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UNDER2 COALITION: Communications between Scottish Government and Government of California regarding the Under2 Coalition. (All redactions are names and contact details, sections of text and draft documents that are exempt under Section 32(1)(a) FOISA which covers International Relations, and a section of text which is exempt under Section 28(1) FOISA which covers relations within the UK.

From: [Redacted]
 Sent: 12 December 2017 20:34
 To: [Redacted]
 Cc: [Redacted]
 Subject: RE: MoU Scotland / California Energy Commission
 Brilliant, thanks so much [Redacted]. Hope all goes well tomorrow.
 [Redacted]
 Second Secretary for Scottish Affairs
 British Embassy | 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW | Washington DC 20008-3600

From: [Redacted]
 To: [Redacted]
 Subject: MoU Scotland / California Energy Commission
 [Redacted]
 The proposed MOU between Scotland and the California Energy Commission will be brought up at tomorrow's December Business Meeting for review and vote. (As background, the "Business Meeting" is the Energy Commission's public monthly meeting where the five Commissioners review and vote on policies and actions). This item is on consent and we are not expecting any issues. Once it is approved, Commissioner Douglas will sign the attached MOU and we will send it to you. Let me know if you have any issues or requests. The meeting materials are linked and attached.
http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/2017_agendas/2017-12-13_agenda.pdf
http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/2017_packets/2017-12-13/Item_01a_MOU-17-004.pdf
 [Redacted]
 Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas
 California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento California
 [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
 Sent: 22 August 2017 17:05
 To: [Redacted]
 Cc: [Redacted]
 Subject: FW: Follow up items: Scotland-CA MOU outline
 [Redacted]
 Further to your email below I've now had time to collate a few comments from colleagues in track changes.
 Happy to have further dialogue.
 Regards
 [Redacted]

Head of Large Scale Renewables (Offshore Wind, Onshore Wind, Pump Hydro & Hydro) |
Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | Scottish Government | 5 Atlantic Quay | 150
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From: [Redacted]

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Follow up items: Scotland-CA MOU outline

Hello [Redacted]

We've developed a draft MOU between Scotland and the California Energy Commission based on the draft outline/bullet points provided in [Redacted] previous email. We're beginning the process of routing the document for review internally. Are there any comments/edits you'd like to make to the attached draft MOU?

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas

California Energy Commission

1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814-5512



From: [Redacted]

Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:07 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Follow up items: Scotland-CA MOU outline

[Redacted]

It was wonderful to meet you both on this morning's call. As a follow up, I have attached the draft outline/bullet points for a possible MOU between California Energy Commission and Scotland (or the appropriate agency of the Scottish government), as well as the letter of agreement on climate change between California and Scotland that is referenced in the outline.

Once our legal department finishes their review of the trip, we will let you know. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email or call.

[Redacted]

California Energy Commission

Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas

1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 April 2017 21:10

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Offshore Wind Follow-Up

Hi [Redacted]

Per the email exchange with [Redacted], I wanted to reach out and set up a call to discuss coordination between California and Scotland on offshore wind, and how we might use our upcoming visit to Scotland to further that coordination. Though this is still subject to change,

our itinerary has us in Scotland (either Edinburgh or Aberdeen) on June 8th. The Business Network for Offshore Wind is sponsoring the trip, and we are still working out the details with them.

We are engaged in an intensive data gathering, stakeholder and public engagement process out here. We actually do get a lot of questions about what California can learn from the experience in Europe, so we are excited to have this opportunity. [Redacted]

While we have an 8 hour time difference to contend with, I would be happy to set up a morning call (even very early in the morning), so we should be able to find a time that works for a call. [Redacted], copied here, can help with scheduling. [Redacted], also copied here, is point on our offshore wind work for the Ocean Protection Council, and will join us on our call, schedules permitting.

All the best, [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 17 May 2017 19:27

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: Invitation: Under2 Clean Energy Forum, June 7th, Beijing, China

Importance: High

Dear members of the Under2 Coalition,

For those who are planning to attend the Under2 Clean Energy Forum on June 7th in Beijing, this is a final reminder to please RSVP by tomorrow, May 18th. Please [Redacted] register to the side event online at: <http://cem8mi2.medcon.org.cn/en/>. Please note that attending the Under2 Clean Energy Forum side event is free, however, access to all Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) events will cost \$150.

I am also attaching the latest agenda with updated invited and confirmed speakers. We hope to see you at the Under2 Clean Energy Forum.

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

Project Coordinator of the [Under2 Coalition](#)

Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Sacramento, California, USA

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:50 PM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: Invitation: Under2 Clean Energy Forum, June 7th, Beijing, China

Dear members of the Under2 Coalition,

We hope you have received the Under2 Clean Energy Forum materials from my previous email. Please let me know if you have not received them. I would like to share with you the Under2 Clean Energy Forum agenda draft, including invited and confirmed speakers.

