

From: [redacted- S.38(1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
Sent: 07 October 2024 17:37
To: Jamie Hepburn <Jamie.Hepburn@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOR DECISION: CEAC portfolio questions 30th October and 13th November

Thanks Jamie - Mr Robertson has withdrawn his request to attend the reception on 13th November so it will only be the 30th October that you would be required to cover. I have asked their office to confirm another Minister as support.

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Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn MSP

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Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
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So, on the first I am inclined to say yes - although it might be that I need to draw in other ministers to support this.

On the second, less so. It isn't immediately clear that Mr Robertson's presence is required at this reception.

From: [redacted- S.38(1)(b)] on behalf of Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:42:05 PM
To: Jamie Hepburn <Jamie.Hepburn@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOR DECISION: CEAC portfolio questions 30th October and 13th November

The reception is to celebrate the role played by the film and television industry in the United Kingdom and in British culture. In addition to the Cabinet Secretary's invitation, Buckingham Palace has asked the Scottish Government to nominate four individuals across the sector in Scotland.

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To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>
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What is the reception on 13th November for?

From: [redacted- S.38(1)(b)] on behalf of Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 2:59 PM

To: Jamie Hepburn <Jamie.Hepburn@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR DECISION: CEAC portfolio questions 30th October and 13th November

Hi Jamie,

Mr Robertson has asked to be slipped from Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 30th October and Wednesday 13th November, and if these could either be done virtually or if you would be content to cover.

We have not yet received formal slip requests for these dates but have been provided with some details of the engagements below:

██████████ [redacted- out of scope]

██████████ [redacted- out of scope]

Wednesday 13th November

Mr Robertson has been invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace by the King at 14:30-16:30.

Advice on remote participation is that the Presiding Officer states that remote participation should be seen as a last resort, and her preference is for another Minister to take over questions if they can attend in person. It's possible that there is a case for remote participation in this instance as Mr Robertson has no junior Ministers, however Parliament are unlikely to view it this way as parliamentary attendance should take precedence over other engagements.

Are you content to consider remote participation as a possibility or would you prefer to cover one/and or both of these dates? If you are content to cover one/and or both of Mr Robertson's portfolio questions, it's possible that we could ask another Minister to participate.

Thanks,

██████████ [redacted- S.38(1)(b)]

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Email: MinisterPB@gov.scot

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From: [redacted- S.38(1)(b)]

On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 10:53 AM

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>

Subject: CEAC portfolio questions 30th October

Hi [redacted- S.38(1)(b)],

[redacted- out of scope]

[redacted- out of scope]

[redacted- out of scope]

[redacted- out of scope]

Thanks,

[redacted- S.38(1)(b)],

Private Secretary

Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

PS Minute Information

Event Details

Date of Event:

30/04/2025

Time of Event:

18:10

MiCase Reference:

202500458135

Final Due Date:

09/04/2025

Case Owner:

██████████ [redacted- S.38(1)(b)]

Sender:

██████████ [redacted- S.38(1)(b)]

Has the Minister been asked to attend on Behalf of FM?:

No

Recommendation:

Accept

Recommendation Comments:

You have been invited by the Royal Household to a reception at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 30th April, hosted by their Majesties the King and Queen, to celebrate community-based initiatives raising awareness about cancer and supporting those living with cancer. ██████████ [redacted- S.38(1)(b)], Events and Programme Manager in the Master of Household's Department, advises that the invitation is for you alone, with no additional guests, as they intend to invite as many deserving individuals and organisations as possible. The Protocol and Honours Team have been consulted and they have advised that it would be beneficial if you are able to attend to help continue good relations with the Royal Household. The Protocol and Honours Team have submitted seven nominees from Scottish initiatives to be invited, from third sector, volunteer and front line NHS delivery teams.

Has another minister been asked to attend?:

No

Theme Of Event:

To celebrate community-based initiatives, raising awareness about cancer and supporting those living with cancer.

Purpose Of Event

=> Improve relations with stakeholders.

Most appropriate type of ministerial input:

To attend the event.

Main message to communicate:

Cancer remains a priority for the Scottish Government and the NHS in Scotland. That is why we published our Cancer Strategy for Scotland 2023-2033 along with an initial three year Cancer Action Plan for Scotland 2023 – 2026 in June 2023. Our strategic aim is to improve cancer survival and provide excellent, equitably accessible care. Our overall vision is that 'more cancers are prevented; our compassionate and consistent cancer service provides excellent treatment and support throughout the cancer journey and improves outcomes and survival for people with cancer'. The strategy and plan have people living with cancer, their families and carers at their very heart.

Event Location

Buckingham Palace London SW1A 1AA Please Select

Attached Documents

There are no attached files

PS Minute Information

Event Details

Date of Event:

10/09/2024

Time of Event:

18:00

MiCase Reference:

202400421007

Final Due Date:

25/07/2024

Case Owner:

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Sender:

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Has the Minister been asked to attend on Behalf of FM?:

No

Recommendation:

Decline

Recommendation Comments:

Officials recommend declining the invitation, given the location and timing would likely require an overnight stay near to Windsor, and there is no specific role for the Minister at the event. DMWS are one of our key stakeholders in the veterans health space who offer support the veteran community in five Health Board areas: NHS Fife; Greater Glasgow & Clyde; Lanarkshire; Lothian; and Borders. This event is intended to celebrate their work and supporters across the UK. The Minister has also been invited to attend a reception hosted by DMWS in the Glasgow City Chambers on Friday 9 August to celebrate their partnership with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Glasgow's Helping Heroes, which may be a more viable alternative to attend (MiCase 202400421014).