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FM sub for last week back in play.

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Thanks

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Hi, [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for the submission and the update on FM plans. Mr Robertson has noted.

Best,
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PS/First Minister

Please find attached a submission with contributions from across SG, in response to your commission of Sunday 10 August.

Many thanks,

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Immediate: Submission - Israel/Gaza options

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Thu 21/08/2025 15:52

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Following your meeting with officials yesterday and with thanks to colleagues for their work on this, please find attached a draft submission for your clearance regarding Israel/Gaza options to put forward to the First Minister. I've also attached last week's submission referred to within it.

If content, we will submit to the First Minister before the deadline later this evening.

Many thanks

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Immediate: Submission - Israel/Gaza options

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[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for the submission. Mr Robertson has noted and has come back with the following comments:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Grateful if these comments could also be passed onto FM with the submission.

Thanks,

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Adding Emily. Please keep her copied on this issue. Thanks

Regards

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PS/First Minister

Please find attached an immediate submission setting out options for action which could be taken by the Scottish Government in response to the crisis in Gaza, in line with the First Minister's request on 20 August.

This advice has been reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture who has made the following comments for consideration by the First Minister.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

I am grateful to colleagues for their support in pulling this together at pace and happy to discuss if helpful.

I attach the submission setting out the various options together with the previous advice of 11 August for information.

Rachel

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RE: Immediate - Submission Israel/Gaza Options

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Cc [as before]

Evening [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Mr Mckee has noted for his interests and asked for the following comments to be passed on:

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Many thanks

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Morning [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Please find attached a copy of the submission that the First Minister has commented upon in Annex A. The First Minister has indicated the priorities he would like to be taken forward with urgency.

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PS/Cabinet Secretary & First Minister

Please find attached the on Gaza following last week's submission. Thanks to everyone across the directorates for contributing at such short notice.

Regards,

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| Tel [redacted s38(1)(b)]

RE: Immediate - Gaza - . [redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Mon 25/08/2025 17:30
[redacted s38(1)(b)] on behalf of; First Minister FirstMinister@gov.scot
Cc [as before]

Good afternoon,

The First Minister is content for this to issue.

Thanks,
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

RE: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)].
Mon 25/08/2025 19:23
[redacted s38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
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[redacted s38(1)(b)] First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted
s38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretariat Inbox CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot
Cc [as before]

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Thank you for your work in pulling this together. [redacted s30(b)(ii)]

For completeness, as noted on the other email, please note there is a possibility that the debate on recognition of Palestine will now be next Wednesday 3 September.

Thanks again
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Follow up

Thu 28/08/2025 18:36

[redacted s38(1)(b)]on behalf of; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>
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<Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John
Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Mr McKee has reviewed the attached and provided the following comments:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Kind regards,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Finance – Ivan McKee MSP
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RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up

Thu 28/08/2025 18:45

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Just sending this [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Comments below but [redacted s38(1)(b)] may have further detail.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up

[redacted s38(1)(b)] on behalf of; Minister for Public Finance MinisterPF@gov.scot
Thu 28/08/2025 20:08

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Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot> [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland
Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot

All,

Mr McKee has reviewed the attached paper and suggests we proceed as follows:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

I've put a meeting in the diary for 11am tomorrow to discuss further.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Finance – Ivan McKee MSP
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RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up

Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted
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Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>

28/08/2025 21:24

All

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Richard

RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up
29/08/2025 09:21

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<MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted
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Thanks Richard.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

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RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up

Fri 29/08/2025 14:58

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Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot

Good afternoon PO,

Please see attached an updated version of Option 5, now comprising 5(A) and 5(B).

Grateful for the Minister's comments.

Many thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion -
Follow up

29/08/2025 16:43

[redacted s38(1)(b)] on behalf of; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>
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s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison
<Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; Minister for Business and Employment
<MinisterforBE@gov.scot>

Good afternoon,

Please see attached comments from Mr Lochhead. I have copied his office so they
are kept in the loop over the weekend.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Statement on Gaza

Fri 29/08/2025 16:35

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Minister for Public Finance/PS

Cc - Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture/PS
Officials

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

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Private Secretary to the Minister for Business and Employment – Richard Lochhead
MSP - The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Email: MinisterEI@gov.scot

RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Fri 29/08/2025 20:12

[redacted s38(1)(b)] on behalf of; Minister for Public Finance MinisterPF@gov.scot [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Minister for Public Finance MinisterPF@gov.scot [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot> [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@ov.scot>; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Please see attached with the Minister's tracked changes – with comments.

Mr McKee has advised he is available over the weekend if officials need to discuss further.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot

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RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Sat 30/08/2025 13:40

Richard Rollison Richard.Rollison@gov.scot

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Hi

With apologies for delay please see attached revised draft for Mr McKee's consideration.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Happy to take further comments and/or discuss with Mr Mckee later

Thanks

Richard

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Sat 30/08/2025 14:24

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Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; DG Economy DGEconomy@gov.scot

Hi Richard,

Mr Mckee passes on his thanks for this and has advised that paper is getting there.

Please see attached paper with the Minister's tracked changes.

He has advised that he would be free for a discussion later this evening, would 18:30 be suitable for yourself or your team?

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot

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tish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1 3DG | M:

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] n Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance

Sent: 30 August 2025 14:03

To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance
<MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Cc: [as before]

Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Hi Richard,

Thanks for sending this through, I have sent this to the Minister for his consideration.

I have asked the Minister if he would like a meeting to discuss the paper and have provisionally suggested 16:00 today – I will let you know as soon as I hear back.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local
Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1
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13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow
up

30/08/2025 21:59

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison
<Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Cc list [as before]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Latest version following the discussion this evening with Mr McKee.

Richard and [redacted s38(1)(b)] are content.

Changes highlighted in yellow.

If Mr McKee can come back this evening we can get to FM.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance
Sent: 30 August 2025 15:53
To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance
<MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options
Discussion - Follow up

Hi Richard,

Thanks for coming back on this so quickly. I have passed on the below to the
Minister.

I have issued the diary invite for 07:30 tonight – apologies I had initially incorrectly issued this for 6th September but have now corrected this for tonight.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local
Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot

The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1
3DG | M: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

Sent: 30 August 2025 14:54

To: Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Cc: [as before]

Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options
Discussion - Follow up

Thanks [redacted s38(1)(b)]

We will need to discuss – could you send an invite to myself, [redacted s38(1)(b)]
and Colin/Emily though I'm not sure what people's availability is like. Personally I'd
prefer 730 to 630 but can do 630 if necessary.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

Richard

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance

Sent: 30 August 2025 22:17

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>;

Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Cc: [as before]

Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options
Discussion - Follow

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[redacted s38(1)(b)]

The Minister is content with the latest version of this paper.

He has passed on his thanks to the team for their work on this.

Many thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local
Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1
3DG | [redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 30 August 2025 22:25

To: Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; First Minister
<FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and
Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted s29(1)(c)] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy &
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<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .

Good evening FMPO,

Please see Option 5 as referred to below, attached. This has been approved by Mr McKee.

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

Many thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>

Sent: 29 August 2025 20:50

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>

Cc: [as before]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Subject: Immediate - Gaza - .

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First Minister

Copy as above

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]; a draft Parliamentary statement and draft letter to the Prime Minister.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

The statement and the letter reflect the options [redacted s30(b)(ii)] and, as such do not currently cover Option 5.

I am happy to discuss. I am available [redacted s38(1)(b)] over the weekend.

Rachel Sunderland

Rachel Sunderland

Head of International Relations, Population and Migration Division | Directorate for Culture and External Affairs Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot |

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 25 August 2025 16:57

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza -[redacted s30(b)(ii)] .

PS/Cabinet Secretary & First Minister

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]following last week's submission. Thanks to everyone across the directorates for contributing at such short notice.

Regards,

[redacted s38(1)(b)] |Head of Asia Team, International Relations |Directorate for Culture & External Affairs|Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
|Tel [redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Karen Shaw <Karen.Shaw@gov.scot> On Behalf Of Minister for Business and Employment

Sent: 31 August 2025 14:19

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>

Cc: [as before]

Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .

Rachel, [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Mr Lochhead thanks you for copying him in.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Richard Lochhead

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

Karen Sheathach, Rùnaire Priobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson na h-Eaconamaidh is Gàidhlig – Ceit Fhoirbeis BPA

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[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 31 August 2025 15:20
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Minister for Business and Employment <MinisterforBE@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: Immediate - Gaza - - Option 5

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I would be grateful if you could share the following with DFM and Mr Lochhead:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 31 August 2025 14:58
To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - - Option 5
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Happy to speak if helpful

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s33(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 August 2025 09:02
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>;
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - - Option 5

FMPO

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

I trust this is helpful.

Richard Rollison
Director
Directorate for International Trade and Investment
Scottish Government

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[Redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance
Sent: 31 August 2025 18:41
To: Minister for Business and Employment <MinisterforBE@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s29(1)(c)]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities <MinisterforEqualities@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Kavita Chetty <Kavita.Chetty@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot> [redacted s38(1)(b)] Debbie McCall <Debbie.McCall@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Kenneth Hogg <Kenneth.Hogg@gov.scot>; Colin Cook <Colin.Cook@gov.scot>; Nick Ford <Nick.Ford@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Katherine White <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs

and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024 <CabSecES2024@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Orlando Mason <Orlando.Mason@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Kenneth.Hannaway@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Russell Bain <Russell.Bain@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Nikki Archer <Nikki.Archer@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)][redacted s38(1)(b)] Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <David.Bell@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .

