

From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: 06 November 2017 09:17
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI - ECJ - FOI ministers Johnston - [redacted]

Good morning,

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[redacted]

[redacted]

Central Enquiry Unit

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 November 2017 15:39
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI ministers Johnston

Dear Scottish Government,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

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-Any correspondence (emails, notes, letters, phone calls) or minutes of meetings involving Paul Johnston on the topic of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry or Claire Fyvie or Susan O'Brien QC from 1 January 2016 to 10 July 2016.

Please provide the information by email to [REDACTED]

Feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if you require any clarification about this request.

Best,



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From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 November 2017 12:25
To: DG Education, Communities & Justice; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI - ECJ - Correspondence on SCAI from Paul Johnston and Donald Henderson - [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

This is similar request to another one but I think you have already sent us all the documents you hold.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
[redacted] | Area 1D South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ



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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DG Education, Communities & Justice
Sent: 13 November 2017 12:18
To: [redacted]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice
Subject: RE: FOI - ECJ - Correspondence on SCAI from Paul Johnston and Donald Henderson - [redacted]

[redacted],

Apologies for coming to this late, I'm clearing a backlog of emails and wanted to check if you are content that you have the relevant material for Paul Johnston?

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities & Justice
T: [redacted]
E: DGECJ@gov.scot

Scottish Government
1N.11, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG



From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 November 2017 12:00
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]; Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: RE: FoI replies for SpAd Clearance by 29 November FOI/17/02642 - 02648.

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[redacted]

FOI/17/02644 – Kate content with the approach being taken – again to go to DFM for clearance.

[redacted]

Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2017 11:33
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted] Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: RE: FoI replies for SpAd Clearance by 29 November FOI/17/02642 - 02648.

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

For FOI/17/02644 in regards to document 2 we have withheld the same piece of correspondence in another case FoI/17/02549 this was cleared by Kate and by DFM and sent to [redacted]. To be consistent we think we should withhold it again. Please also note that the email trail does contain an email from [redacted] who was still a panel member at that time so Section 37 applies to that part of the email.

Grateful if you could advice is Kate is content with the revised FoI reply above and the approach in relation to 02644?

Many thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2017 10:55
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]; Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: RE: FoI replies for SpAd Clearance by 29 November FOI/17/02642 - 02648.

[redacted]

[redacted]

FOI/17/02644 – document 2 should be released subject to names being redacted. Subject to that change being made Kate is content for the response to go to DFM for ministerial clearance.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 November 2017 13:56
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted] Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: FoI replies for SpAd Clearance by 29 November

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached 7 FoI replies for SpAd clearance.

I'd be grateful for a response by 29 November to ensure we are able to send onto DFM in good time of the deadline.

I only have 1 more FoI reply for SpAd clearance, which I will send on within the next few days.

Many thanks
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 30 November 2017 13:44
To: [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI reply for DFM clearance

[redacted],

Thanks. DFM is content to clear these

[redacted]

[redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 November 2017 12:11
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship; [redacted]
Subject: FoI reply for DFM clearance

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached last lot of FoI replies for DFM to clear.

Please note SpAds have cleared the attached replies.

I'd be grateful for a response by 4 December at the latest (this is the deadline for a response).

17/02643, 17/02645 17/02647 & 17/02648

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston - [redacted] >> << Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI Henderson Johnston - [redacted] >> << Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI lords - [redacted] >>
<< Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI restriction - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702643 1702645 1702647 1702648 - [redacted] (4).docx >>
FoI/17/02644

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI ministers Johnston - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702644 Schedule of Information.docx >> << File: FoI Request - 1702644 - Response.docx >>

FoI/17/02649

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - FOI [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702649 Schedule of Information.doc >> << File: FoI Request - 1702649- Response.docx >>

Many thanks
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 10:34
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Hi [redacted]

I have found these emails but I can't find the one from Paul Johnson's office with the actual attachments. I will keep looking but I think it will have been deleted.

[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team| Children and Families Directorate
Scottish Government | [redacted]
Area 2A South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 10:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Ok, thanks [redacted]— as long as I can assure myself that a search was done then that will be fine. Much obliged, I know this must be a bit of a pain!!
[redacted]

[redacted] |Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Team Leader | Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser | Scottish Government |Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
Tel: [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 10:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Hi [redacted]

I will have a look for the email trails – it may have been in relation to another FoI – let me check.

