

## Annex A

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**Subject:** Ultimate Political Dinner Party Prize - British Business Awards

Good afternoon,

The Deputy First Minister attended a dinner on the evening of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June with Lord Haughey and Anas Sarwar MSP. This was the Ultimate Political Dinner Party Prize from the British Business Awards (held on 24 April 2025).

The Deputy First Minister has provided the below brief summary of the engagement. Please can this be saved to erdm and a link provided to erdm for the corporate record.

### **Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister:**

*'We discussed Lord Haughey's family, his home, his business. It was all personal anecdote in a relaxed environment.'*

<REDACTED s.38(1)(b)> – as your team led on the British Business Awards engagement, this has been sent to yourself. <REDACTED s.38(1)(b)> – due to the ongoing discussions with Lord Haughey surrounding housing, this may also be relevant to your area.

Kind regards,

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