affordable homes, with more than 93,000 of those being for social rent and we will invest nearly £600 million in affordable housing in 2024-25."

MEDIA QUERY

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Many thanks

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