I don't think you will get anything returned in eRDM – our folders are locked down so only the team can see the files.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team| Children and Families Directorate
Scottish Government | [redacted]
Area 2A South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 09:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Thanks [redacted], that's really helpful.

I looked through the case file and can't find anything that refers to the searches that were done to locate any relevant correspondence from Paul Johnston. I was thinking I would need to double check that we have looked for all correspondence and even do my own search (I think [redacted] did this with her past review). I was sent a search template which can be completed to document this – was anything like this ever filled in?

<< File: FOI - searches template - April 2014.docx >>

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] |Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Team Leader | Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser | Scottish Government |Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 November 2017 17:20
To: Freedom of Information
Subject: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Hi

Please could you review this draft review response before I send it to SPADS.

Thanks

[redacted]

<< File: FOI (draft reply)1.docx >>

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 12:01
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

See attached from Paul Johnston's office. This relates to another FoI, however there's an email trail I forwarded on earlier that confirms nothing else was found on their records – the Fols were of a similar nature. Hope that makes sense. Give me a shout if you want to discuss.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate
Scottish Government | [redacted]
Area 2A South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ



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From: DG Education, Communities & Justice
Sent: 25 January 2018 11:38
To: [redacted]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice
Subject: FW: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [redacted]

[redacted],

As discussed, that attached is what I sent on.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities & Justice
[redacted]
E: DGECJ@gov.scot

Scottish Government
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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DG Education, Communities & Justice
Sent: 19 October 2017 10:49
To: [redacted]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Parkinson M (Mel)
Subject: FW: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [redacted]

[redacted],

As discussed, this is what I had.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities & Justice
[redacted]
E: [redacted]

Scottish Government
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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DG Education, Communities & Justice
Sent: 18 October 2017 17:26
To: [redacted]
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice
Subject: RE: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [redacted]

[redacted],

With thanks for your patience, I've attached what we hold within scope. I have no copies of any specific briefing provided to Paul prior to the meeting, just the Ministerial submissions.

Happy to discuss

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities & Justice
[redacted]
E: [redacted]

Scottish Government
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 08:34
To: [redacted]
Subject: FoI review

Hi [redacted]

I just noticed that [redacted] in DFM's office's details will be redacted under section 38 (personal data). Anyone who is not senior –below DD level need to be redacted. I usually copy and paste the email into the letter of reply so it would look like the attached – you will also need to explain that you have made redactions under section 38 in the reply letter – there's wording you can use on the FoI pages but usually something like:

We have applied an exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) to some of the information enclosed because it is personal data of a third party, ie names of individuals and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 30 May 2016 22:04
To: Johnston P (Paul); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Director for Children and Families; French C (Craig)
Subject: RE: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL - Inquiries Act 2005

Thanks, Paul. I've passed this on to the DFM.

[redacted]

[redacted] | Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Johnston P (Paul)
Sent: 30 May 2016 22:02
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Director for Children and Families; French C (Craig)
Subject: FW: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL - Inquiries Act 2005
Importance: High

[redacted]

The DFM will wish to be aware of this letter that has been received from a panel member over the weekend.

Colleagues are meeting tomorrow morning to discuss the handling of the subsequent meeting with the Inquiry panel, and will ensure that DFM has advice on this asap.

Paul

Paul Johnston | Director General Learning and Justice | Scottish Government | 1N-11, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | Tel: [redacted] | Mobile: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 15:11
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Director for Children and Families
Subject: FOI Review 17/02644

Please find attached FOI Review response for clearance, along with an email chain to be released. This has been cleared by the FOI Unit and DG Education's office.

<< File: FOI Review response 2nd version.docx >> << File: FOI Attachment for release.docx >>

Please note the deadline date for the response to be issued is 14 February 2018.

[redacted]

[redacted] | Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Team Leader | Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser | Scottish Government | Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 February 2018 12:29
To: [redacted]; FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Director for Children and Families
Subject: RE: FOI Review 17/02644

[redacted]

Kate is content for the response to go for ministerial clearance.

