

Document 1 – Email regarding the Counter Fraud Commissioner from Maeve Connolly HMT to Alyson Stafford – 30 January 2025

From: Connolly, Maeve - HMT <Maeve.Connolly@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 January 2025 12:08
To: Alyson Stafford
Cc: Hayhoe, Tom - HMT; Chief Financial Officer; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Subject: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

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Best wishes

Maeve

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Document 2 – Email regarding the Counter Fraud Commissioner from Alyson Stafford to Maeve Connolly HMT – 30 January 2025

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] on behalf of DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox
Sent: 30 January 2025 15:58
To: Connolly, Maeve - HMT; Alyson Stafford
Cc: Hayhoe, Tom - HMT; Chief Financial Officer; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
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Many thanks for your note and yes, all well here.
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Best wishes,
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Document 3 – Email regarding the Counter Fraud Commissioner - from HMT officials to Maeve Conolly and Alyson Stafford – 18 March

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 March 2025 14:00

To: Connolly, Maeve - HMT; Alyson Stafford

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT

Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Hi Maeve,

Further to your email below, just wanted to let you know that we had a very helpful meeting with Alyson and her team today, so thank you very much for putting us in touch.

Best,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: Connolly, Maeve - HMT

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:08 PM

To: Alyson.Stafford@gov.scot

Cc: Hayhoe, Tom - HMT ; cfo@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT ; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

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Document 4 – Email trail – Meeting arrangements by Scottish Government officials and HMT officials on behalf of Alyson Stafford and Tom Hayhoe – 11 to 13 February 2025

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] on behalf of DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox
Sent: 13 February 2025 14:22
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Thankyou [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], I have accepted the invite – you may get notification for other where Alyson may wish to invite colleagues ahead of the call.

Kind regards,
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] Private Secretary – DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford | Scottish Government | St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @gov.scot

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT
Sent: 13 February 2025 14:07
To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox ; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT ; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]. I updated the scheduler to 10 – 10.30 on Mon 24 Mar. I have cc [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]'s email address and also dgscottishexchequer

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @gov.scot <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 2:02 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>; DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

unfortunately that slot is now no longer available. Also, no invite has been received. Please let me know which of the other slots will work and I will send across an invite as soon as you have confirmed.

Monday 24th March 2025, 10:00 am (30 mins)
Monday 24th March 2025, 14:00 pm (30 mins)
Wednesday 26th March 2025, 10:00 am (30 mins)
Wednesday 26th March 2025, 11:00 am (30 mins)

Thanks

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
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Sent: 13 February 2025 13:02
To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

< [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT < [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information].

I sent the scheduler for Mon 24 Mar at 2pm.

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot < [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4:05 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] < [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Cc: DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT < [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; Somwaru, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT < [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner

Good afternoon,

Following on from your emails with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] I have been asked to share some possible dates and times for the newly appointed COVID Counter Fraud Commission to meet with Alyson and colleagues.

The dates currently, with availability, are;

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If you could confirm which slot would work best, or if you need further availability as the above isn't suitable then please do let us know and we can send that over.

Kind regards,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Private Secretary – DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford |

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Sent: 11 February 2025 17:04

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] , [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT

<[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Further to my email below, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] is away, but would next Monday between 10am -2pm work, or anytime next Wednesday before 3.30pm

Many thanks,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:00 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

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Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Hope you are well – further to Alyson’s email below, we just wanted to put you in touch with Tom’s PA,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] to suggest some dates for Tom, Alyson and colleagues to meet. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], could you let [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] know

Tom's availability over the next week if that would work

Thanks very much,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 3:58 PM

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Cc: Hayhoe, Tom - HMT <Tom.Hayhoe@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; cfo@gov.scot;

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT

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<cfo@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

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Document 5 – Email trail – Invite Confirmation – From Scottish Government Officials and HMT – 6 to 12 March 2025

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 March 2025 13:48
To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Just to confirm have sent the invite to [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
M

