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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 September 2017 09:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you advise the room please?

Thanks,
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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot
Sent: 07 September 2017 16:58
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot
Subject: RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 September 2017 16:30
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Kind regards,
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To: Macdonald L (Lewis), MSP <Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot>
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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe
Sent: 05 September 2017 11:08
To: Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe
Subject: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Macdonald

The cross party meeting on Thursday 7th September will take place in The Burns Room TG.40-CR1 .

Many Thanks

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's
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The meeting will be in T4.43.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Sent: 01 September 2017 12:16
To: Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]
Subject: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr MacDonald,

Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell following yesterday's meeting. In relation to the cross party meeting, I've looked at the Minister's diary and propose a meeting in Parliament on Thursday 7 September from 14:30 – 15:30. Please let me know if this time is suitable.



Correspondence -
Lewis Macdona...

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

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1 September 2017

Dear Lewis,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me yesterday to discuss the UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

In seeking to take every possible step to avoid the damage likely to be done to devolution and the functioning of the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments by an un-amended EU Withdrawal Bill at Westminster, we agreed the importance of working collaboratively and transparently throughout this process. I also outlined to you the way in which the Scottish Government is working with the Welsh Government with the same aim in mind.

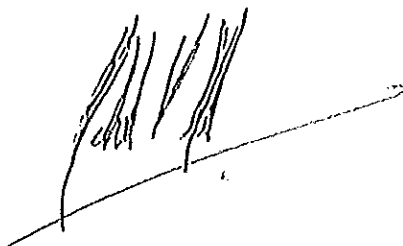
We discussed the option of establishing a small informal cross party group to share information and to help inform thinking and decision making. I had previously discussed this with Patrick Harvie and Ross Greer and subsequently did so with Tavish Scott. I am pleased to say that we are all in agreement about moving forward in that way.

Can I, therefore, suggest an initial meeting next Thursday 7 September to consider the following:

- legislative timetable
- draft LCM
- amendments to the Bill as agreed with the Welsh Government
- how we might take this forward publicly

If you are happy with this, my office will be in touch to confirm the arrangements. I have also sent a similar email to Patrick Harvie and Tavish Scott.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

MICHAEL RUSSELL

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Macdonald L (Lewis), MSP <Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot>
Sent: 06 September 2017 15:16
To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Hi [REDACTED]

The proposed meeting arrangements work for Lewis.

Thanks,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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To: Macdonald L (Lewis), MSP <Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot>
Cc: MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot; [REDACTED]
Subject: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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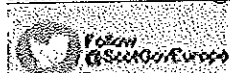
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Best wishes,

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[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Sent: 11 August 2017 11:12
To: Kezia.Dugdale.msp@parliament.scot
Cc: Lewis.Macdonald.msp@parliament.scot; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Dear Ms Dugdale,

Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell suggesting a meeting to discuss the EU Withdrawal Bill and the Brexit Negotiation process sometime during W/C 28 August. I would be grateful if could let me know if you have any availability during that week.



Letter to Kezia
Dugdale from M...

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Best wishes,

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[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [REDACTED]
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Kezia Dugdale
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11 August 2017

Dear Kezia

EU WITHDRAWAL BILL

As you will be aware I have been discussing the UK Government's proposed EU Withdrawal Bill with both the UK Government and the Welsh Government.

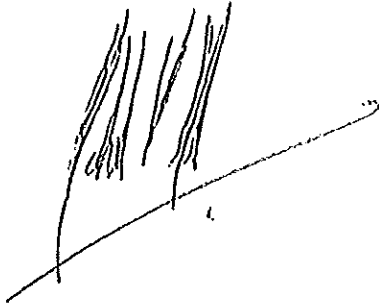
The First Ministers of Wales and Scotland issued a joint statement about the Bill when it was published three weeks ago and the two Governments remain unable to recommend legislative consent for the bill to their respective Parliaments unless substantial changes are made. There is as yet no indication that the UK Government will agree to such changes, though another meeting to discuss the matter will take place in September.

I would like the opportunity to brief you and/or your Brexit spokesperson on this issue and the timescale for the legislative consent process and to seek your views on the Brexit process as it has developed over the past couple of months.

If possible it would be good to have this private chat before Parliament resumes and I do hope you will be willing to meet with me at some stage in the week beginning 28th August.

I have asked my office to contact you to arrange a date and I look forward to seeing you then.

I have copied this letter to Lewis Macdonald, MSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MICHAEL RUSSELL', written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL RUSSELL

[REDACTED]

From: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Sent: 15 August 2017 17:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: Re: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for in touch, it was good to talk to you. As discussed, I'm out the office for the next two days, but my colleague [REDACTED] will be in touch first thing tomorrow to confirm arrangements.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [REDACTED]
: MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 August 2017 17:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the e-mail to Kezia Dugdale and attached correspondence from the Minister.

Ms Dugdale would be pleased to take up a meeting to discuss the EU Withdrawal Bill and the Brexit Negotiation process. The dates I currently can offer are 5-6pm on Wednesday 30th August or Thursday 31st August either between 9- 11am or 4-6pm. Ms Dugdale would also request that Lewis MacDonald MSP and Gina Davidson, Scottish Labour Policy Director are able to attend the meeting.

I understand the Minister has a working lunch with the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee on the 31st and we are happy to work around that at either end of the day, when Lewis is free from committee business.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Sent: 16 August 2017 13:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

[REDACTED]

Thanks – confirmed in the Ministers Diary.

regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 August 2017 13:40
To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the e-mail.

I'm happy to confirm that 9am on the 31st August in Parliament would be suitable for us.

Kind Regards,

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[REDACTED] the Scottish Parliamentary Labour Party

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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot
Sent: 16 August 2017 13:36
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

[REDACTED]

Would 09:00 on Thur 31st in Parliament suit?

regards

[REDACTED]
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2017 17:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe
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