[redacted]

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Special Advisers' Office
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 February 2018 15:03
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: [redacted] Director for Children and Families; [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI Review 17/02644 for Ministerial clearance

[redacted]

I'm now on leave so when the Minister clears the attached FOI Review could you please send the response to my colleague [redacted] to issue in my absence? The deadline is Wednesday 14 February.
Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] |Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Team Leader | Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser | Scottish Government |Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 February 2018 13:30
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc:[redacted]; Director for Children and Families
Subject: FOI Review 17/02644 for Ministerial clearance

[redacted]

As discussed earlier please find attached FOI Review response for clearance which has been cleared by Spads. Whilst the deadline is not until next week given recess it would be greatly appreciated if the Minister was able to clear this before she goes off.
Much obliged

<< File: FOI Review response 2nd version.docx >> << File: FOI Attachment for release.docx >>
[redacted]

[redacted] |Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Team Leader | Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser | Scottish Government |Area 2B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

Tel: [redacted]

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From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: 27 October 2017 08:45
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] DG Education, Communities & Justice
Subject: FOI - ECJ - Correspondence on SCAI from Paul Johnston and Donald Henderson - [redacted]

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I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[redacted]

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[redacted] | Deputy Manager | iTECS: Central Enquiry Unit | Digital Directorate | Scottish Government | [redacted]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 October 2017 16:47
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOi Johnston and Henderson

Dear Scottish Government,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

-Any correspondence (meetings, minutes of meetings, emails, letters, phone calls, briefs, notes or otherwise) between Paul Johnston and Scottish Government ministers on the topic of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry between 1 January 2016 and 1 August 2016.

-Any correspondence (meetings, minutes of meetings, emails, letters, phone calls, briefs, notes or otherwise) between Donald Henderson and Scottish Government ministers on the topic of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry between 1 January 2016 and 1 August 2016.

Please provide the information by email to [REDACTED]

Feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if you require any clarification about this request.

Best,
[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 November 2017 13:15
To: [redacted]; FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]; Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: RE: FoI Replies for SpAd approval FOI/17/02531, 02533, 02534, 02535, 02550 & 02549

[redacted]

You and Kate discussed yesterday.

To confirm Kate is content for the response to FOI/17/02531, 02533, 02534, 02535 & 02550 to go to DFM for ministerial clearance.

In relation to the response to FOI/17/02549 Kate suggests that
document 2 should be released
document 3 should be released but redact the line highlighted below

Ms Constance has considered the submission and noted the views below from FM and DFM. She entirely agrees that there are risks here and that the Inquiry needs to be alert to the parameters around the use of public money. However, her preference would be to avoid the risks associated with option 2 and she has therefore agreed option 3 [redacted]

Subject to those changes being made Kate is content for the response to go to DFM for ministerial clearance.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 November 2017 15:12
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted] Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: FoI Replies for SpAd approval

Hi there

Please see attached draft FoI replies for SpAd approval.

As you are aware DFM has indicated he would like to see all FoI replies, considering this and the deadline for these are the 22 November, I would be grateful for a response **by Monday 20 November**.

On the advice from FoI unit, we have merged together replies which have proved nil returns on various searches carried out.

[redacted]

FoI Request - 17/02549

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Correspondence on SCAI from Paul Johnston and [redacted] - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702549 - Response.docx >> << File: FoI1702549 schedule.docx >>

Many thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
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[redacted] | Area 1D South Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 22 November 2017 19:06
To: Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted] Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director); [redacted]; Minister for Parliamentary Business; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIs
Importance: High

Michael,

DFM has cleared all of the below FOIs. [redacted]

As discussed, DFM has requested that these be issued before this evening's deadline

Thanks for your help

[redacted]

Hi [redacted]

As discussed, please see attached FoI Replies to [redacted]. All of these have been cleared by SpAds today. I have highlighted below the ones that are due tomorrow and the ones due on Thursday. There are a couple more replies which I will send on tomorrow once we have SpAd approval.

Can you copy [redacted] into your response I just didn't want to clog their mailboxes by coping them in.

[redacted]

<< Message: FW: FOI - MPO - National quote from John Swinney - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702538 response.docx >> << File: FoI Request - 1702538 - Schedule.docx >> FoI/17/02549 (due Thursday – 23 Nov)

Many thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | **Deputy Head of Sponsorship**
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From: Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF)
Sent: 22 November 2017 18:02
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director)
Subject: RE: FOIs

Hi [redacted] – I think the norm is for comms to send if the requester is a journalist but I think that's just for logistics and awareness reasons, so given the hour I can issue and let them know.

David can let me know if he thinks differently.