I would also like to inform you that the deadline to RSVP has been extended to May 18, 2017. Please [Redacted] register online at: <http://cem8mi2.medcon.org.cn/en/>

All my best,

[Redacted]

Project Coordinator of the [Under2 Coalition](#)

Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Sacramento, California, USA

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:19 PM

[Redacted]

3. Measuring progress – ensuring governments have the expertise and systems in place to assess their emissions accurately and track progress against their targets. As you know, we have been arranging annual calls with each Under2 jurisdiction. If you have already done so, thank you and please refer to the revised “Key Takeaways from Under2 Coalition 2017 Call v2” document. If you haven’t scheduled a call yet, we kindly ask that you please do so at your convenience because we would like to hear from you.

We appreciate your support of the Under2 Coalition and we look forward to working with you in achieving our objectives. Please let us know if you have any questions about how stay engaged. We will continue to reach out, but please check the #Under2Coalition on Twitter and the Under2 website for the most updated information: <http://under2mou.org/>

All my best,

[Redacted]

Project Coordinator of the [Under2 Coalition](#)
Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
Sacramento, California, USA

From: [Redacted]@GOV.CA.GOV]

Sent: 06 April 2017 02:34

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion [Redacted],

Thank you for all of your assistance and bearing with me through a bit of a chaotic time leading up to the meeting. Apologies we did not get to officially meet! But I was the one standing at the end.

In terms of next steps, our energy commission is looking into how we can collaborate and policy share on off-shore wind. We are keen to learn more and from our colleagues in Scotland. They are working on something now and I will have them reach out to you or [Redacted].

Thank you again. I hope the Minister’s visit was a success!

Best,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:00 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion [Redacted]

I wanted to thank you for all your help in setting up yesterday’s meeting between the FM and the Governor.

You and your colleagues were extremely helpful and made us very welcome at the State Capital Building. The Cooperation Agreement signed by the Governor and FM will only strengthen and deepen our collaboration together and it was clear from the meeting we have lots we can work on together through the agreement and the Under2MoU.

I am keen that we explore ways we can collaborate going forward and next time I or my successor [Redacted] (who takes over in July) are in California we will reach out and see if we can discuss how to do that.

Please also let me or [Redacted] know if you are ever in DC and we will be sure to link up with you.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @GOV.CA.GOV]
Sent: 01 April 2017 22:36
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Ok with changes and we will print the final. See everyone on Monday!
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 01 April 2017 22:48
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted] - let me know if you want to add anything to the below news release.
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 1 April 2017 14:32
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Including the Governor's Press Office, [Redacted], for any feedback.
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Date: Saturday, Apr 01, 2017, 10:36 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Hi [Redacted],
We've made a couple of minor changes to the news release, see below.
If you could confirm if you wish to include a quote from the Governor that would be great.
I'm now in Palo Alto so I'm working local time and available on my mobile if you need to give
me a call: [Redacted]
Thanks,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 31 March 2017 06:09
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Hi [Redacted] - I just wanted to check in with you about the news release. Are you happy
with this version? I'm hoping to put this to the First Minister today for clearance so any
immediate steer would be very useful.
Kind regards,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, 30 March 2017 15:56

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion

Hi [Redacted],

I'm flying out to San Francisco on Friday morning so I've copied my colleagues [Redacted] who can make any changes to the news release in my absence.

I arrive in San Francisco on Friday evening (local time) so will be available on my mobile and email over the weekend if you need to discuss anything.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 29 March 2017 17:39

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion

Hi [Redacted],

We found out yesterday that the BBC will be sending their reporter based on the west coast [Redacted] to accompany the First Minister at her engagements in California. They are interested in coming along to the meeting but this would only be for set up shots (the same as our photographer) and we'd be strict in only giving them a few minutes at the start of the meeting to get some images of the First Minister and the Governor meeting. Let me know if you're ok with that. They would then probably do a one to one interview with the First Minister after the meeting.

I've attached our draft news release for your comment and if you wish to supply a quote from the Governor. It hasn't been signed off by the First Minister yet so I can incorporate any changes you wish to make. Following the meeting, we will issue the final release to our domestic media in Scotland but I was wondering if you had any key contacts you could share with us that we could also send the news release to?

If you want to chat through anything in more detail don't hesitate to give me a call on my mobile.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 29 March 2017 07:09

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion

[Redacted], attached are some edits to the Letter of Cooperation. Please review and let us know if you have feedback.