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[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

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[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government cabsecFLG@gov.scot
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Business and Employment
Sent: 31 August 2025 19:31
To: Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; Minister for Business and Employment <MinisterforBE@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s29(1)(c)] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities

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Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>;
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s38(1)(b)] Katherine White <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for
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Secretary for Education & Skills 2024 <CabSecES2024@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister
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Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further
Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Director of
Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Orlando
Mason <Orlando.Mason@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
<Kenneth.Hannaway@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)];
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Nikki Archer <Nikki.Archer@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>;
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s38(1)(b)] <Paul.Wilson@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>;
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<Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .

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Please see below response from Mr Lochhead.

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[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy
and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

Karen Sheathach, Rùnaire Priobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is do
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From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 August 2025 19:50
To: Minister for Business and Employment <MinisterforBE@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: Re: Immediate - Gaza - .

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 01 September 2025 07:51
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s29(1)(c)] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice 2024 <CabSecforSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities <MinisterforEqualities@gov.scot>; Minister for Business and Employment <MinisterforBE@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; Shona Riach <Shona.Riach@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Kavita Chetty <Kavita.Chetty@gov.scot>; Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [rDebbie McCall <Debbie.McCall@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Kenneth Hogg <Kenneth.Hogg@gov.scot>; Colin Cook <Colin.Cook@gov.scot>; Nick Ford <Nick.Ford@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Katherine White <Katherine.White@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024 <CabSecES2024@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans <MinisterHFEV@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Orlando Mason <Orlando.Mason@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Kenneth.Hannaway@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] Russell Bain <Russell.Bain@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] ; Nikki Archer <Nikki.Archer@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Emily

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John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .
Importance: High

[redacted s38(1)(b)] Rachel
[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Grateful for confirmation this will be taken forward.

Many thanks,
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary
Office of the First Minister
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024
Sent: 01 September 2025 10:53
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

Morning,

Mr Gray has fed back:
[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care – Neil Gray MSP

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] > On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: 01 September 2025 08:52
To: DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

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The First Minister has asked us to share with you this draft of a proposal for the Gaza . We would be grateful if Cabinet members could give feedback on this proposition by 4pm today.

Kind regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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

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From: Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2025 11:06
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Rachel

Rachel Sunderland

Head of International Relations, Population and Migration Division | Directorate for Culture and External Affairs Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot |
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy
Sent: 01 September 2025 14:04
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

Afternoon,

Ms Martin has provided the below response:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)] | Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy – Gillian Martin MSP
The Scottish Government
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Housing
Sent: 01 September 2025 14:18
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested
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[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

MM.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary for Housing

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] > On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Transport

Sent: 01 September 2025 15:27

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

<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>

Cc: [as before] Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

Good afternoon,

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

| Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Transport – Fiona Hyslop MSP |
Scottish Government [redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary
for Economy & Gaelic

Sent: 01 September 2025 15:58

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

<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>

Cc: [as before] Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

Good afternoon,

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Kind regards,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Economy and Gaelic – Kate Forbes MSP

[redacted s38(1)(b)] Leas-rùnaire Prìobhaideach dhan Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear is
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024
Sent: 01 September 2025 15:59
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Many thanks.

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs : Angela Constance MSP
M: [redacted s38(1)(b)] | E: CabSecforJHA@gov.scot
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024
Sent: 01 September 2025 16:26
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before] Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills – Jenny Gilruth MSP
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Mob [redacted s38(1)(b)] | Email: CabSecES2024@gov.scot

Ms Gilruth's Ministerial Preferences can be found here

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
Sent: 01 September 2025 16:36
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business – Jamie Hepburn
MSP
T: [redacted s38(1)(b)] | E: MinisterPB@gov.scot
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local
Government
Sent: 01 September 2025 17:44
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before] Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback
requested

Good afternoon,

Apologies for the late reply.

Please see below response from Ms Robison:

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)] | Deputy Private Secretary | Cabinet Secretary for Finance and
Local Government – Shona Robison MSP | Scottish Government | St Andrew's
House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | M: [redacted s38(1)(b)] | E:
CabSecFLG@gov.scot

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 01 September 2025 22:57
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>;
Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024

<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries
<DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox
<CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before] Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested
Importance: High

Rachel, [redacted s38(1)(b)]
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Many thanks

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 01 September 2025 17:37
To: Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; DL Cabinet Secretaries <DLMPOPCABSEC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <CabinetSecretariat@gov.scot>
Cc: [as before]
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE for Action - Gaza - Option 5 Feedback requested

[redacted s30(b)(ii)] of this paper [redacted s29(1)(c)]

Rachel

Rachel Sunderland
Head of International Relations, Population and Migration Division | Directorate for Culture and External Affairs Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot |
From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 02 September 2025 16:34
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted

s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Subject: Immediate - Gaza - .

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[redacted s38(1)(b)]

As requested, please find further advice on the . [redacted s30(b)(ii)]

FM is invited to agree to this approach

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance
Sent: 02 September 2025 17:10
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - .

Hi all,

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Finance – Ivan McKee MSP

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 02 September 2025 17:08
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza – [redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Importance: High

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Mobile: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of Minister for Public Finance
Sent: 02 September 2025 20:30
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy

<DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development
<DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin
McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)];
Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance
<MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)].- Option 5 - for decision

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)],

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Grateful if you can clarify this.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)] | Deputy Private Secretary | Cabinet Secretary for Finance and
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 02 September 2025 21:38

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Richard Rollison
<Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Subject: FW: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)].- Option 5 - for decision

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Could you also ask the First Minister if he is content with this approach [redacted
s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters

Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 03 September 2025 11:50
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <DFMCSEG@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Naureen Ahmad <Naureen.Ahmad@gov.scot>; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)]Option 5 - for decision

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks,
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Private Secretary
Office of the First Minister
Mobile: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 02 September 2025 19:26
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Subject: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)]Option 5 - for decision

FMPO

Please find attached Option 5 of the [redacted s30(b)(ii)]paper for FM decision.

Thank you

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

GAZA [redacted s30(b)(ii)]- Option 5

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2025 07:51
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Morning – see highlight below – [redacted s29(1)(c)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 29 August 2025 12:20
To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; SGLD Head of Economy and Social Protections <SGLD_Head_of_Economy_and_Social_Protections@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Hi Richard,

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>

Sent: 29 August 2025 12:07

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
<Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
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of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar
<Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options
Discussion - Follow up

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 29 August 2025 12:04

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted
s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes
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of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar
<Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options
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Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)],

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 29 August 2025 10:16

To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>;
[redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes
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Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

All – I plan on shutting this down for comments at 10.30 to allow us to tidy and get to the minister for 11am.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 29 August 2025 09:39
To: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

All – I have compiled all comments from Richard and Mr McKee into the document at the link below.

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

Grateful if everyone can use this going forward.

We have another call with Mr McKee at 11am.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Many thanks
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 August 2025 07:45
To: Graham Fisher <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: Re: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Hi.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 8:51 pm
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Apologies for coming to this so late – [redacted s38(1)(b)].

Ive put some comments on the attached – [redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)] [redacted s33(1)(b)] [redacted s30(b)(ii)] [redacted s33(1)(b)]
[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s29 (1)(c)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]>
Sent: 28 August 2025 18:20
To: Graham Fisher <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <[s38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: 13:00 - 13:30: Meeting with Officials - Gaza - Economic Options Discussion - Follow up

Thanks Graham

I have added my response to your comments.

[redacted s38(1)(b)]
Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s29 (1)(c)]

From: John Swinney <John.Swinney@gov.scot>
Sent: 24 August 2025 08:56
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: John Webster <John.Webster@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate - Submission Israel/Gaza Options

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)] On Behalf Of First Minister
Sent: 21 August 2025 19:28
To: John Swinney
Cc: John Webster ; Colin McAllister
Subject: Fw: Immediate - Submission Israel/Gaza Options

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International Relations, DCEA

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Nick Ford

Nikki Archer

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Colin McAllister

Ewan Crawford

Jack Middleton

Cabinet Secretariat

Protocol and Honours

Communications CEAC

Communications First Minister

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

From: Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>
Sent: 17 September 2025 09:10
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent - SG DEFENCE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

Hi both

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Would be good to get your views on my public bodies point below.

Separately, [redacted s38(1)(b)] and I met with Scot Ent yesterday to discuss the practical implementation of this by themselves and the other ent agencies

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

R

From: Richard Rollison
Sent: 14 September 2025 08:41
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Urgent - SG DEFENCE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

Emily/Colin

Colin – we began discussing this on Thursday evening [redacted s38(1)(b)].

[redacted s38(1)(b)] shared the below with me.

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

Richard

From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 September 2025 09:44
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Urgent - SG DEFENCE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)],

Comments from Colin and I below.

Thanks,
Emily

[redacted s30(b)(ii)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 08 September 2025 17:22
To: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: Urgent - SG DEFENCE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

Both

Appreciate how busy it has been but grateful for a steer [redacted s 30(b)(ii)]

Happy to speak if easier
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
[redacted s38(1)(b)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
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Subject: Urgent - SG DEFENCE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 05 September 2025 13:51
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Subject: RE: questions/issues to work through

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nt: 02 September 2025 19:26
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; Rachel Sunderland <Rachel.Sunderland@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; DG Economy <DGEconomy@gov.scot>; Director of Economic Development <DirectorDED@gov.scot>; Suresh Kumar <Suresh.Kumar@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)] [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Finance <MinisterPF@gov.scot>; [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Subject: Immediate - Gaza - [redacted s30(b)(ii)]Option 5 - for decision

FMPO

Please find attached Option 5 of the [redacted s30(b)(ii)]paper for FM decision.

Thank you

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Head of New Market Clusters
Scottish Government
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 05 September 2025 17:56
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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

[redacted s38(1)(b)] I've checked with RR and the lines are good to go.

Thanks!

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 05 September 2025 17:27
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You happy for this to go to comms?

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Thanks Richard,

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Sent: 05 September 2025 17:17
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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Sorry to come to this late

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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Thanks Graham, I'm happy with that if [redacted s38(1)(b)] and team are also content?

