

Annex A

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Sent: Wednesday, 1 October 2025 9:21 AM

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Subject: RE: FM Engagement Commission - Marking 7th October

Importance: High

Thanks [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

Advice below, consulted with Faith & Belief colleagues and FM Comms.

PS/First Minister

ISSUE

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

PRIORITY

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

BACKGROUND

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

SENSITIVITIES

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COMMUNICATIONS

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NEXT STEPS

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Sent: 30 September 2025 10:59

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Grateful if you can confirm this is in train and happy to discuss if helpful.

Many thanks,

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Private Secretary

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Yep, I'm happy.

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Sent: 01 October 2025 12:38

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Thanks [redacted – s.38(1)(b)], and [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] separately.

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)], I can share both script and statement with SpAds now, noting [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] request for script by 18:00 tonight.

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 October 2025 12:15

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Hi [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] / [redacted – s.38(1)(b)],

Content for our policy interests. I've added [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] to copy for awareness as they lead on hate prevention/cohesion within my team.

Many thanks

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division
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Sent: 01 October 2025 11:50

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Thanks [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] – looks good to me.

I've added a draft media statement below your script. Grateful for your thoughts, and those of F&B colleagues.

Thanks,

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Okay, here's a starter-for-10 – [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] will want to have a look at antisemitism/community lines, but I've largely drawn or paraphrased from earlier texts.

Video Script[redacted – s.30(b)(i)]

Media Statement

Remembering the victims of Hamas attack on Israel

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 October 2025 11:13

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Thanks [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]. Video probably only needs to be about a minute or so. FM speaks at approximately 160 words per minute, so something around that in terms of word count.

I'll share a draft statement for thoughts before lunchtime.

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 October 2025 10:22

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Happy to – how many words approx.? Here's last year's statement for reference:

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Sent: 01 October 2025 09:11

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Thanks **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]**.

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)] can start writing words for the statement. Are you okay to start work on a script? In the note to FMPO, can you ask them to identify a slot tomorrow or Friday to record? Adding **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]** for awareness on recording.

Thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Thanks all. I'll tidy up and send first thing. **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]** – tell me if you want words for the statement or video, I think it writes itself.

Cheers,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

From: **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Sent: 30 September 2025 16:23

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REDACTED - OUT OF SCOPE

I think FM will need further advice on the vigil if it is confirmed to go ahead.

Thanks,

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Hi **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]**,

REDACTED - OUT OF SCOPE Agree with your steer re vigil.

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Hi [redacted – s.38(1)(b)],

Advice looks good. I haven't been able to get anyone from JCoS as yet but will keep trying (it's still their new year holidays so that may be a factor here). The vigil on 5 Oct at Parliament could be a possibility as it's being organised this year with input from JCoS as per their website and I would want to speak to JCoS first however, you could add as an option with advice to follow.

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Many thanks

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Hi all – good to talk, here’s the bones of a recommendation to FM. Add/change anything you need to. **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]** knows we’re talking.

Cheers,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

PS/First Minister

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Subject: First Minister - Update on Manchester Attack /leading into 7th October

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

Apologies again below is the updated and cleared advice note setting out the advice for engagement around October 7th and also around reassurance for the community following the attack in Manchester today.

PS/First Minister

ISSUE

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

PRIORITY

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BACKGROUND

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RECOMMENDED APPROACH

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ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

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NEXT STEPS

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Thanks

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Faith and Belief Policy Manager

DEIHR – Mainstreaming and Inclusion



Please not My working week is Tuesday – Friday (non-working day Monday).

Annex D

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Saturday, 4 October 2025 4:12 PM

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[redacted – s.38(1)(b)], [redacted – s.38(1)(b)], all

I've added some details on the Drumlanrig Peace Accord at Annex B of the briefing pack.

No further comments to add from a faith and belief perspective before this goes to FM.