Michael

Michael Chalmers

Director for Children and Families
Scottish Government

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 22 November 2017 17:45
To: Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director)
Subject: RE: FOIs

Michael,

Just to double check. If DFM clears these late in the evening i.e. on his car journey home, will there be an official available to issue/clear this

Thanks

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From: Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF)
Sent: 22 November 2017 17:40
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director)
Subject: RE: FOIs

Thanks – yes, mobile is best [REDACTED]

Michael

Michael Chalmers

Director for Children and Families
Scottish Government
[REDACTED]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 22 November 2017 17:37
To: Chalmers MJ (Michael) (DCAF); Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Henderson D (Donald); Rogers DA (David) (Strategy and Constitution Director)
Subject: RE: FOIs

Thanks Michael, we'll let him know. If DFM is looking for any info about these this evening, are you the person I should contact?

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[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2018 14:21
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI Review - Request for Lead

Hi [redacted]

Ministers have various statutory duties under the Inquiries Act 2005 which the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry is established under. This means they need to make informed decisions taking into account the independence of the Inquiry etc.

[redacted]. The advice itself we applied free and frank and in regards to the public interest test, we thought the following:

Taking into account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise that there is a public interest in disclosing information as part of open, transparent and accountable government, and to inform public debate. However, there is a greater public interest in allowing a private space within which officials can provide full and frank advice to Ministers as part of the process of exercising their statutory duties under the Inquiries Act 2005 at which the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry is established under.

This private thinking space is essential to enable all options to be properly considered, based on the best available advice, so that good decisions can be taken. Disclosure is likely to undermine the full and frank discussion of issues between Ministers and officials, which in turn will undermine the quality of the decision making process, which would not be in the public interest.

[redacted]

I hope that makes sense and is useful, I'm working in SAH tomorrow if you want to give me a call to discuss further.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 January 2018 10:49
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FoI Review - Request for Lead

Hi [redacted]

For FOI/17/02549 when looking at the table in relation to the 12 page submission and advice there has been no application of the outcome of public interest test noted in the column? I thought where free and frank provision of advise exemption was used, this needed to be applied?

Can you let me know the thinking here please?

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DCAF Business Management Unit
Sent: 22 January 2018 14:26
To: [redacted]; DCAF Business Management Unit
Cc: [redacted]; Froggatt J (John)
Subject: RE: FoI Review - Request for Lead

Hi [redacted],

[redacted] has transferred this over to you on the FOI tracker.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 January 2018 14:18
To: DCAF Business Management Unit
Cc: [redacted] Froggatt J (John)
Subject: FW: FoI Review - Request for Lead
Importance: High

Hi [redacted] will take this. Please can you forward all the relevant papers directly to her.
Thanks [redacted]

From: redacted **On Behalf Of** DCAF Business Management Unit
Sent: 19 January 2018 11:03
To: Froggatt J (John)
Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit; redacted
Subject: RE: FoI Review - Request for Lead

John,

Yes, I'm afraid so, there are a few reviews from the 100+ SCAI requests from just before Christmas.

[redacted]

From: Froggatt J (John)
Sent: 19 January 2018 10:39
To: DCAF Business Management Unit; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI Review - Request for Lead

[redacted],

Thank you. I don't know how often these are coming to the Directorate, but we [redacted] did one recently. Is it out turn again?

John

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DCAF Business Management Unit
Sent: 19 January 2018 10:36
To: Froggatt J (John); [redacted]
Cc: DCAF Business Management Unit
Subject: FoI Review - Request for Lead

John/[redacted]

To see the attached request for an FoI Review. Can you confirm who in your Division might be able to take this on.

The deadline is 14th Feb.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Business Manager | Directorate for Children & Families | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay |
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 January 2018 09:20
To: DCAF Business Management Unit
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Various Freedom of Information replies

Hi there

Grateful if you could register this as a review and allocate as appropriate. I have attached the relevant case file for ease of reference.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate
Scottish Government | [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 January 2018 11:13
To: Scottish Government SCAI Sponsorship
Subject: Re: Various Freedom of Information replies

I'd like to request a review into FOI 1702549. I would like the review to establish if the 12 page submission including annexes can be released.

On Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 8:24 PM, <ScottishGovernmentSCAISponsorship@gov.scot> wrote:
Dear [redacted]

Please see attached replies to various Freedom of Information requests.

Kind regards
[redacted]
SCAI Sponsorship Team

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 17:54
To: Freedom of Information
Subject: Request to review response FOI 17/20549 due 14 Feb

Hi

This review needs to go to SpADS and DfM office. I have now carried out the review and found that:

- The additional item requested could be included and has been redacted
- The original request was carried out appropriately

I attach the draft response and the redacted paper. I am not sure how that gets issued? Does it go in as an attachment or alongside the response as separate document (PDF'd?). I have also attached the previous response (and table of documents that I have updated to separate out the submission).