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From: [redacted s29(1)(c)]
Sent: 05 September 2025 17:01
To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Many thanks Alison - very helpful.

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
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I'll leave [redacted s38(1)(b)] to come back re rationale on that point.

[redacted s29(1)(c)]

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Sent: 05 September 2025 15:34
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Can I also check [redacted s 29(1)(c)]

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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Thanks Richard,

This is taken from the line that FM used at the debate. [redacted s30(b)(ii)]

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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Thanks [redacted s38(1)(b)],

That looks fine from our perspective.

Best,

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 05 September 2025 14:56

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)]; Richard Rollison <Richard.Rollison@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]; [redacted s38(1)(b)] <Graham.Fisher@gov.scot>; David Barnes <David.Barnes@gov.scot>; [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

Thanks [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Having all of this in the same place will be super helpful.

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See what you think

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Head of New Market Clusters

Scottish Government

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Sent: 05 September 2025 14:50

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Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

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All,

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Many thanks,

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]

Sent: 05 September 2025 08:51

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David, [redacted s38(1)(b)] - [redacted s30(b)(ii)]
Many thanks
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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)]
Sent: 04 September 2025 11:48
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Subject: RE: FOR AWARENESS: Query - The Times - Munitions policy

No they aren't

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Hi

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Thanks

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Briefing:

What	First Minister Statement followed by a Scottish Government Debate on Palestine. The Parliament agrees with the recognition of the State of Palestine and that peace in the region must be pursued by all. The debate is scheduled for 1 hours and 40 minutes therefore Ministers will have 11 minutes to open and 9 minutes to close.
Where	Parliamentary Chamber
When	3 September 2025, Statement – 14:50 Debate - 15:35 – 17:15 hours

Key Message(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has reached catastrophic levels, with millions in urgent need of assistance due to ongoing conflict, displacement, and the blockade of food, water, and medical supplies. • We share the concerns of other countries and international leaders that a genocide appears to be unfolding in Gaza • We cannot remain silent • Therefore announcing a package of economic, diplomatic and humanitarian messages
Who	Mr Robertson will open the debate with Mr McKee closing. FM will deliver a Parliamentary statement prior to the debate.
Why	This debate provides an opportunity for the Scottish Government to express its concern about unfolding genocide in Gaza, including the dire humanitarian situation and alleged breaches of international law, as well as the need for unconditional recognition of the State of Palestine.
Supporting official	<p>Rachel Sunderland – Deputy Director International Relations [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]/[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – International Relations</p> <p>[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]/[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] – Defence manufacturing</p>
Briefing contents	<p><i>Annex A: First Minister Statement (submitted separately)</i></p> <p><i>Annex B: Opening Statement(submitted separately)</i></p> <p><i>Annex C: Closing statement (submitted separately)</i></p> <p><i>Annex D: Motion</i></p> <p><i>Annex E: Top lines including:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Genocide (2) Actions SG has already taken (3) SG response to actions announced by UKG (4) Economic package top lines (5) Procurement top lines (6) Defence Industry top lines (7) Diplomatic

	<p>(8) Humanitarian – including Gaza students and children</p> <p>(9) Right to Protest and PA</p> <p>(10) Community Cohesion</p> <p>(11) Antisemitism and Islamophobia</p> <p>(12) Q&A</p> <p><i>Annex F: Further background briefing</i></p> <p>Annex G: Humanitarian briefing</p>
Media Handling	<i>Comms colleagues to agree separately.</i>
Social Media	<i>Comms colleagues to agree separately.</i>

SUMMARY PAGE

The First Minister will deliver a statement on Gaza, where he will outline the Scottish Government's overall policy, including a) calls he will make on the UK Government (included in a letter to the Prime Minister) b) economic measures within SG competence, and c) humanitarian options.

The Cabinet Secretary will then lead a debate (Motion below) which Mr McKee will close. The context for both the statement and the debate is the First Minister's decision that the Scottish Government shares the concerns of other governments and international leaders that the actions of Israel in Gaza constitute a genocide.

Motion

“The Parliament agrees with the recognition of the State of Palestine and that peace in the region must be pursued by all.”

Summary of Actions agreed by Cabinet:

1. **In letter to PM, sent 3 Sep:**
 - a. Calls for the UKG to withdraw from the UK-Israel FTA
 - b. Call on UKG to legislate to ban imports from OPTs
 - c. Call on UKG to set out their plans for ensuring that the implementation of the Strategic Defence Review does not support Israel, and for an end to arms exports to Israel
 - d. Calling on the UK Government to urgently host a Four Nations summit
 - e. End all military cooperation with Israel while the war continues
 - f. Broaden sanctions against members of the Israeli Government's Security Cabinet given their decision to attack Gaza City; and/or, apply broader sanctions given Israel's rejection of a two-state solution,
 - g. Join South Africa's case at the ICJ and commit to implementing the ICC arrest warrants.
 - h. Review all other actions UKG must take in view of their duties in international law to respond appropriately when a situation involving a serious risk of genocide arises.

2. **Humanitarian Funding** (announced today)
 - £400,000 to establish the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub in Scotland

- £600k to the UNOCHA led Humanitarian Fund for the Occupied Palestinian Territories which will provide life-saving health services, food and nutrition assistance, emergency shelter, water and sanitation, protection services, education support and cash for families, ensuring aid reaches those most at risk
- **[redacted – s.30(b)(i)]**
3. **Halt any new financial support for defense companies with connections to the conflict in Gaza.**
 - Policy announced in statement
 4. **Engage UN leaders, legal experts and representatives of international NGOs privately and publicly, for example, by offering a platform in Scotland similar to Scottish Global Dialogues.**
 - Exploring how we deliver this commitment and engaging with partners
 5. **Explore the temporary relocation [redacted – s.30(b)(i)] Palestinian Human Rights Defenders (HRDs).**
 - Engaging with partners to explore this proposal
 6. **Provide medical support to injured children from Gaza.**
 - Following the First Minister’s letter to the Prime Minister on 19 July, the Scottish Government has been working closely with the UK Government to develop an operational plan for the arrival of child patients and their families from Gaza. Safely evacuating the families is a complicated operation due to the severity of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We have been working closely with NHS services and local authorities in areas where the children might be treated to plan for their arrival and decisions on appropriate support will be taken on a case by case basis.
 7. **Support international justice by scoping expertise and capacity within Scotland’s legal establishment, civil society and universities to contribute to evidence gathering and preservation**
 - Officials are scoping options with partners

Top lines

(1) Top lines on Genocide

The Scottish Government shares the concerns of other governments and international leaders that the actions of Israel in Gaza constitute a genocide.

- The Israeli government must commit to end the killing and comply with its international obligations on the investigation of genocide and war crimes.
- On 31 August, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, a global body of around 500 of prominent genocide experts, passed a resolution, with 86% support, concluding that Israel's military actions in Gaza meet the legal definition of genocide under Article II of the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.
- (*Re Lammy's/UKG position – it is for an international court to decide if genocide has been committed*): Of course, it is the competence of a relevant international court to make a formal, legal judgment on whether or not genocide has been committed. That is not in doubt. But in practice, that will be too late for the people of Gaza. The ICJ has already said that it is plausible that such an atrocity is underway, which Israel's government has rejected. The world's foremost group of genocide scholars has taken that position, as have major international human rights organisations. Staying silent is an abdication. The unenviable responsibility of protecting Gaza's population therefore rests on the international community.

(2) Actions SG has already taken

CEASEFIRE

The Scottish Government has been consistent in calling for an immediate and sustainable ceasefire since the horrific events of October 2023. I would urge all parties to immediately de-escalate, re-establish a ceasefire and re-engage in negotiations in good faith.

- Since the outset of this conflict, the Scottish Government has been clear that an immediate and sustained ceasefire by all sides is crucial to prevent further suffering and violence along with the release of hostages and an increase in humanitarian aid to those affected by the conflict in Gaza.
- Israel has once again ordered the evacuation of civilians from parts of Gaza, without providing safe places to go or access to the very basics of survival.
- Over the last two months we have seen a return to the siege of Gaza, alongside bombing of hospitals and targeting of humanitarian workers; these actions are clearly incompatible with international humanitarian law and must cease immediately.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STATEMENTS

I welcome the statements by the international community that call for an end to Israel's military operation in Gaza, the release of hostages and urgent and unfettered access for humanitarian aid.

- Israel's actions and rhetoric are deeply troubling, and it is high time that the international community takes decisive action to bring an end to this tragedy.
- The Scottish Government has been consistent forthright in calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire, the release of hostages, unimpeded access for humanitarian aid into Gaza, compliance with international court rulings, and an end to licenced arms exports to Israel.

SANCTIONING ISRAELI MINISTERS

I welcome the sanctioning of Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich by the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Norway however the UK Government must go further, and broaden sanctions to all members of the Israeli Security Cabinet and those involved in illegal settlements in the OPTs.

- The Scottish Government has long called for accountability for any crimes committed in the current, awful conflict.
- Only a two state solution will bring lasting peace, where Palestinians and Israelis can live side-by-side in peace and security. The expanded settlements in the West Bank and violence that accompanies them is unacceptable.

SCOTLAND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

We have stopped Scottish Government Ministerial level engagement with Israel.

- Scottish Government ministers do not believe it is appropriate to accept requests for meetings from the Government of Israel until real progress has been made towards peace, unimpeded access to humanitarian assistance is provided and Israel cooperates fully with its international obligations on the investigation of genocide and war crimes.

While officials may meet if necessary, decisions advancing cooperation will require Ministerial approval.

- ("Critical friend") We are critics of Israel.

(3) Actions announced by UKG

UK POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE

Whilst we see some progress in the intention of the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine, recognition must not be conditional. We call upon the UK Government to unconditionally recognize the State of Palestine and this must be backed by sanctions against Israel if the violence continues. Recognition of a Palestinian state should be irreversible.

