

Document 1 – Email chain, BBC Visit – 28 October 2025

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: 28 October 2025 15:34

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>

Subject: INVITATION for Cabinet Secretary - location/studio visit to Vigil (series 3)

Hello

We've been offered the opportunity of a location or studio visit for the Cabinet Secretary to the filming of *Vigil* (series 3).

[section 33(1)(b)]

It looks like it could be a great visit, but I appreciate that the Cabinet Secretary's diary is under a lot of pressure. Just running this by you in case there is any possibility of fitting it in.

Best

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[section 38(1)(b)] BBC Scotland

mob: [section 38(1)(b)]



Document 2 – Email chain, BBC Radio Scotland breakfast news programme – 28 October 2025

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk

Sent: 28 October 2025

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Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk

Hello

Lovely to see you, [section 38(1)(b)] and [section 38(1)(b)], at Ofcom's event. Just a quick email to highlight that our announcement of our new BBC Radio Scotland breakfast news programme is below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/2025/radio-scotland-breakfast-new-morning-show>

We shared publicly that Martin Geissler and Laura Maciver would be the presenters a few weeks ago but the attached link provides more information about the shape of the new programme which has a launch date of 24th November.

As ever do come back to me if you have any questions.

Best

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[section 38(1)(b)] BBC Scotland

mob: **[section 38(1)(b)]**



Document 3 – Email chain, RE: Location visit & meeting change – 2 September 2025

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Sent: 02 September 2025 17:24

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Cc: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>**

Subject: RE: Location visit & meeting change

Hi **[section 38(1)(b)]**,

We're all well here, thank you.

I'm terribly sorry, we've heard back today that unfortunately the Cabinet Secretary won't be able to make it out to Glasgow on the dates in September, available diary time has been especially challenging in recent weeks. Mr Robertson has asked to pass on his apologies.

For meeting on Thursday, it would likely be **[section 38(1)(b)]** and myself in attendance, as **[section 38(1)(b)]** is currently on leave this week. We look forward to seeing you both at 2:30pm on Thursday.

Thanks,

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>**

Sent: 01 September 2025 13:06

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Location visit & meeting change

Hi [section 38(1)(b)]

No problem at all – all well here, and hope same true for you?

I've just heard back from the Balamory production team and with other visits (media, etc) they are suggesting 23 & 24 September as the best dates for the Cabinet Secretary but appreciate that this might not be possible with his diary.

Best,
[section 38(1)(b)]

From: <[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 01 September 2025 10:05
To: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Location visit & meeting change

External: Think before clicking
Hello [section 38(1)(b)],

I hope you're well, apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Thank you for following up, I don't believe we have heard back from the Cabinet Secretary's Private Office on this yet. We have found that Mr Robertson's diary has become increasingly pressed in recent months. We can follow up, and also share the schedule for filming taking place with his office.

As for our next catch up on Thursday, that should hopefully be no problem to move to 2:30pm, but I will double check and update the meeting timings.

Please do let me know if there is anything else you may need,

Best wishes,
[section 38(1)(b)]

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: 27 August 2025 12:01
To: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>
Subject: Location visit & meeting change

Hello

Hope all is well? My apologies if I'm checking something that has been answered and I've lost a note of it in my inbox - can I please double check your advice

regarding offering the Cabinet Secretary a visit to the set of *Balamory* [section 33(1)(b)] or if we should make the offer to the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise? We now have more details about their filming schedule below:

[section 33(1)(b)]

I also wanted to ask if it might be possible to move our next meeting forward by 30mins – would you be free to meet at 2.30pm on Thurs 4th September?

Best

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[section 38(1)(b)], BBC Scotland

mob: [section 38(1)(b)]



Document 4 – Email chain, Re: BBC Our Future Questionnaire – 16 October

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk

Sent: 16 October 2025 09:48

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Cc: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk

Thank you [section 38(1)(b)].

Look forward to discussing in due course.

Thanks again,

[section 38(1)(b)]

Sent from my iPhone

On 16 Oct 2025, at 09:40, [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot wrote:

External: Think before clicking

Good morning [section 38(1)(b)],

Many thanks for sharing this – that is helpful to see. No questions at the moment, but I will come back if it would be helpful to chat through before our next meeting.

Best,

[section 38(1)(b)]

[section 38(1)(b)] Screen, Broadcasting, and Print Media Team | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government | **[section 38(1)(b)]**

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@bbc.co.uk](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk)>

Sent: 16 October 2025 09:35

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@gov.scot](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot)>; **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@gov.scot](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot)>; **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@gov.scot](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot)>; **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@gov.scot](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot)>

Cc: **[section 38(1)(b)]**[@bbc.co.uk](mailto:[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk)>

Subject: BBC Our Future Questionnaire

Dear **[section 38(1)(b)]**, **[section 38(1)(b)]**, **[section 38(1)(b)]** and **[section 38(1)(b)]**,

The BBC has today published the results of its biggest ever listening exercise – which shows resounding support for its continuing mission to inform, educate and entertain.

The “Our BBC, Our Future” questionnaire, launched in March this year, received 872,701 responses, with 64,246 people in Scotland sharing their views on the organisation and its future.

The Scottish results, which closely reflected the UK wide findings, will play a central part of the BBC’s planning for the future, now that the Charter Review process is underway.

They show people demonstrated support for a BBC that plays a critical role for the UK, with 83% of respondents in Scotland saying it is important that the BBC’s core mission to inform, educate and entertain continues.