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Executive Assistant to Andrew Cartner Director Public Spending Group and Deputy Head of Government Finance Function | HM Treasury, DEC Executive Assistant to Kevin Pertaub Deputy Director Government Financial Reporting | Public Spending Group | HM Treasury GMS Manager [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | 2 Red | 1 Horse Guards Road | London SW1A 2HQ |
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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 12:30 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Cc: DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Thankyou for taking my call this morning at just after 11 am. Organising the meeting was so much easier speaking to someone ??
I have spoken to [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], Head of Counter Fraud Profession, Internal Audit and Assurance here at Scottish Government. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] has confirmed that he is able to join the meeting along with Alyson on Tuesday 18th March at 09.30 am, please would be so kind as to extend the invite, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] email - [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot
Many thanks again for your assistance and getting the meeting rescheduled, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information].

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Private Secretary DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford
Scottish Government | St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 March 2025 11:17
To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Hello [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Apologies I have not been able to access email this morning due to an IT issue, which thankfully has now been resolved. Happy to take a call when you are free [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
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To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Thanks [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Can I give you a call 11 am tomorrow, happy to do via phone if easier for you or teams, please let me know what suits.

Thanks
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Private Secretary DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford
Scottish Government | St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] Email - [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 March 2025 15:44
To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Yes Tom will be happy with 30 minutes
Thank you for your help
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Executive Assistant to Andrew Cartner Director Public Spending Group and Deputy Head of Government Finance Function |HM Treasury, DEC Executive Assistant to Kevin Pertaub Deputy Director Government Financial Reporting | Public Spending Group |HM Treasury GMS Manager [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | 2 Red | 1 Horse Guards Road | London SW1A 2HQ |
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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 2:46 PM
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot;
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Let me speak to Alyson, as the reason for moving the meeting was due to an appearance that Alyson is required to make and requires the preparation time. Is 30 minutes enough time for the meeting as previously scheduled?
Thanks

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Private Secretary DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford

Scottish Government | St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Sent: 11 March 2025 14:31

To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox <DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

<[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

Hello [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

I have spoken to Tom about your suggested new date, unfortunately this will be too late. Tom has said that he needs to speak to Alyson ideally in the next 2 weeks. The reason for this is that some of the proposals they are suggesting will be UK wide and he would like to start preparing the ground

this month. I will be happy to take a call to work through the diary if this is helpful.

Thank you

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Executive Assistant to Andrew Cartner Director Public Spending Group and Deputy Head of Government Finance Function |HM Treasury, DEC

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot <

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:29 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Cc: DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Subject: New Time Proposed: Scottish Government/CCFC Meeting [Alyson Stafford/Tom Hayhoe]

When: 24 March 2025 10:00-10:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting; OTJ 125

Good afternoon,

Apologies, unfortunately we are having to move this meeting. Although having to ask for this to move Alyson is still very happy to meet with Mr Hayhoe.

We propose a meeting change to 10:30 am, Wednesday 7th May 2025, I hope that Mr Hayhoe will find this agreeable.

Thanks in advance,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Private Secretary DG Scottish Exchequer - Alyson Stafford

Scottish Government | St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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Document 6 – Email Trail – Introduction to Colleagues – 18 March to 1 April 2025

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 April 2025 16:52

To: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] ; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Subject: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

, [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]and comms team

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

Apologies for the delay, I'm copying in our colleague [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] who is leading the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] so would be best placed to talk you through the specifics of this. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], would it be possible for you to have a meeting with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] and [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] to talk through the below this week?

Many thanks,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot On Behalf Of DGScottishExchequer@gov.scot

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:37 PM

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and comms team

Importance: High

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] and [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],
Following on from Alyson Stafford's recent meeting with Tom Hayhoe, we are trying to convene relevant leads in the Scottish Government to consider the implications of the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] in Scotland. We are having a meeting next Monday.
Please could you provide an update on [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] request below, to help us progress things on our side?

Kind regards,
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Chief of Staff
DG Scottish Exchequer
Scottish Government
1N.01 St Andrews House
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

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I work part-time. My non-working day is Wednesday.