- Israel must today agree to a ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid to be distributed by the UN led humanitarian system to address the widespread starvation being faced in Gaza.
- Israel's approach to delivering aid via private contractors has failed tragically. The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation's activities must cease and Israel must immediately allow humanitarian agencies including UNRWA to conduct their life-saving work unimpeded and at scale.
- A two-state solution is the only way that the Palestinian and Israeli peoples can have a future, living side-by-side in peace and security. The Palestinian people deserve no less.

BACKGROUND: On 29 July 2025 Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary announced that the UK will recognise the State of Palestine at UNGA in September, unless Israel agrees a ceasefire, allows in aid and commits to a two-state solution.

(4) Economic package top lines

The Scottish Government believes that all international trading partners must comply with fundamental human rights law.

- We welcome the UK Government's suspension of its Free Trade Agreement negotiations with Israel, but this does not go far enough.
- The UK-Israel Trade and Partnership Agreement commits both sides to respecting human rights obligations. In light of the Israeli government's actions we are calling on the UK Government to withdraw from the agreement.
- As trade agreements are a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control, it is the UK Government's responsibility to assess whether trade partners are in breach of their human rights obligations.

[redacted – s.30(b)(i)]

We will also be asking the Scottish Government's delivery bodies to not provide support which positively facilitates trade between Scotland and Israel.

- This includes any outward trade missions, delegations and exhibitions in relation to Israel; inward trade missions from Israel; grants or advice on exporting to Israel; and introductions to Israeli entities.
- [redacted – s.30(b)(i)]

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CALL ON UKG TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORT OF GOODS PRODUCED IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OPTs, AS THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS DOING

The Scottish Government welcomes and supports coordinated international action to address the human rights violations that are occurring within the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

- The Scottish Government, within the legal constraints in which we can operate, has already taken action in response to Israel's illegal settlements within the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- We instructed public bodies to take the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights database ("UN Database") of companies involved in listed activities relating to settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, into account in their case by case due diligence.
- Doing so, most recently in October 2024. And prior to this we wrote to companies on the Database which were identified as having a relationship with a Scottish public body to ask them what they were doing to cease the specific activities which led to their inclusion on the Database.

- We now call on the UK Government to use its levers and prohibit the import of goods produced in Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The Irish Government's proposed Bill shows that it is possible to distinguish such goods, and could potentially form a model to follow.

[redacted – s.30(b)(i)]

UN LIST OF COMPANIES ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES (OPTs)

We cannot lawfully impose a blanket ban on support based solely on the fact that companies are on the UN's database of companies believed to be active in listed activity in the OPTs (UN Database).

- However, Public Bodies can take the Database, into consideration on a case by case basis, along with other evidence, when carrying out their normal due diligence. We have explicitly asked them to do that.
- In addition, following the publication in 2020 of the database we wrote to all public bodies in Scotland, asking them to identify any companies on the UN Database with whom they had a relevant and ongoing relationship.
- The then Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise subsequently contacted companies who had been identified through that exercise, to ask what they were doing to cease the activities that had led to their inclusion in the UN Database.
- The Minister for Business wrote to Scottish Public Bodies on 10 October 2024, advising them that the list of companies on the UN Database had been updated and that it should be used as part of their due diligence processes.

BACKGROUND – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- In June 2022, following the first set of correspondence with public bodies on this issue, the then Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise wrote to the individual companies who had been identified (Motorola, JCB, EGIS, Airbnb, Expedia, TripAdvisor, Booking.Com) asking what they were doing to cease the activities that led to their inclusion on the UN Database.
- The updated UN Database was published on 30 June 2023. While fifteen companies had been removed from the Database, none of these were the seven previously identified as having a relationship with a Scottish public body.
- The Minister for Business's letter of 10 October 2024 to public bodies, advising them of the updated list, was published on gov.scot on 24 October 2024.
- **[redacted – s.30(b)(i)]**

OPTION 5 - USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO DEFENCE SECTOR

TOP LINES

- With immediate effect the Scottish Government will pause the payment of new business grants to, or investment in, companies involved in the design, production, supply, and support of military equipment, technologies and services whose products or services are provided to specific identified countries, where there is plausible evidence of genocide being committed by that country.
- This will apply to new grants provided, or investments made, by Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, South of Scotland Enterprise and the Scottish National Investment Bank.
- At the same time, the Scottish Government will lift the current policy of not providing funding support for the manufacture of munitions across the defence sector as a whole.
- In short, the policy will see the Scottish Government and its agencies support companies across the defence sector, including providing support for the manufacture of munitions, provided that those companies are able to confirm that they are not supplying to any countries on the list.
- Named countries will be determined by Ministers by reference to objective international legal processes, specifically where the International Court of Justice has indicated provisional measures under the Genocide Convention or the International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for related acts.
- The policy will only apply to companies (as defined above) whose products or services are provided to specific identified countries either directly or through known indirect relationships such as distributors, intermediaries or broader supply chains. The policy will not apply to companies whose goods or services end up in those countries without their knowledge.
- The policy will apply to the full global footprint of a defence company and all associated activities – i.e. if the specific Scottish part of a company has no links to an identified country but another part of the company elsewhere in the world does then the Scottish part of the company will not be eligible for grants or investment from our enterprise agencies or the Bank.

- The policy does not apply to supply chain companies working for companies with links to identified countries if the project they are sub-contracted to work on is not intended for use in those countries.

LINES TO TAKE

- FERGUSONS – Ferguson Marine does not have any links to any identified country, nor is the work they are undertaking for BAE for supply to an identified country, therefore they would not be impacted by this policy.
- APPRENTICESHIPS – The Scottish Government has made a commitment to young people undertaking apprenticeships and that commitment will be honoured. Anyone in an apprenticeship, or with a formal offer, will continue to be funded, in their current place, for the full duration of the apprenticeship.

BACKGROUND

- The UK has Treaty obligations and duties in international law to respond appropriately when a situation involving a serious risk of genocide arises. The Ministerial Code lays a clear responsibility on all Ministers to comply with “international law and treaty obligations”. The International Court of Justice has made plain that risk exists, it has said there is a prima facie case of genocide in Gaza. The Scottish Government cannot ignore this.
- Previously, the Scottish Government has provided business grants and investment support to companies involved in the design, production, supply, and support of military equipment, technologies and services because we recognise that defending our country - defending our continent - is a duty of government. Anyone watching the war in Ukraine would recognise the reality of the importance of defence. The Scottish Government has therefore lifted its restriction on the support of the production of munitions.
- But, in the face of genocide, there can be no ‘business as usual’. The Scottish Government will pause new awards of public money to arms companies whose products or services are provided to countries where there is plausible evidence of genocide being committed by that country. That includes Israel.
- The pause will apply, where possible, to new grants provided, or investments made, by Scottish Government, our Enterprise Agencies and the Scottish National Investment Bank.

- The UK Government should review what other steps it must now take in view of the United Kingdom's duty in international law to respond when there is a serious risk of genocide. And the International Court must come ultimately to a determination of the case against Israel of genocide.
- Until we have clarity, however, new public monies should not go to arms companies involved with the Israeli military.

ARMS SALES

The licencing of exports of military technology, including for Scottish-based companies, is a reserved matter over which the Scottish Government has no control.

- We have repeatedly called on the UK Government to place an immediate ban on all licenced arms exports from the United Kingdom to Israel.
- The UK Government's decision, announced on 2 September 2024, to suspend 30 export licences to Israel for arms used in military operations in Gaza, was welcome, but we have been clear that it should go much further.
- This was reiterated by Cabinet Secretary Robertson in a letter to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade in June.

Human rights due diligence checks, and hence the review of them, are not sector specific.

- Scottish Enterprise is reviewing its human rights due diligence procedures as called for by Parliament in a motion from February 2025. The Deputy First Minister updated parliament in June. Scottish Enterprise has stated that it will establish more explicit customer checks and assurance relating to the Export Control Act 2002. These will include specific customer declarations on items, activities and end use that are controlled under the UK regime.
- This is to ensure that information and assurance is provided in relation to compliance with the export licencing regime, rather than make it harder for defence sector companies to receive funding.
- Although the UK's export licencing regime is a reserved matter, it is of course already expected that companies requiring an export licence would be complying with the licencing regime.

BACKGROUND – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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- Some UK components for the F-35 fighter jet were not included in the UK Government's September 2024 suspension of arms licences to Israel. This includes those exported to Israel indirectly through third countries or as part of

pooled parts. It stated that suspension of those pooled parts is not possible without effecting the global F-35 fleet, with implications for international peace/security.

- This was legally challenged in the High Court of England and Wales, but the Court found no legal flaws in the UK Government's decision-making and stated that parts of the challenge were non-justiciable. An appeal is set for 9 October.

(5) Procurement top lines

CAN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BOYCOTT ISRAEL?

- Public procurement is governed by a series of international agreements which are given effect in domestic law. Israel, like the UK, is a party to the WTO's Agreement on Government Procurement (the GPA). This means that a blanket boycott of Israeli bidders or products would not be lawful.
- It is the long-standing view of the Scottish Government, however, that if a bidder exploits assets in illegally-occupied territories, this is likely to constitute grave professional misconduct for the purposes of procurement law. This could allow that bidder to be excluded from tenders on a case-by-case basis. We are currently updating our guidance to public bodies on this point and this will be published shortly.

ROSS GREER'S CALL TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING BILL TO DISAPPLY SECTION 17 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1988

- [*Ross Greer*] has raised section 17 of the Local Government Act 1988. This is a provision which prevents local authorities from taking certain factors, including location, into account in decisions around the award and termination of contracts.
- We have been looking at this provision for some time for other reasons. [redacted – s.30(b)(i)]
- Restrictions which are a result of international agreements would continue to apply, but we have already set out our view that the UK Government should end the UK's obligations to Israel.
- I am happy to work with [*Ross Greer*] to see what can be done on matters within the competence of this Parliament.