Attending the meeting on Monday along with the Governor:

[Redacted], Director of External Affairs, Governor's Office

[Redacted], Secretary, California EPA

[Redacted], Executive Director, California Energy Commission

[Redacted], Under2 Coalition Project Coordinator, Governor's Office

When are you planning on coming by our office? Do you have a draft press release to share? Any updates on whether press will be traveling with the FM?

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 2:07 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Hi [Redacted]

I hope you had a great weekend. I wondered if you have had any time to review the proposed 'cooperation agreement' I sent over yet?

I'm heading down to California tomorrow and am looking forward to coming over to your office later in the week to carry out our recce with .

In terms of attendees from our side I can confirm the following people will be in the meeting with the First Minister from our side:

[Redacted] - Chief Scientific Adviser

[Redacted] – Head of Scottish Affairs Office, British Embassy, Washington DC

[Redacted] – Scottish Government Councillor for North America

[Redacted] – Special Adviser

Also arriving at the meeting, but not attending it will be:

[Redacted]

[Redacted] – Communications

[Redacted] – Visits and Events

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2017 11:52
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Thanks, [Redacted]. We will review the attached and get back to you.

We will also have about 4 officials in the meeting along with the Governor. [Redacted] is confirming attendees and will circle back with our list once final.

Thanks!

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:14 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
[Redacted]

Just bringing in the wider copy list to our separate discussion, and thank you for getting back to me. [redacted] - reaffirming the work of Under2 and continued subnational engagement. The attached draft 'cooperation agreement' hopefully fits that bill. We are of course very happy to redraft or make any changes you would like.

In summary I think we've agreed the following agenda:

1. *Introductions*
2. *California/ Scotland Action on Climate Change*

3. *Off-shore Wind*

4. *Signing of Cooperation Agreement*

Please let me know if you are content with the proposed agenda and if you have any comments on the cooperation agreement. Additionally can you indicate how many people will likely attend the meeting with the Governor? We would be keen to mirror your representation and are currently thinking no more than 4 supporting officials, but very happy to revise this based on your feedback.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2017 12:51
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Hi [Redacted], Apologies for the delay!
Definitely, keen on discussing subnational/non-state action.[Redacted]. Off-shore wind is also very timely. We've had several delegations head to the UK and Denmark, to learn about best practices. Would be very helpful to hear about Scotland's experience in this area.
[Redacted]
Thanks!
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
[Redacted]
I just wondered if you have had a chance to consider if the Governor would be happy with these points for discussion?
[Redacted].
Scottish Affairs Office
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington DC
DC 20008-3600

From: [Redacted] (Sensitive)
Sent: 13 March 2017 17:24
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion
Dear [Redacted]
Thank you for taking time to speak with myself and colleagues last week. It was very useful to get a steer from you in terms of what the Governor would be most keen to speak to our

First Minister about. As promised, we have pulled together some more information for you about Scottish policies.

[Redacted].

I hope this information is useful to you; please let me know if you have any questions. Equally, we are happy to consider any other topics for discussion that the Governor may wish to cover.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

Head of Scottish Affairs Office

British Embassy

3100 Massachusettes Avenue NW

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From: [Redacted]

Date: Saturday, Apr 01, 2017, 2:21 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Governor and First Minister - Proposed Items for Discussion [Redacted]

I just wondered if you were content with the small changes we made to text for the cooperation agreement?

If so I wanted to check if you would be able to have copies available to sign at the meeting?

Or if you wanted us to bring over a copy?

[Redacted]

On March 29, 2017 at 12:23:19 PDT, [Redacted]

wrote:

[Redacted]

Thanks for getting back to me. [Redacted] has already been in touch with you regarding the press question.

We're happy with the changes you have made to the document, subject to a few minor updates in red below (I'm working off my iPhone today, so have had to copy and paste the text rather than send it in a word document).

Can you let me know if you are content with these changes and then [Redacted]

and I can discuss the logistics around signing this on the day when we come over to your offices this week.

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 29 March 2016 09:37

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Save the Date! Subnational CEM

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for sending this on. I've now moved on from my post in the Scottish Government's climate change division. Would you be able to send all future correspondence to [Redacted] (Head of International and Adaptation) please? I've copied [Redacted] in above.

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 28 March 2016 22:55
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Save the Date! Subnational CEM

Greetings,
Please see the attached Save the Date for the Subnational CEM in San Francisco, California, on June 1-2. An official invitation for your principal will follow in early April.

Kind regards,
[Redacted]
Project Coordinator
Subnational Global Climate Leadership MOU (["Under 2 MOU"](#))
California Governor's Office of Planning and Research
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@OPR.CA.GOV]
Sent: 21 July 2015 23:45
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Under 2 MOU communications

Dear [Redacted]
This email is to connect you on the potential of doing some communications/media around the Under 2 MOU. [Redacted] is our partner at [Redacted], and [Redacted] are with the Scottish government and helped secure Scotland's signature to the MOU, and have expressed interest in doing an op-ed with assistance from [Redacted].