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Sent: 25 March 2025 16:01
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT
@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
<[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and comms team

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

Further to [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]'s email below, we've begun lining up Scottish Government colleagues who will need to have involvement in this work. In the meantime, would it be useful to have a discussion on the specific measures being proposed, especially the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

I have good availability this Friday, or next week on Thursday or Friday if any of those days are suitable.

Alternatively, if you would like to approach things differently, please let me know.

Regards,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Head of Counter Fraud Profession | Counter Fraud Service | Directorate for Internal Audit and Assurance | Scottish Government

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Office telephone: Contact via Teams | Email: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot |

Contact the Counter Fraud Service at counterfraudmailbox@gov.scot

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot

Sent: 19 March 2025 13:37

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

<[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>;

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk;

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and comms team

Thanks, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

It was great to meet you too. Looking forward to working with PSFA on the proposed activities. If there's anything else you need from Scottish Government in the meantime please let me know.

Regards,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Head of Counter Fraud Profession | Counter Fraud Service | Directorate for Internal Audit and Assurance | Scottish Government
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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 March 2025 16:36

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk;

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]and comms team

Further to the below, I'm also adding [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] from the HMT comms team as requested.

Many thanks,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 4:35 PM

To: '[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot'

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

< [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>;
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@cabinetoffice.gov.uk;
[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section
38(1)(b) Personal information]

< [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section
38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Subject: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1)
Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct
of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted
under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]and comms team

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

It was great to meet you over Teams this morning. Just wanted to follow up on
Alyson's request that we put you in touch with the team working on the [Redacted
under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice
to effective conduct of public affairs]

and [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under
Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], so I'm copying my PSFA
colleagues in this email – I believe you already know [Redacted under Section
38(1)(b) Personal information] well, who is leading this work. I discussed that it would
be very helpful to get your views on [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within
the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]
to help with triaging requests, as well as thinking through the [Redacted under
Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to
effective conduct of public affairs] work.

Best,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Private Secretary to the
Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner (job-share with [Redacted under Section
38(1)(b) Personal information]) | Cross-cutting Strategy, Insight and Reform | Public
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Sent: 20 March 2025 15:31
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Cc: DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox
Subject: RE: Follow up from Tom Hayhoe and Alyson Stafford call Tuesday 18 March 2025
Attachments: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and comms team

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

See attached for information. I've just noticed that you've not had sight of [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]'s email to me earlier this week. I reached out to contacts earlier, but presumably will need to come back to you about linking in with coms colleagues.

Any questions, let me know.

Thanks,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Head of Counter Fraud Profession | Counter Fraud Service | Directorate for Internal Audit and Assurance | Scottish Government
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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Sent: 20 March 2025 15:20
To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox
Subject: Follow up from Tom Hayhoe and Alyson Stafford call Tuesday 18 March 2025

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

Following on from the meeting with Tom on Tuesday, I had taken a note that you would send us a list of names of relevant colleagues / contacts for [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], the Scottish Government's Head of Counter Fraud Profession, to engage with on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]. If you could share key names then [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] will be able to direct them to relevant counterparts in SG.

[Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

It would also be useful to set up another check-in call close to the launch date, this time to include comms contacts as well. We'll be guided by you on the best timing for that, but please liaise with the DG Scottish Exchequer office to find suitable dates in April.

Kind regards,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]
Chief of Staff
DG Scottish Exchequer
Scottish Government
1N.01 St Andrews House
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Document 8 – Attached email Included in email trail of document 7. Email trail from Scottish Government to HMT - Introductions to Colleagues to and from Scottish Government officials – 18 March 2025

From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] <[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@hmtreasury.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 March 2025 16:36

To: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information], [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - HMT; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Subject: RE: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and comms team

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From: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 4:35 PM

To: '[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]@gov.scot'

Cc: [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] @cabinetoffice.gov.uk; [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] & [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

Subject: Introductions to colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs], and comms team

Hi [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information],

It was great to meet you over Teams this morning. Just wanted to follow up on Alyson's request that we put you in touch with the team working on the [Redacted