(6) Defence top lines

SUPPORT FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY IN SCOTLAND

TOP LINES

- The defence sector is not only fundamental to our national security, it is also a strategic driver of Scotland's future workforce, supporting high-quality jobs and playing a vital role in driving economic growth across our nation.

- The Scottish Government and its agencies support companies across the defence sector, including providing support for the manufacture of munitions, provided that those companies are able to confirm that they are not supplying to any countries where there is plausible evidence of genocide.

BACKGROUND

- The defence sector is of strategic importance to Scotland's economy and its advanced manufacturing base.
- Since 2006/07, over £90 million has been provided to Aerospace, Defence, Marine and Space (ADMS) companies through enterprise agency funding, focused on encouraging diversification and securing high-skilled jobs and economic returns.
- It creates and sustains high-value jobs, drives R&D, strengthens the supply chain, and supports STEM careers, all while contributing to the national security of the UK.
- According to estimates by ADS, in 2022, companies operating in the defence sector added £3.2 billion to the Scottish economy and had over 33,000 direct employees, including 1,500 apprentices.
- The sector underpins regional economies across Scotland, with clusters of defence activity supporting high-skilled employment and economic regeneration.
- Scotland is home to world-leading capabilities in engineering, manufacturing, and defence technology, supported by the presence of major global prime contractors such as Babcock, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, Leonardo, Thales, and Raytheon.
- Naval shipbuilding remains a particular strength, with firms like BAE and Babcock delivering warships for the Royal Navy and forming a key part of the UK's sovereign manufacturing capability.
- BAE's Clyde shipyards are building the Royal Navy's Type 26 frigates, and the new £10 billion Norwegian contract will see the same design exported, supporting thousands of jobs.

- The long-term nature of defence contracts provides crucial certainty for investment in facilities and talent, especially important for SMEs, which often face barriers to entry.
- Encouraging innovation and attracting new and non-traditional suppliers into the defence supply chain is vital for future resilience and growth.
- With the 2025 Strategic Defence Review setting UK defence priorities, and defence now recognised as one of eight priority sectors in the UK Government's Industrial Strategy, Scotland's defence sector is well positioned to respond, drawing on its world-class industrial base, skilled workforce, and proven delivery of complex programmes.
- Defence innovation also drives dual-use technologies, including advanced sensors, cyber capabilities, autonomous systems, and materials engineering, with spillover benefits across sub-sectors such as energy, space, transport, and healthcare, contributing to broader productivity and innovation in the economy.

(7) Diplomatic

We have called upon the UK Government to:

- Broaden sanctions against members of the Israeli Government's Security Cabinet given their decision to attack Gaza City;
- apply broader sanctions given the Government of Israel's rejection of a two-state solution,
- Join South Africa's case at the ICJ and commit to implementing the ICC arrest warrants.
- Review all other actions UKG must take in view of their duties in international law to respond appropriately when a situation involving a serious risk of genocide arises.
- Calling on the UK Government to urgently host a Four Nations summit to coordinate our collective response

(8) Humanitarian – including Gaza students and children

HUMANITARIAN

People in Gaza are being bombed and left to starve by Israel on a massive scale.

- The trickle of aid being delivered by private militarised contractors is not only inadequate and dehumanising;

- It has now resulted in over 2000 people being killed as they desperately try to access food – according to OCHA Sitrep #317, 28 August.
- The international community cannot allow this situation to continue; it must take decisive action now.

Famine has been declared in Gaza as of 15 August, according to the IPC Report.

- Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator has stated *“It is a famine that we could have prevented, if we had been allowed. Yet food stacks up at borders because of systematic obstruction by Israel.”*
- UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has stated *“It is a man-made disaster, a moral indictment – and a failure of humanity itself. Famine is not about food; it is the deliberate collapse of the systems needed for human survival.”*

I unequivocally condemn the attacks on hospitals and medical personnel in Gaza.

- Targeting healthcare facilities and staff is a grave violation of international humanitarian law and an affront to human dignity.
- Hospitals must remain safe havens for the sick and injured, and medical workers must be protected as they carry out their vital, life-saving duties.

Scotland will continue to act as a good global citizen. Since the outset of the current conflict, the Scottish Government has committed now £1.3m for Gaza and the wider Middle East, including:

- £750k for UNRWA, and
- a further £550k to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal, Mercy Corps and SCIAF (£250k total in November 2024, and £300k total announced 22 April 2025).

Today, I am announcing an additional £1 million in humanitarian support for Gaza – split between:

- **£400k contribution to support the establishment of a new Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub in Dundee through iNGO Kids Operating Room, and**
- **a £600K contribution to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)-led pooled funds for Gaza.**
- These contributions balance the immediate support required given the ongoing severe humanitarian crisis, and support the longer-term re-enablement of the healthcare and medical education sector while strengthening the co-ordination of Scottish and Palestinian health partnerships.

We continue to support UNRWA’s vital humanitarian mandate.

- On 26 June, I met with UNWRA's Outreach Manager here in Edinburgh to discuss Scotland's ongoing support for UNWRA.
- Today's announcement of £600k funding for the UNOCHA-led pooled funds will allow UN agencies such as UNRWA and UNICEF to access our contribution.
- Independent investigations of UNRWA were carried out during 2024.
- The UKG Government commits humanitarian aid for Gaza through UNRWA, and most recently announced (21 July 2025) £20m in support for UNRWA's essential services for Palestinian refugees.

MEDICAL EVACUATION OF CHILDREN

The announcement that some children will be medically evacuated from Gaza to the UK is a small step towards restoring some humanity to the catastrophic situation that has been allowed to unfold in Gaza.

- I wrote to the Prime Minister on 9 July to request support in meeting the call from UNICEF that Scotland provide care for 20 children from Gaza.
- We welcome the UK government's decision to allow for the transfer and treatment of children requiring medical care.
- Scotland is ready to play its part and Scottish hospitals have committed to treat up to 20 children of Gaza where they can.
- Clearly these child arrivals from Gaza will have complex care needs and any decisions to treat bring children to Scotland will be taken on a case-by-case basis to determine that we have the specialist capabilities required, and the capacity needed within our NHS services.

Scotland has a proud history of welcoming refugees and people seeking asylum from around the world and the Scottish people will rightly expect that we will do everything we can to offer these children the chance of survival.

- The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) finding that famine is present in Gaza should shock the international community, who must now act. This is a man-made famine that will only worsen unless Israel stops its barbarity immediately.
- No-one should have to endure the deep trauma, widespread malnourishment and suffering that these children have been through and it is our moral duty to support them where we can.

EVACUATION OF STUDENTS

The First Minister has called for urgent action from the UK Government to ensure that students in Gaza can take up their places at Scottish universities.

- On 9 July, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills wrote to the Home Secretary calling for urgent support to be provided to enable students to leave Gaza and make their visa applications.
- The UK Government has announced that it will support nine Chevening scholars from Gaza to take up places at UK universities and they must act now to protect all students who have been offered places at UK universities.
- The UK Government has indicated that they are considering support for a wider group of students from Gaza and we stand ready to work with them at pace to ensure that the students receive the help they need to take up their places at Scottish universities before the start of term.

(9) Right to Protest and Palestine Action

The proscribing of Palestine Action as a terror group is a reserved matter.

- The UK Government took the decision to proscribe Palestine Action as a terror organisation. I am aware that there is a strength of feeling in Scotland which disagrees with this view.
- I am pleased that a judicial review of the decision to proscribe Palestine Action has been set for November 2025. I look forward to hearing the outcome of this.

I am aware that the Lord Advocate and Solicitor General have been approached by the Scottish Human Rights Commission and Amnesty International regarding prosecutions for supporting Palestine Action. I fully support the need to protect human rights in all criminal cases, but recognise that this is a matter for Law Officers.

- All decisions relating to prosecutions are made independently of any other person.
- Lord Advocate is head of the independent prosecution service in Scotland.
- Part of the test for prosecuting any case is that it is in the public interest to do so. This is for the Lord Advocate and prosecutors to determine.
- The 'Lord Advocates Guidelines on the Liberation of Offenders Involved in Protests' has been published stating that "The right to peacefully protest is protected by law and it is anticipated that peaceful protest will be facilitated by any police response"; that "Officers require to balance the rights of the protesters against the impact that any criminal behaviour has on others (including their ECHR rights)" and that "No individual should be arrested and/ or detained unless it is necessary and proportionate. This must be assessed on an individual basis."

The right to public assembly, including protests, is an important human right that the Scottish Government is committed to uphold.

- The right to peaceful public assembly and freedom of expression are important rights that the Scottish Government is committed to uphold.
- We fully recognise that the plight of the Palestinian people has distressed many citizens leading to weekly protests across Scotland calling for action since the outset of the conflict.
- The right to peaceful assembly/protest is at the heart of all healthy democracies, but should never be used to justify any form of hateful, violent, intimidating or otherwise criminal behaviour.
- There is no statutory process for notifying intent to hold a protest in Scotland. Maintaining public order at these events is a matter for Police Scotland.

- We are clear that there is no place for criminality or hate crime on our streets, and fully support Police Scotland to take appropriate and proportionate action in response to such behaviour.
- Police Scotland has powers available under the Public Order Act 1986 to deal with any disorder arising and to ensure that public safety and order is maintained.
- Police Scotland is a rights based organisation underpinned by Human Rights which supports individuals and groups' right to protest.
- The deployment of police officers and the decision around the use of tactical options for crowd management is a matter for Police Scotland.
- I am aware that Defend Our Juries have organised a protest in Edinburgh in support of Palestine Action. I fully support Police Scotland to respond appropriately to any criminality at the event.