Alongside that, in Scotland:

1. **93%** said it’s important the BBC seeks to pursue truth with no agenda
2. **85%** said it’s important that the BBC backs the best homegrown storytelling
3. **72%** said it’s important that the BBC brings people together.

The results send a clear message about the kind of organisation the people in Scotland who responded want the BBC to be:

1. **91%** said it’s important to be independent from the government of the day
2. **80%** said it’s important to reflect people across the UK and different parts of the UK
3. **74%** said it’s important to be an asset for the UK around the world
4. **81%** said it’s important to provide a valuable public service
5. **80%** said it’s important to offer high-quality digital services
6. **78%** said it’s important to offer something for everyone

A clear majority said the BBC is already doing well in some of these areas – **62%** said the BBC already provides a valuable public service.

But in other areas, the results show there is work to do. For example, **48%** of respondents in Scotland said the BBC is currently effective in reflecting different parts of the UK and the lives of those who live there; while **42%** said the BBC is ineffective at being independent from the government of the day.

When it comes to programmes and content, questionnaire respondents in Scotland want the BBC to provide either more or the same amount as it does now. In particular, **43%** each said they want more **drama** and **documentaries**, **38%** said they want more **content for and about their part of the UK** and **32%** want more **sport**. In **news** **64%** said they want the same amount as now, in the future.

Having assessed and published the data, the BBC is now going through the findings in detail and considering the following questions to help inform how it can give audiences more value in the future:

1. How can we make the BBC more accountable to the public and more responsive to your wishes and needs?
2. Where can we invest more across the UK and support economic growth by commissioning and making more programmes and content around the country?
3. What more can we do to fight disinformation and support trusted information at home and around the world?
4. How much further can we go to support more local news reporting and services across the UK?
5. How can we harness the potential of AI in a safe and trusted way to support children's learning and help the next generation?
6. How can we help make sure no one is left behind as the UK moves fully to a digital future?

Further details can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ourbbcourfuture/>

[section 38(1)(b)] will be back from leave next week, and I'm back the following week – so please do let us know if it would be helpful to discuss further.

With thanks and best wishes,

[section 38(1)(b)].

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Document 5 – Email chain, FW: Your Recent Enquiry with Scottish Government and partner agencies – 8 September 2025

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: 08 September 2025 13:13

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Your Recent Enquiry with Scottish Government and partner agencies

Thank you – I hoped this was what it related to but great to have that confirmed. Thanks again

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Sent: 08 September 2025 13:05

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Your Recent Enquiry with Scottish Government and partner agencies

External: Think before clicking

Hi [section 38(1)(b)],

Yes just seems to be a system time stamp. I can see from said system that it's been allocated and copied to the right people. I'll check it again in a couple days to make sure it's moving forward and nudge it myself if not.

Kind regards

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>

Sent: 08 September 2025 12:34

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Your Recent Enquiry with Scottish Government and partner agencies

Hello

Hope all well?

I wonder if you might be able to confirm if you think this relates to my email to the Minister for Parliamentary Business. I emailed the address you kindly sent to me, [section 38(1)(b)], but I'm a bit confused because I sent it on 04/09. My email sent at 17:41 so that might have nudged it into 05/09 in terms of date quoted below?

Best

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: casehandling.service@gov.scot <casehandling.service@gov.scot>

Sent: 08 September 2025 11:43

To: [section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>

Subject: Your Recent Enquiry with Scottish Government and partner agencies

External: Think before clicking

Our Reference: 202500483583

Dear **[section 38(1)(b)]**,

Thank you for your correspondence sent on 05/09/2025. Your query will be passed to the relevant area for consideration and has been given a reference number of 202500483583. Please quote this number in all correspondence. The Scottish Government aim to respond, where necessary, as quickly as possible and within the stated timescale as indicated on our website (<http://www.gov.scot/about/contact-information/how-to-request-information/>).

Yours sincerely

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Correspondence system for SG and partner agencies

Document 6 – Email chain, FW: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept – 4 September 2025

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk**>

Sent: 04 September 2025 14:15

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**>; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**>; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**>

Subject: RE: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept

We're just back in the office so if we could jump on now that would be great?

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**

Sent: 04 September 2025 12:48

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk**>; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**

Subject: RE: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept

External: Think before clicking

I have it in my calendar for half past but happy to make it 2.15 if that's better for your end?

Kind regards

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk**>

Sent: 04 September 2025 11:33

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**>; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**>; **[section**

38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept

Hi **[section 38(1)(b)]**

That's great – I'll let reception know, but no problems if changes near the time. **[Section 39(1)]**.

See you (online) later – is 2.30 or even 2.15 ok for today?

Best

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Sent: 04 September 2025 10:29

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot**

Subject: RE: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept

External: Think before clicking

Hi **[section 38(1)(b)]**,

All is well thank you, it will most likely be **[section 38(1)(b)]** in attendance on 8 September. Can I ask if attendees would need to bring anything, such as photo I.D?

Thanks,

[section 38(1)(b)]

From: **[section 38(1)(b)]@bbc.co.uk>**

Sent: 03 September 2025 12:19

To: **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**; **[section 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>**

Subject: Kenneth Hogg visit to BBC Edinburgh 8th Sept

Hello

Hope all well?

Quick check – **[section 38(1)(b)]** who worked with Kenneth Hogg liaised directly with Hayley Valentine's office (Director BBC Scotland) to set up an in-person meeting which is happening 11am 8th Sept at The Tun. **[section 38(1)(b)]** has since left Scot Gov and I'm wondering if you know who might be accompanying Kenneth so that I can let our reception know?

Thanks

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