Since recess is next week, I need a fairly urgent response to get it through SPADS and DfM office before then.

Thanks

[redacted]

<< File: FOI 17 02549 (draft reply).docx >> << File: 003. FoI1702549 schedule amended with PI Test outcome.docx >> << File: FOI 17 02549 HCAI Submission Determination Feb 2016_dh REDACTED copy.docx >>

<< File: 007. FoI Request - 1702549 - Final Reply.pdf >>

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 08 February 2018 16:17
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FOI for review - due 14th Feb 2018

Please see FOI 17/02549 request for review for SpAD clearance. This still needs to go to DfM prior to final issue.

It has been cleared by FOI Unit.

<< File: FOI 17 02549 (draft reply) (7) 8.2.18 (i).docx >> << File: HCAI Submission Determination Feb 2016_dh (2) (2) (1).docx >>

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: 26 October 2017 08:46
To: First Minister
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOI Sturgeon inquiry

[redacted]

Can you confirm that you can take this forward. I have lost my voice so can't talk :~))

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[redacted]

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[redacted] | Deputy Manager | iTECS: Central Enquiry Unit | Digital Directorate | Scottish Government |
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 October 2017 16:54
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI Sturgeon inquiry

Dear Scottish Government,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

-Any meetings attended by Nicola Sturgeon that mentioned the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry from 1 January 2016 to 11 July 2016. Information should include minutes, a list of attendees and any correspondence including emails, letters, phone calls, briefs or notes surrounding the meeting.

Please provide the information by email to [redacted]

Feel free to call me on [redacted] if you require any clarification about this request.

Best,



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From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: 11 October 2017 16:33
To: DG Education, Communities & Justice
Subject: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [REDACTED]

Good afternoon

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[redacted]

Central Enquiry Unit

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 October 2017 15:19
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI Johnston meeting

Dear Scottish Government,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

-Detailed minutes of the meeting between Paul Johnston and Susan O'Brien QC on 16 May 2016.

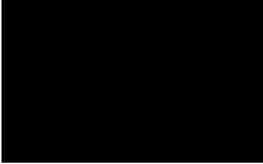
-Also, any briefings provided to Paul Johnston prior to this meeting.

-Also, any notes or correspondence (emails, phone calls, letters or otherwise) between any Scottish minister and Paul Johnston regarding this meeting, either prior to 16 May 2016 or afterwards.

Please provide the information by email to [REDACTED]

Feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if you require any clarification about this request.

Best,



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From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2017 15:36
To: [redacted]; FoI SpAds PO; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI Replies for clearance - [redacted] FOI/17/02327 & 02352

[redacted]

Kate is content for both responses to go to DFM for clearance.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 October 2017 14:11
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FoI Replies for clearance - [redacted]

Dear Special Advisers

Further to [redacted] emails of 16th and 18th October please find attached a further two draft FoI replies to requests from [redacted]. These are due for response by 8th November and DFM has asked to see a number of responses before they are issued. Please note we still have more requests which we are working through (we have received 23 in total relating to the Inquiry) which we will endeavour to get to you as soon as possible.

[redacted]

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - FOI Johnston meeting - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702327-[redacted].docx >> << File: FoI17_02327 Schedule.doc >>

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - secondment to inquiry - Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry >> << File: FoI Request - 1702352-[redacted].docx >>

To note that we have not provided the details of department Julie-Anne and Andrea are seconded from or authorisation this is related to their employment contract therefore considered personal data.

Best wishes

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 03 November 2017 11:05

To: [redacted] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: [redacted] Henderson D (Donald)

Subject: RE: FoI Request for DFM awareness

[redacted],

Many thanks for this. DFM Is content to issue.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Deputy PS/ Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 November 2017 14:34
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted] Henderson D (Donald)
Subject: FoI Request for DFM awareness

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached FoI reply for DFM's awareness.

FoI/17/02327

Please note we have 5 more FoI's which are sitting with SpAds with a deadlines of 8 and 9 November (next week). As soon as we have SpAd clearance, we will send on.