I am aware that Lesley Riddoch (podcast of 1 September) has strongly opposed the prosecution of individuals peacefully protesting in support of Palestine Action, and am clear that protest which does not spill into criminality should be facilitated.

- In her podcast, Lesley Riddoch specifically stated that “this is not about t-shirts, it’s about genocide”. I have already made my views on this clear and called for everyone to do what they can to end the genocide in Gaza.
- However, it is not appropriate for me to interfere with the independence of the law and or to instruct law officers on how they should proceed with prosecutions.
- Law officers must take decisions independently otherwise we set a very unhealthy precedent that could impact negatively on other areas of prosecution.

(10) Community Cohesion

COMMUNITY COHESION

We recognise the value of having strong and supportive communities, and the importance of community cohesion in ensuring there is ‘One Scotland’ where people live in peace and everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

- We are dedicated to building resilient communities within which divisive narratives will not resonate while safeguarding Scotland against those who spread hatred and prejudice.
- Our approach to community cohesion includes cooperative work with a wide range of organisations throughout the country to tackle hatred and promote

inclusion, across a range of portfolios including education, equalities and justice.

- This is grounded in prevention, early intervention, evidence based approaches and meaningful interaction with people who have lived experience of exclusion and hate.
- The strength of our relationships and engagement with our diverse communities and their various representative organisations are crucial to ensuring our approach to maintaining community cohesion

In April I hosted a gathering on strengthening and protecting democracy which helped unite Scotland's Faith Leaders alongside Political leaders and other key members of our society.

- This presented a vital opportunity to agree a common approach to asserting the values of our country, thereby bringing people together and creating a cohesive society where everyone feels safe and at home.
- The Scottish Government is clear that events in Israel and Palestine do not justify expressions of racial or religious hatred of any kind, including antisemitism, and our commitment to this will remain critical over 2025.

**(11) Antisemitism and Islamophobia
TACKLING ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA**

Nobody in our society should ever be subjected to antisemitism nor should they live in fear for who they are or what they believe. We are committed to tackling all forms of hate crime, working in partnership with a range of organisations, including Police Scotland.

- On 20 November 2023, we launched the Hate Crime Strategy Delivery Plan, which sets out our immediate actions up to April 2026, to implement Scotland's Hate Crime Strategy.
- The delivery plan sets out a range of strategic activity to support victims and develop effective approaches to preventing hate crime in Scotland, including tackling antisemitism and Islamophobia.
- Importantly, the strategy was informed by communities with lived experience of hate crime, including Jewish and Muslim communities.
- The Scottish Government values our relationships with Scotland's Jewish and Muslim communities, and will continue to engage regularly on issues of importance with them, as we deliver our strategy.

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The Scottish Government is determined to do what we can to safeguard Human Rights Defenders both at home at abroad

- We already provide funding to the University of Dundee for the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship
 - This provides temporary relocation to Human Rights Defenders, supporting them to further develop their skills, extend their networks and continue their vital work from a place of safety.
 - Since 2018 we have welcomed 19 Human Rights Defenders from 16 different countries to Scotland

- One of this year's Fellows is Palestinian and is due to travel to Scotland in the autumn.

There are significant challenges in relocating Human Rights Defenders such as journalists from Gaza at this moment in time

- We will continue to explore this at pace, while also supporting organisations that can help to raise the profile of Human Rights Defenders work and conditions.

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(12) Q&A

Gaza Debate – Additional Briefing – Q&A (in progress)

Q Over the past few months we have seen mass starvation in Gaza , denied by the Israeli Government ; bombing of hospitals and murder of innocent journalists. An estimated 60,000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli Government; Does he agree with me this is genocide and that Scotland Government should be supporting a boycott of Israeli goods ; sanctions on the state of Israel and a complete ban on arms sales to Israel?

A **The First Minister has set out the Scottish Government’s position we share the concerns of other countries and international leaders that a genocide appears to be unfolding in Gaza. Given this view we therefore have to consider how we respond – the package of measures that the First Minister has set out today sets out the actions that the Scottish Government can take within its responsibilities. The First Minister has also written to the Prime Minister urging the Uk Government to take further steps to address the human catastrophe unfolding in Gaza.**

Q Encourage UKG to work with Gaza Families Reunited?

A **The Minister for Equalities wrote to the UK Government in November 2024 urging them to support the calls from Gaza Families Reunited for a Gaza Family Visa scheme modelled on the Ukraine Family Visa Scheme to be established. The reply, received in January 2025 confirmed that the UK Government was not willing to engage with us or consider the proposal. We continue to urge the UK Government to provide support to Palestinians in Gaza seeking to reunite with their immediate and extended family members in the UK and those who may be eligible for visas under existing family reunion rules should be supported to leave Gaza to provide their biometrics.**

Q Given recent announcements by both the UK and Scottish Governments on supporting medical evacuations from Gaza, can the First Minister/ Minister/ Cabinet secretary outline what specific steps the Scottish Government is taking to ensure injured Palestinian children can be safely evacuated to Scotland for urgent treatment, and what discussions are ongoing with the UK Government to make this happen?

A **Following the First Minister’s letter to the Prime Minister on 19 July, the Scottish Government has been working closely with the UK Government to**

develop an operational plan for the arrival of child patients and their families from Gaza. Safely evacuating the families is a complicated operation due to the severity of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We have been working closely with NHS services and local authorities in areas where the children might be treated to plan for their arrival and decisions on appropriate support will be taken on a case by case basis.

Q Asking that SG use all levers at its disposal to pressure Israel to end the genocide and comply with international law.

A **In his statement the First Minister has set out a package of measures in the economic, humanitarian and diplomatic space. This Government has sought to take all of the steps it can within its responsibilities. We are now calling on the UK Government to similarly review what actions they can take.**

Q UK providing arms to Israel?

A **The Scottish Government welcomed the UKG's decision last year to suspend some export licences for arms to Israel. But we have long said that they should go further and stop all licensed arms exports to Israel.**

Q We are now witnessing what many international observers and human rights groups are calling the deliberate and systematic targeting of journalists in Gaza—those simply doing their job to bear witness to unimaginable suffering. Nearly 200 journalists have been killed. First Minister, this is not collateral damage; this is a pattern. Will you join me in emphatically condemning these killings and will you make urgent representations to the UK Government and international bodies to demand action to stop the killing and accountability from those responsible?"

A **We have all been horrified by the death of journalists and those who bear witness to the situation in Gaza. It is important that all nations recognise the importance of ensuring the safety of journalists in both conflict and non conflict areas.**

Q Given the UN and humanitarian organisations have declared that a famine is taking place in Gaza, what steps is the Scottish Government taking to address this humanitarian crisis, and how is it pressing the UK Government to take urgent action — both in terms of increasing aid and in using diplomatic pressure to ensure that food and medical supplies can reach civilians without obstruction?"

A We have today announced an additional £1 million in humanitarian support for Gaza, which includes: a £600K contribution to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)-led pooled Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) Humanitarian Fund; and a £400k contribution to support the establishment of a new Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub in Dundee through Kids Operating Room. This will bring the Scottish Government contribution since the outset of the current conflict to £2.3m for Gaza and the wider Middle East.

We continue to urge the UK Government to take urgent action on Gaza. On 9 July the First Minister wrote to the Prime Minister - to express his deepening concern over the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza. In particular, that the blockade on humanitarian aid has left Gazans without access to food, clean water, or medical supplies – the most basic necessities for survival – and to urge that the UK Government now take decisive action, and redouble efforts to achieve a permanent ceasefire and for a significant scaling up of humanitarian aid to Gaza. Today, the First Minister again wrote to the Prime Minister - whilst commending the humanitarian aid for Gaza provided to date by the UK Government, he asked the PM to now redouble his efforts by significantly scaling up aid, given the famine declared in Gaza as of 15th August.

Q While we remain constrained by the limits of devolution we must continue to be associated with the UK's role in the ongoing nightmare in Gaza. The suffering in Gaza is beyond comprehension. How will the First Minister and his government ensure that the international community and the world are aware of Scotland's willingness to do whatever it can to help alleviate and redress the incalculable suffering of the people of Gaza?

A The First Minister has today set out a package of measures that this Government will take in response to the suffering in Gaza. This Government is also calling on the UK Government to take all steps within its power. We have also proposed a Four Nations Summit to discuss these urgent issues. We will stand with the international community and raise our voice as part of that community in condemning genocide.

Q How is the Scottish Government ensuring that relations between Scotland's faith communities are not imperilled by the horrific events in the Middle East?

A In line with the Faith and Belief Engagement Strategy, the Scottish Government continues to promote interfaith dialogue to strengthen and

enhance connections across communities, helping to lower barriers, eliminate fear and increase understanding. Modern Scotland is a multi-faith and multi-cultural society, and should be a place where people of all faiths and none can follow their traditions and way of life freely and without fear of discrimination. Everyone should be able to live in peace and feel safe.

The strength of our relationships and engagement with our diverse communities in Scotland and their various representative organisations are crucial to ensuring our approach to maintaining community cohesion. We stand with all faith communities, including Jewish and Muslim communities, and condemn all forms of antisemitism and Islamophobia. On Monday, the First Minister met Jewish community and faith representatives where he reaffirmed the value he places on their contribution to Scotland and reiterated that antisemitism will not be tolerated here.

If pressed on the “October 8” film:

I understand the film “October 8” was based on the situation in the USA post Oct 7th and that at its premiere it resonated with the audience in relation to academia and how Jewish students are being treated in Scotland. The Scottish Government unequivocally condemns any form of hatred or prejudice, and everyone must play their part to challenge it. We are committed to building a Scotland where everyone lives free from hatred and prejudice and where our communities are empowered, inclusive and safe.

SE REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE

As Parliament will remember, following a Scottish Green Party Opposition Debate on 26 February, a motion was passed calling on Scottish Enterprise to review its human rights due diligence checks.

