

ANNEX A - FOI 202500484771

Document 1 – Email 10 September 01:48

From: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 01:48

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

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft opening remarks

FM

[Redacted s.29 (1) (d)]

Regards

Colin McAllister

Chief of Staff



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Sent: 10 September 2025 08:44

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

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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Thanks [redacted s.38 (1)(b)].

For benefit of the copy, AV (Vision and Events) have also confirmed for 14:30 start. They will need access to Bute around 11:00 to set up.

Thanks all,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

Sent: 10 September 2025 08:06

To: Julie Grant ; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)]; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] ; First Minister ; [redacted

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Cc: Security BH ; Visits and Events ; Ross Ingebrigtsen ; Sean McGivern ; Emily

Mackintosh ; Communications First Minister ; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] ; [redacted s.38

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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Flexiform organised to set the drawing room for the PC. This will be completed prior to 12 noon.

Regards

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)] | Operations & Logistics Manager | [redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

People and Logistics Unit | Ministerial Private Office

From: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 07:48

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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Updating to add colleagues due to annual leave. Thanks J

From: Julie Grant <Julie.Grant@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 07:17

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Subject: Re: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Adding other colleagues for awareness. Many thanks

Julie

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Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:20:38 PM

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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Thanks [redacted s.38 (1)(b)].

I have contacted AV just now and will follow up first thing.

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 September 2025 23:12
To: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [s.38 (1)(b)] [s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>; [s.38(1)(b) <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot@gov.scot>; [s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>; [s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot@gov.scot>; [s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot<[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: Re: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

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

No they've not been stood up yet that I'm aware of. I'll be in SAH tomorrow morning we can pick up first thing.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:06:58 PM
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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

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

Sorry I have just been made aware of this.

Has AV (Vision and Events) been stood up? I will contact them first thing if not.

Thanks,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[s.38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 September 2025 22:24
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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Copying in Julie Grant and further FM comms colleagues.

Thanks,

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Sent: 09 September 2025 22:21

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Subject: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

Importance: High

Evening all,

To advise FM will be undertaking a pressor at Bute house tomorrow upon his return. We do not yet have details on exact timings or numbers but [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] and I will update this copy list tomorrow AM.

Comms - FM has advised that no briefing required beyond a running issues note.

@ [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] I will be in Bute tomorrow AM so happy to help with set up etc if needed.

Many thanks,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

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M: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

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Document 3 - 10 September 09:22

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

Sent: 10 September 2025 09:22

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft statement for today

[Redacted s.29 (1) (d)]

FM

Attachment

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Document 4 – Email chain 10 September 09:54

From: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 09:54

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Cc: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft opening remarks

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

Adding Sean too

I've just made a few tweaks/adds – I thought it was worth mentioning, albeit briefly, his other engagements.

Thanks

Ross

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From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 10 September 2025 09:28
To: First Minister ; Colin McAllister
Cc: Ross Ingebrigtsen ; Emily Mackintosh
Subject: RE: Draft opening remarks

removing FM please come back on this chain. If spads are happy with the revised version I will print for FM arriving at Bute.

Many thanks,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

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From: [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 10 September 2025 09:24
To: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft opening remarks

Morning all,

Please see attached version with FMs revisions FM welcomes comments

Many thanks,

[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]

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Document 5 – Email 10 September 10:06

From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 10:06

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

Subject: RE: Draft statement for today

Hi FM,

[Redacted s.29 (1) (d)]

Emily

From: John Swinney

Sent: 10 September 2025 09:22

To: First Minister ; Ross Ingebrigtsen ; Emily Mackintosh ; Colin McAllister

Subject: Draft statement for today

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FM

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Document 6 – Email 10 September 10:15

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

Sent: 10 September 2025 10:15

To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft statement for today

Attached version includes both Ross and Emily's comments and changes

Many thanks,

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Document 7 – Email 10 September 10:45

From: Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 10:45

To: DL SPADS <DLSPADS@gov.scot>; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@snp.org>; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@snpmedia.net>; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@snpmedia.net>; [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] <[redacted s.38 (1)(b)]@snp.org>

Subject: FM presser

hi all

a heads up - the FM is on his way back just now and will give a press conference on his visit at Bute this afternoon, at about 1430 - calling notice about to issue

Thanks

Ross

Document 8 – Email 10 September 11:14

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

Sent: 10 September 2025 11:14

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft statement for today

Attached tracked and clean version which I will send to FM and print if there are no further comments thanks

Many thanks,

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Document 9 – Email 10 September 11:34

From: Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Sent: 10 September 2025 11:34

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

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft opening remarks

FM

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Regards

Colin McAllister

Chief of Staff

Attachment

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Document 10 – Email 10 September 12:06

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

Sent: 10 September 2025 12:06

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Subject: RE: BH tomorrow: FM Media bids

FMPO, Bute House,

With thanks to colleagues, please find below:

- Confirmed media attendance for the press conference
- The latest SWA media lines
- An updated SG running issues note (also attached)

Thanks,

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Media attendance

Name	Outlet
Television	
Glenn Campbell	BBC Scotland
Colin Mackay	STV
Kieran Andrews	ITV Border
Radio	
Gina Davidson	Global
Alan Smith	Bauer
PA	
Neil Pooran	
Print	
Simon Johnson	Daily Telegraph
Mark McLaughlin	Scottish Sun
Dan Sanderson	The Times
Michael Blackley	Daily Mail
Kathleen Nutt	The Herald
Alistair Grant	The Scotsman
Simeon Kerr	Financial Times
Libby Brooks	The Guardian
Chris McCall	Daily Record
Camera/Producers	
Andy Nutt	BBC Scotland (main camera)

Alex Leigh	STV (cutaway camera)
Photographers	
Gordon Terris	The Herald (print photography pool)
Jeff Mitchell	Getty (wire photography pool)

Scotch Whisky Association Media Line

Commenting after joining the First Minister in Washington DC to press for the removal of tariffs on Scotch Whisky, Chief Executive of the Scotch Whisky Association said:

“Our discussions in Washington DC give the industry hope, and with President Trump’s state visit just a week away there is momentum to build on as we try to secure a deal which would benefit communities in Scotland and US.

“Nothing is guaranteed, but the First Minister’s constructive discussion with the President, coupled with the continued efforts of the UK government, mean that the united calls of the Scotch Whisky and US whiskey industries to secure a zero tariff deal have been heard.”

(Note below in the body of the email and as an attachment)

Running issues and SG lines

First Minister in talks with US President

A news release issued last night and highlights what the FM and the President discussed and sets out the FM’s objective of pressing for a better deal on Scotch Whisky tariffs. It also sets out that trade negotiations themselves are for the UK negotiating team.

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Document 11 – Email 10 September – 12:56

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Subject: RE: Draft statement for today

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A further version attached with spad changes. When you do a clean version of this, can you give to [redacted s.38 (1)(b)] so she can give to BSL

Thanks

Ross

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