Let me know if there's anything I can do to help facilitate.

Many thanks to you all,

[Redacted]
Project Coordinator
Subnational Global Climate Leadership MOU (["Under 2 MOU"](#))
California Governor's Office of Planning and Research
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@OPR.CA.GOV]
Sent: 21 July 2015 23:40
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Outreach materials

Hi,

I just wanted to touch base again on the comms offer from [Redacted]. The gist of the offer is that [Redacted] is willing to provide communications for the MOU, and is particularly interested in doing some op-eds that would profile unique pairings of jurisdictions. We may be looking at early August as a potential first op-ed release. In a minute I'll send an email connecting you with our partner at [Redacted], [Redacted], so you can discuss potential opportunities for press/op-eds.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:32 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Outreach materials

Hi, [Redacted],

So glad you could make the call earlier! Thanks so much for participating and providing your updates—very exciting to hear of the opportunity to reach out to Malawi as well as other governments in the UK. [Redacted]. Additionally, I've been in conversation with [Redacted] at the British Consulate-General in San Francisco and he related that he felt a UK national endorsement would be doable. Let me know if you feel it would be helpful to have a separate strategy call or email exchange to collaborate on UK outreach.

Thanks for this nudge on the outreach materials—I've attached them here, and will follow up with the wider group on the call to provide the materials to all the other MOU signatories as well. Please find attached:

- MOU background/FAQ
- Procedure for joining the MOU, for subnational governments and national governments
- Guidance on creating the appendix

I'll also work with our partners at The Climate Group to provide an up-to-date document that details the relation between the Under 2 MOU and the Compact of States and Regions and get that to you as soon as I can. In general you can also refer folks to our website at under2mou.org.

The statement from Sec. Kerry can be found on our website [here](#).

Regarding the comms offer from [Redacted], [Redacted] and I will be following up on our call earlier today with some meeting minutes, which will include further detail on comms. If after looking those over you have further questions or are interested in pursuing it further, I'd suggest getting in touch with [Redacted] directly [Redacted].

I hope this is helpful; let me know if there's anything else I can do.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

Project Coordinator

Subnational Global Climate Leadership MOU ("[Under 2 MOU](#)")

California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:12 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Outreach materials

Hi [Redacted],

The conference call was very useful, thanks. Just to follow up on a few issues- it would be really useful if any of the outreach materials California has been using can be passed onto us to help us use in any outreach activities we pursue.

Also there was mention of an endorsement by Secretary Kerry- do you have a link to this or be able to pass on the details please? We'd also possibly be interested in the comms activity (oped) with [Redacted]? If you have more details on that, it would be useful.

Thanks

[Redacted] International Climate Change | International Low Carbon Team | Scottish Government 1-D South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2015 20:48
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Scotland Under 2 MOU Annex

Hello [Redacted]

Please find attached our annex for the Under 2 MoU. Apologies it has taken so long to send to you. Do either of you have any final arrangements for the signing ceremony on Wednesday?

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@OPR.CA.GOV]

Sent: 03 November 2016 07:05

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Invitation: Under2 Side Event, 15 November 2016, COP22 Marrakesh

Dear esteemed Under2 Coalition members,

I am delighted to invite you to the UNFCCC COP22 side event: "Under2 MOU: 2050 strategies towards 1.5°C with States, Regions and Cities," co-organized by The Climate Group (the Under2 Secretariat), C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, and Climate Analytics on Tuesday, November 15th at 16:45-18:15 at the Mediterranean ball room.

Please find more details attached in the side event invitation. No registration is required, but Blue Zone accreditation is needed to access the event.

I would also like to remind you about the "Under2 Coalition meeting" on recent developments and priorities for 2017-2018 on Sunday, November 13th at 17:00-18:30 at Hotel Marrakech Le Semiramis.

Please find more details attached in the event invitation. For this meeting, please RSVP to [Redacted]

Thank you so much. We hope that you can attend our Under2 events.

All the best,

[Redacted]

Project Coordinator of the [Under 2 MOU](#)

California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

[Redacted]

References to Under2 Coalition from manuscript notes of Ministers' meetings at COP23 Bonn November 2017:

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, meeting with California Secretary for Environmental Protection, Mr Matt Rodriquez .

MoU on offshore wind.

Mr Rodriquez: for 2018 summit looking at net zero.

Mr Rodriquez: have learned a lot from Brazil in forests Under2 Coalition e.g. satellite monitoring.

[Redacted]