- The Deputy First Minister provided Parliament with an update on 25 June, confirming that Scottish Enterprise identified opportunities for improvements to ensure its human rights due diligence procedures continue to align with good practice.
- The improvements which will be rolled out incrementally over 2025/26, include:
 - Establishing more explicit customer checks and assurance relating to the Export Control Act 2002, as informed by international law.
 - Updating its policy to enhance the existing checks it undertakes on companies who might be in receipt of SE funds or other assistance.
 - Establishing an internal Senior Review Group.
 - Developing a new digital platform for all due diligence checks.
- The Scottish Government remains in close contact with Scottish Enterprise on this work, and the Deputy First Minister will provide a further update to Parliament in due course.
- Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise officials will of course build into this ongoing review the new elements which the First Minister announced before this debate.

The Scottish Government supported Scottish Labour’s amendment to the motion on 26 February, and therefore supported a review undertaken by Scottish Enterprise

- It was for Scottish Enterprise to decide the scope, timescale, and terms of reference of the review.
- Scottish Enterprise confirmed that it undertook an appraisal of its existing policy, a retrospective assessment of checks and associated grant payments, and extensive conversations with its executive leadership and staff
- The Scottish Government remained in close contact with Scottish Enterprise on this work, exchanging relevant advice and views.

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RESETTLEMENT SCHEME

From the outset of the war in Gaza, the Scottish Government has called on the UK Government to create a resettlement scheme that would allow Palestinians to come to the UK.

- Unfortunately, the previous and current UK Government both refused a route to establish a new Resettlement Scheme or evacuate people from Gaza with no connection to the UK.
- The Scottish Government continues to urge in the strongest terms that the UK Government reconsider this position, particularly with regard to Gazans who have family in the UK and Palestinian human rights defenders.

SG BUILDINGS FLYING FLAGS

Why are you flying the Palestinian Flag at SAH and Victoria Quay?

The Palestinian flag is being flown over select Scottish Government buildings to show solidarity with those suffering in Gaza and the West Bank, and in support of a two-state solution.

Why is the flag being flown for one day only? Isn't this tokenistic?

The Palestinian flag is being flown to coincide with the debate today in the Scottish Parliament, and in recognition of the Scottish Government's continued concern for the plight of the Palestinian people.

Is flying the Ukraine flag on an ongoing basis an indication that the Scottish Government is more concerned about the conflict there than what is happening in Gaza?

There is no hierarchy of concern over international conflict. First Minister John Swinney has reiterated the Scottish Government's unqualified support for Ukrainian sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and called for an end to the war caused by after Russia's unlawful invasion. The Scottish Government has also repeatedly called for global pressure to be put on Israel to stop its actions in Gaza.

Does the flying of the flag suggest support for the terrorist organisation Hamas? Shouldn't the Scottish Government be putting pressure on them to release the hostages?

We condemned Hamas' barbaric attacks on 7 October and continue to call for the immediate release of hostages. The Scottish Government supports a two-state solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace.

**Does the flying of the flag suggest support for the proscribed group
Palestinian Action?**

The flying of the Palestinian flag cannot be construed as showing support for Palestinian Action. However the Scottish Government supports individuals' rights to freedom of expression. We live in a society where people have the democratic right to campaign and express their views in a peaceful and lawful manner.

Why has the European flag been lowered?

As set out in the Scottish Government's flag-flying guidance, the European flag is flown from SG buildings on a daily basis except for specific flag flying dates, 3 September is such a date.

GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT

Glasgow Prestwick Airport operates on a commercial basis and at arm's length from the Scottish Government.

- Operational decisions regarding the day-to-day running of the airport are a matter for its management.
- It is a matter of public record that the airport is used by the Royal Air Force and other NATO countries including the US and Canada.
- Recent US military action in Iran was launched directly from American facilities in the USA and flights did not land in any other country, including Scotland. The UK Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons on 23 June that the UK had no involvement in the US military action against Iran.

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The Scottish Government does not have any role in such operational matters, with any relevant decision-making over any investigations or prosecutions sitting with independent justice bodies.

- Accordingly, it would be inappropriate for Scottish Ministers to comment on any individual operational matter.

TRADE

The First Minister has today announced a comprehensive package of trade-related measures, within the limits of the Scottish Government's devolved powers.

- Any decision in the UK to restrict trade would be for the UK government. We welcome the fact that the UK Government has stated that its Free Trade Agreement negotiations with Israel are suspended, but it needs to go further. The First Minister announced that the Scottish Government is calling on the UK government to pull out of its existing preferential trade agreement with Israel and to prohibit goods imports from the Occupied Palestine Territories.
- I have already consistently called on the UK Government to end all licenced arms exports to Israel, and to recognise the State of Palestine.
- For our part the Scottish Government and its agencies will stop any proactive support which positively facilitates trade between Scotland and Israel

ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

The Scottish Government unequivocally condemns any form of hatred or prejudice, including antisemitism and Islamophobia.

- Our Hate Crime strategy sets out our strategic priorities for tackling hate crime in Scotland. It was informed by communities with lived experience of hate crime, including Jewish and Muslim communities.
- We will continue to engage with communities in Scotland to understand the issues of importance to them as we deliver our strategy.
- We have close relationships with Scotland’s faith and minority ethnic communities – with ministers and officials regularly liaising and meeting with representatives.

ICJ & ICC

Court	Who/What is on Trial?	Legal Test at Early Stage	Cases Where Genocide Was Found Prima Facie / Reasonable Grounds
ICJ (International Court of Justice)	States (state responsibility under the Genocide Convention)	Whether there is a prima facie case (plausible rights under the Genocide Convention; enough to order provisional measures)	Bosnia v. Serbia (1993) prima facie case; later Srebrenica genocide confirmed (2007 judgment)- The Gambia v. Myanmar (2020) prima facie case for Rohingya- South Africa v. Israel (2024) prima facie case for Gaza
ICC (International Criminal Court)	Individuals (criminal responsibility for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, aggression)	Whether there are reasonable grounds to believe the suspect committed genocide (standard for issuing arrest warrants / confirming charges)	- Darfur, Sudan (2009, 2010) arrest warrants against Omar al-Bashir and others for genocide against Fur, Masalit, Zaghawa- Other ICC cases (CAR, DRC, Myanmar, Palestine) genocide alleged but charges so far limited to war crimes / crimes against humanity

HUMANITARIAN

TOP LINES

Scotland has a long history of responding to humanitarian crises around the world.

- Supporting international development, humanitarian responses and climate justice is one of the most important ways Scotland can be a good global citizen.
- Current global challenges – climate change, pandemics, conflict, poverty, inequality - can only be addressed if the Global South and North work together.
- This is a time when, globally, we all need to be stepping up to support the poorest and most vulnerable communities in the world – including those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

People in Gaza are being bombed and left to starve by Israel on a massive scale. The trickle of aid being delivered by private militarised contractors is not only inadequate and dehumanising; it has resulted in over 2000 people being killed as they desperately try to access food. The international community cannot allow this situation to continue; it must take decisive action now.

According to OCHA (Sitrep #317, 28 August):

- Famine is now occurring in Gaza governorate and is projected to expand further to Deir al Balah and Khan Younis by the end of September.
- At least 2,000 people seeking aid have been killed in three months, according to records from the UN Human Rights Office.
- Nearly 120,000 displacement movements have been recorded in two months, including about 23,000 in the past week, reports the Site Management Cluster.
- If the Israeli-announced offensive on Gaza city goes ahead, the Gaza Strip could lose half of its hospital bed capacity.
- Acute respiratory infections and acute watery diarrhoea remain the most commonly reported illnesses in the Gaza Strip.
- Humanitarian officials call for the lifting of impediments to large-scale flows of humanitarian and commercial supplies into and throughout the Gaza Strip, including directly to the north and to Gaza city.

Famine has been declared in Gaza as of 15 August, according to the IPC Report:

- **Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator has stated “It is a famine that we could have**

prevented, if we had been allowed. Yet food stacks up at borders because of systematic obstruction by Israel.”

- **UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has stated “It is a man-made disaster, a moral indictment – and a failure of humanity itself. Famine is not about food; it is the deliberate collapse of the systems needed for human survival.”**
- The IPC Report (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification) states:
 - As of 15 August 2025, Famine (IPC Phase 5)—with reasonable evidence—is confirmed in Gaza Governorate.
 - After 22 months of relentless conflict, over half a million people in the Gaza Strip are facing catastrophic conditions characterised by starvation, destitution and death. Another 1.07 million people (54 percent) are in Emergency (IPC Phase 4), and 396,000 people (20 percent) are in Crisis (IPC Phase 3).
 - Between mid-August and the end of September 2025, conditions are expected to further worsen with Famine projected to expand to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis.
 - Nearly a third of the population (641,000 people) are expected to face catastrophic conditions (IPC Phase 5), while those in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) will likely rise to 1.14 million (58 percent). Acute malnutrition is projected to continue worsening rapidly.
 - Through June 2026, at least 132,000 children under five are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition—double the IPC estimates from May 2025. This includes over 41,000 severe cases of children at heightened risk of death.
 - Nearly 55,500 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women will require urgent nutrition response.
 - Conditions in North Gaza Governorate are estimated to be as severe—or worse—than in Gaza Governorate. However, limited data prevents IPC classification of this area, highlighting the urgent need for access and comprehensive assessments. Rafah Governorate was not analysed given indications that it is largely depopulated.

I unequivocally condemn the attacks on hospitals and medical personnel in Gaza. Targeting healthcare facilities and staff is a grave violation of international humanitarian law and an affront to human dignity. Hospitals must remain safe havens for the sick and injured, and medical workers must be protected as they carry out their vital, life-saving duties. I call for an immediate cessation of all violence against healthcare infrastructure and personnel, and urge all parties to respect and uphold the sanctity of medical neutrality.