Best wishes

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 October 2025 15:25

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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All

FM is well acquainted with the Drumlanrig Peace Accord and referenced it himself in media comments I think yesterday? Could we give him a couple of points on that, including when it was signed and by whom? He may wish to reference it again tomorrow.

Kate Higgins

Special Advisor

Education, Skills, Veterans and cross-government on Trade Unions

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Sent: 04 October 2025 15:10

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Adding [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 04 October 2025 15:09

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[redacted – s.38(1)(b)],

I've updated the briefing note following my call with [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] this afternoon on logistics. I'll share the attached with the First Minister assuming no other comments

Many thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Private Secretary

Office of the First Minister

Mobile: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Sent: 03 October 2025 17:59

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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Apologies adding [redacted – s.38(1)(b)] to copy

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

Sent: 03 October 2025 17:55

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

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Subject: First Minister - October 7th Vigil - 05 October 2025

First Minister /FMPO

Please find attached the briefing for the First Minister's attendance at the October 7th Vigil outside the Scottish Parliament on Sunday 05 October. Please note that speaking note for this event is currently with Speech Writers and they will send this on once finalised. I have also attached the latest DEXA FMQ on the Middle East as additional briefing.

Thanks

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

Attachment

BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER

Attendance at October 7th Vigil Scottish Parliament

05 October 2025

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

Annex E

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 11:53 AM

To: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: FOR FM CLEARANCE - immediate - media query - FM attendance at vigil outside Holyrood - The Sun

Hi [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

Cheers

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 October 2025 10:31

To: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Subject: FW: FOR FM CLEARANCE - immediate - media query - FM attendance at vigil outside Holyrood - The Sun

Morning,

BBC want to know if FM was invited to speak yesterday or if he asked to attend. He was invited, yes?

Thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Sunday, 5 October 2025 6:34 PM

To: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Subject: Re: FOR FM CLEARANCE - immediate - media query - FM attendance at vigil outside Holyrood - The Sun

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)],

The First Minister is content.

Thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, October 5, 2025 6:09:03 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024 <CabSecforJHA@gov.scot>; Minister for Victims and Community Safety 2024 <MinisterforVCS@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR FM CLEARANCE - immediate - media query - FM attendance at vigil outside Holyrood - The Sun

FMPO

The Sun has asked for a comment on the attached Twitter/X post from **[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]**. It is a clip of the First Minister which shows Mr Swinney being heckled during his address at the vigil outside Holyrood today.
https://x.com/darrengimes_/status/1974867366564839529

Policy colleagues and FM duty weekend spad have reviewed the below statement and are content.

I would be grateful for Mr Swinney's sign off.

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

SG Duty Communications

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

ENDS

Annex F

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Tuesday, 7 October 2025 4:00 PM

To: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024

<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities <MinisterforEqualities@gov.scot>;

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Subject: RE: For awareness: Daily Mail query - criticism of FM at vigil

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

FM is content.

Thanks,

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister

Office of the First Minister

5th Floor | St Andrew's House | Regent Road Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 07 October 2025 15:17

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024

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Subject: For awareness: Daily Mail query - criticism of FM at vigil

FMPO – for awareness,

***Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs/PO – for awareness,
Equalities Minister/PO – for awareness,***

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

Thanks,
[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

RESPONSE

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

Background

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]
MEDIA QUERY

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)] Senior Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government

e: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

m: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

Annex G

From: <[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, 2 October 2025 4:55 PM

To: [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities <MinisterforEqualities@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; Olaf Stando <Olaf.Stando@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Visits and Events <VisitsandEvents@gov.scot>; FM Policy Team Mailbox <fmpolicyteam@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; [redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: First Minister - Update on Manchester Attack /leading into 7th October

[redacted – s.38(1)(b)]

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ISSUE

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PRIORITY

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BACKGROUND

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RECOMMENDED APPROACH

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ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

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COMMUNICATIONS
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NEXT STEPS
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Thanks

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Faith and Belief Policy Manager

DEIHR – Mainstreaming and Inclusion



Please not My working week is Tuesday – Friday (non-working day Monday).