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Best,

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] | Private Secretary to the Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner (job-share with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information]) | Cross-cutting Strategy, Insight and Reform | Public Spending Group | HM Treasury | www.gov.uk/hm-treasury

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Document 9 – Read out from meeting with UK Covid Counter Fraud Commissioner from and to Scottish Government officials – 20 March 2025

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Subject: Read out from meeting with UK Covid Counter Fraud Commissioner

All,

On Tuesday, Alyson attended a meeting with Tom Hayhoe, UK Covid Counter Fraud Commissioner. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] was also in attendance, as the Head of Counter Fraud Profession in SG. I wanted to share a brief read out of some of the things discussed at the meeting for broader awareness of those involved in the Covid response.

Tom was appointed in December, with a 1 year brief, to try to chase down Covid fraud. The first phase of his work, relating to PPE in the health sector is almost complete. Phase 2 relates to the wider public sector. Two of the strands will be relevant to us in particular.

1. [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]
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[Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]. [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] will be leading for SG interests, including linking up comms support.

It's also worth being aware that Tom's team will be feeding the results of these into Module 9 of the UK Covid Inquiry. So it's possible there could be follow up questions for us [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]. I'll keep you posted on any further relevant developments.

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I work part-time. My non-working day is Wednesday.

Document 10 – Meeting Note of meeting with Scottish Government and Covid Counter Fraud Commissioner – 18 March 2025

Covid counter fraud commissioner Tom Hayhoe
18 March 2025 09:33

In attendance: Alyson Stafford (DG Scottish Exchequer), [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] (Head of Counter Fraud Profession, Scottish Government), Tom Hayhoe, [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] (Private Secretary to Covid Counter-Fraud Commissioner) and [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] (DGSE Chief of Staff)

Tom Hayhoe - appointed in December, with one year brief, to try to chase down Covid fraud. First phase - PPE in the health sector - almost complete. Working out plans for second phase across wider public sector.

Alyson - shape of the Scottish public sector. Health sector is fully devolved. We can put you in touch with the right team if you need to speak to them.

Budget for the start of next year is £63bn across the whole span of devolved services. Don't cover MOD, immigration, employment, large chunk of social security. I have put a number of statements into Covid Inquiry. There will also be separate Scottish Inquiry.

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - Head of Counter-Fraud Profession for SG. Joined SG in 2021. Came from local authority as head of counter fraud down in London. Had a focus on grant money put out directly and via LAs.

Tom - Will let you know what we're planning so there are no surprises. May end up directing intelligence towards you.

PPE phase essentially complete - [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

Moving on to phase 2 - wider public sector. 4 strands to work.

1. [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]
2. [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]
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May appreciate guidance on who we should be talking to - channelling things in right direction. And to share any lessons learned from your own Covid fraud recovery efforts.

Alyson - Quite a diet of activity. Are there others working with you? If you could share names, we can put [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] in touch with counterparts.

Timing of strands 2 and 3?

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Will send [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] names of colleagues working on the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs] and [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

Alyson - Thank you very much for doing the work. I agree it is essential. 5 years on from first lockdown, inquiries are still continuing.

Tom - We'll be feeding into Module 9 of the Inquiry.

Alyson - Useful to know that. That's also an area where I've been contributing statements on fiscal arrangements in Scotland.

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] will need to pick up with [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] on comms [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]. [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

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[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - All sounds fairly clear in terms of what you're looking to do. Welcome for that to be shared with us. Happy to be put in touch with useful contacts.

Tom - [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - PSFA - will lead the [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] - I already have good links with PSFA. Not unusual for us to share information and intelligence with them.
[Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

[Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs]

Tom - Will use [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] as primary channel for information.

Alyson - Comms is vital start for [Redacted under Section 28(1) Relations within the UK] [Redacted under Section 30 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs].

[Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] to contact [Redacted under Section 38(1)(b) Personal information] to make sure we have all the contacts and names. Set up check-in call when closer to launch date, to include Comms.