- Over 2000 Palestinians have now lost their lives while desperately trying to access the tiny amounts of food being distributed through the Gaza humanitarian foundation. Israel’s plan to entrust the distribution of aid in Gaza to private contractors has failed, with millions across the enclave at imminent risk of famine and those who try to access the aid at risk of being shot. This situation is entirely man-made and preventable.
- Huge quantities of humanitarian aid are sitting on the borders waiting to be delivered by established humanitarian actors with a proven track record of distributing it at scale in an effective, safe and dignified manner through over 400 distribution points across the Gaza strip. Israel must abide by its responsibilities under international humanitarian law and allow the UN and aid agencies to do their life-saving work.

- People have been confined to ever-shrinking spaces; as of 20 July, around 88 per cent of the Gaza Strip is within Israeli-militarized zones or placed under displacement orders – leaving civilians with nowhere safe to go.
- Gazans are faced with an impossible choice of risking death by starvation or by gunfire.
- Israel’s approach to delivering aid via private contractors has failed tragically. The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation’s activities must cease and Israel must immediately allow humanitarian agencies including UNRWA to conduct their life-saving work unimpeded and at scale.
- This situation is entirely manmade and preventable – Israel must allow humanitarian agencies including UNRWA to conduct their life-saving work unimpeded and at scale.
- Israel’s plan to entrust the distribution of aid in Gaza to private contractors contravenes humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. The plan risks militarising aid and exacerbating inequalities.
- It is unconscionable that two million people are starving in the Gaza Strip while tonnes of food is being blocked at the border.
- The bombing of hospitals and targeting of humanitarian workers are clearly incompatible with international humanitarian law and must cease immediately.

SG SUPPORT - HUMANITARIAN AID

Though we recognise the amounts Scotland contributes may be small in the face of growing need, we will do all we can to ensure it has maximum impact. Scotland will continue to act as a good global citizen

- [During 2025, we are undertaking a review of SG’s Humanitarian Funding – to determine our future response to global humanitarian crises. That Review is underway at this time] [*reactive line, only if raised*].

Since the outset of the current conflict, the Scottish Government has committed now £1.3m for Gaza and the wider Middle East, including £750k for UNRWA and a further £550k to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal, Mercy Corps and SCIAF (£250k total in November 2024, and £300k total announced 22 April 2025).

- This money will provide food, water, medical assistance and shelter to displaced people across the region.
- I echo the calls from the governments of the UK, Germany and France for Israel to abide by its international obligations to ensure full, rapid, safe and unhindered provision of humanitarian assistance to the population in Gaza.
- Cutting off of electricity threatens the last remaining water supplies in Gaza with potentially disastrous consequences for the most vulnerable.

- There is still significant work required to ensure peace and security across the region. The focus must now be on removing all obstacles to delivery of humanitarian aid to those across Gaza who so badly need it.

Today, I am announcing an additional £1 million in humanitarian support for Gaza – split between: £400k contribution to support the establishment of a new Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub in Dundee through iNGO KidsOR, and a £600K contribution to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)-led pooled funds for Gaza.

- These contributions balance the immediate support required given the ongoing severe humanitarian crisis, and support the longer-term re-enablement of the healthcare and medical education sector while strengthening the co-ordination of Scottish and Palestinian health partnerships.
- **Our £600K contribution to the UN OCHA-led pooled funds will:**
 - go towards life-saving health services, food and nutrition assistance, emergency shelter, water and sanitation, protection services, education support and cash for families, ensuring aid reaches those most at risk.
 - be part of a wider \$4 billion appeal targeting 3 million people in need, including the entire population of Gaza, to prevent famine, sustain critical health and WASH services, and provide urgent relief for displaced communities.
 - be delivered through the UN-coordinated humanitarian cluster system under OCHA, with 169 partners including UN agencies (including UNICEF and UNRWA), NGOs, and the Red Crescent, using a mix of in-kind aid, essential services, and cash-based assistance (including community-led initiatives) to reach affected populations.
 - provide a coordinated and accountable mechanism for delivering assistance, overseen by the UN Humanitarian Country Team and managed through UN OCHA - this ensures that funding is directed to priority life-saving interventions in Gaza, delivered through established partners, and reported transparently via the Financial Tracking Service.
 - reinforces our commitment to principled, needs-based humanitarian action and provide assurance of effective monitoring and coordination.
- **Our remaining £400K contribution will be distributed to our Scottish-based iNGO partners KidsOR to support establishment of the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub in Dundee.**
 - this funding will leverage in-kind contributions from other partners (including Fujifilm, Arup and NHS Boards) towards the overall £1.1m required for the Field Readiness Hub to be set up. This in turn will unlock and leverage a fully funded \$15m (£11.2m) emergency hospital – named Gaza HOPES – ready for deployment in Gaza.
 - The Gaza HOPES hospital with operating rooms, paediatric and maternal wards, emergency triage and outpatient services would provide ongoing services to approx. 8,300 patients per month.

- *[The Gazan hospital will be deployed once official clearance is granted by the Israeli authorities to cross the border; to support this, KidsOR have signed an MoU with UNDP to secure the necessary permissions as part of wider recovery plans – only use if pressed]*
- The Field Readiness Hub will ensure that the Gaza HOPES hospital will be fully operational from Day 1 of deployment, and act as a unifying platform to coordinate Scotland's wider humanitarian response to Gaza through Scottish-Palestinian health partnerships and support longer-term recovery of their health and medical education sectors.
- KidsOR have also committed to fully funding the running costs of the Field Readiness Hub for the next four years to ensure sustainability and long-term impact of the programme.
- Beyond Gaza, the Field Readiness Hub will be a long-term asset for Scotland's emergency preparedness – providing a world-class facility for testing modular healthcare solutions and preparing Scottish personnel for future humanitarian crises.
- SG has successfully partnered with KidsOR previously in Malawi and Zambia, including for distribution of PPE in African countries during the COVID pandemic, and for establishment of paediatric operating rooms in our partner countries.

UNRWA

The Scottish Government provided a total of £750,000 to UNRWA in November 2023 as part of our humanitarian response to the Gaza crisis, consisting of two tranches of £500,000 and £250,000. We continue to support UNRWA's vital humanitarian mandate.

- The £750,000 funding was transferred on November 29, 2023, and was used to provide essential aid like food, medical supplies, and shelter to displaced people in the Gaza Strip.
- We continue to support UNRWA's vital humanitarian mandate.
- On 26 June, I met with UNWRA's Outreach Manager here in Edinburgh to discuss Scotland's ongoing support for UNWRA. [today's announcement of £600k funding for the UNOCHA-led pooled funds will allow UN agencies such as UNRWA and UNICEF to access our contribution.]

Independent investigations of UNRWA were carried out during 2024:

- Further to concerns then being raised about UNRWA's operations in January 2024, a range of donor organisations paused finance whilst an independent investigation into the allegations were carried out – review on neutrality.
- The findings of the **Independent Review of Mechanisms and Procedures to Ensure Adherence by UNRWA to the Humanitarian Principle of Neutrality for the UN Secretary General** were published in April 2024.

- That independent report concluded that UNRWA had “a significant number of mechanisms and procedures in place to ensure compliance with the humanitarian principles, with emphasis on the principle of neutrality, and that it possesses a more developed approach to neutrality than other similar UN or NGO entities.”
- The report also highlighted some specific recommendations to help UNRWA address its neutrality challenges, which UNRWA committed to addressing.
- **The UN Secretary General also separately tasked the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) to investigate the serious allegations that area UNRWA staff members in Gaza were involved in the 7 October attacks,** following which, in August 2024, nine remaining members of UNRWA in respect of which allegations had been made had their contracts terminated by the UN. OIOS is the highest investigative body in the UN system. The report also emphasised “the unique and central role of UNRWA in providing critical support to the people of Gaza”
- **A further review of UNRWA issued in August 2024 by a group of UN Member State donors** (the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network, of which UKG is a member) **commended the Agency for managing to keep operating under highly challenging circumstances, including the war in. That Report also referenced “UNRWA’s unique and valuable contribution to regional and local stability”.**
- **On 19 July 2024 the UK Foreign Secretary made a statement to MPs, setting out the UK Government's intention to lift the pause on funding,** bringing their position into line with Germany, EU, Sweden, Japan, France, Canada, The Netherlands, Australia, Italy, Austria, Finland, Iceland, Romania and Estonia.
- In his statement the Foreign Secretary said “Following an independent review by Catherine Colonna and the subsequent action plan UNRWA has provided setting out detailed management reforms, the government is confident that UNRWA is taking action to ensure it meets the highest standards of neutrality. “

The UKG Government commits humanitarian aid for Gaza through UNRWA, and most recently announced (21 July 2025) £20m in support for UNRWA’s essential services for Palestinian refugees:

- In every year from **2014 to 2022**, at least half of UK aid to the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been delivered through the UNRWA, including a further £16 million following 7 October.
- From **2009 to 2023**, the UK provided a total of £819 million in bilateral aid (aid for a specific programme or purpose) to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In 2022, the UK gave £22.5 million, the lowest amount in any year since 2009, but in 2023 this increased to £42 million.

- For **2023/24**, the UK committed over £100 million in aid to the OPTs. This included £35 million to UNRWA before funding was suspended in January 2025 (see below).
- **For 2024/25**, the UK committed £129 million. This included £10 million, via the World Bank, for the Palestinian Authority (in the West Bank) to pay public sector salaries, and for Unicef, the UN Children’s Fund. It also included £34 million for UNRWA, announced in July and December 2024.
- **On 21 July 2025**, UKG Foreign Secretary David Lammy announced additional humanitarian funding for Gaza - this included £20m in support for UNRWA’s essential services for Palestinian refugees - to provide emergency food, shelter and other support for over 2 million people, as well support UNRWA’s wider work across the region.