We also have a further 19 FoI requests which we are working on just now. We will ensure that DFM has sight of these in good of the deadline where possible.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
[redacted] | Area 1D South Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 October 2017 10:09
To: [redacted]
Cc: Henderson D (Donald)
Subject: FW: FOI - ECJ - Susan O'Brien QC - [redacted]

We may have covered this one from previous Fols.
[redacted]

[redacted] | Care and Protection Division
[redacted] | Area 2A North Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

From: Central Enquiry Unit
Sent: 03 October 2017 09:58
To: [redacted]
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; First Minister; [redacted]
Subject: FOI - ECJ - Susan O'Brien QC - [redacted]

Good morning,

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[redacted]
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[redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 October 2017 16:59

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI Susan O'Brien QC

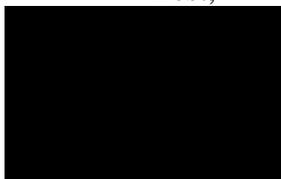
- Dear Scottish Government,
- I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. If the information requested can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

Details of any internal meetings or correspondence (emails, handwritten and typed notes, phone calls, etc) between Scottish Government ministers or special advisers discussing the position of Susan O'Brien QC in the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry between 1 June 2015 and 5 July 2016. In particular, any meetings, emails, notes and phone calls involving John Swinney or Angela Constance where Susan O'Brien QC was discussed.

Should you believe you may be unable to fulfil this request for any reason, please notify me immediately.

- Please also confirm by email this request has been received. Feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if you require any clarification about this request.

- Best,



From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2017 16:14
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI Replies for clearance FOI/17/ 02242,

[redacted]

Kate is now content for FOI/17/02242 to go to DFM for clearance.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2017 16:01
To: FoI SpAds PO; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI Replies for clearance FOI/17/02225, 02239, 02240, 02241, 02242, 02346, 02349, 02353, 02354, & 02357

<< File: FoI17 02242 Schedule.doc >>

[redacted]

For 17/02242 Kate wanted to see the attached schedule. She was content with the response it was just we had omitted to send the schedule. I sent it to her earlier, after we spoke. If she is content can you let me know as this is one that DFM wants to see and have a response date of 31st October.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | **Head of Sponsorship**
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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** FoI SpAds PO

Sent: 26 October 2017 15:58

To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO; [redacted]

Subject: RE: FoI Replies for clearance FOI/17/02225, 02239, 02240, 02241, 02242, 02346, 02349, 02353, 02354, & 02357

[redacted]

[redacted]

You are providing a revised response for FOI/17/02242 later this afternoon.

[redacted]

Apart from the above Kate is content for the other 7 responses to go to DFM for clearance.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 October 2017 14:55
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FoI Replies for clearance

Hi there

Please see attached 10 FoI replies for SpAd clearance.

DFM has asked to see some of the replies, therefore so he has time to consider, grateful for a reply by 23 October, if possible.

Please also note, I have a further 11 FoI requests from [redacted] which I am considering just now, these requests are due at the start of November, but I will be looking for clearance for these in the next week or so.

Happy to discuss

Many thanks
[redacted]

FoI/17/02225

<< Message: FW: FOI - MPO - Nicola Sturgeon Abuse Inquiry - [redacted] >> << File: 7. Response - draft#2.docx >>

FoI/17/02239

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702239-[redacted].docx >>
FoI/17/02240

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - 3x1 Public Relations group - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702240 [redacted].docx >>
FoI/17/02241

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Nazareth/Daughters - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702241 [redacted].docx >>
FoI/17/02242

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Susan O'Brien QC - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702242-[redacted].docx >>

FoI/17/02346

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - Swinney O'Brien - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702346-[redacted].docx >> << File: Schedule of Information 1702346.docx >>

FoI/17/02349

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - Lady Smith - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702349 - Mr [redacted] x >>

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<< Message: FOI - ECJ - deputy solicitor - Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry >> << File: FoI Request - 1702253 - [redacted] docx >>

FoI/17/02354

<< Message: FOI - ECJ - Julie Anne Jamieson and any Scottish Government minister - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702354- [redacted] >>

FoI/17/02357

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - - FOI Lamb and Houston meeting - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702357 - [redacted].docx >> << File: FoI Request - 1702357 - Schedule of Information.docx >>

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 30 October 2017 10:06

To: [redacted] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: [redacted]; Henderson D (Donald); [redacted]

Subject: RE: FoI Requests for DFM awareness reply by 31 Oct

[redacted],

Thanks for this. DFM is content for these to be released.

He would like to clear all of the FOIs in the spreadsheet

[redacted]

[redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 October 2017 09:41
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted] Henderson D (Donald); [redacted]
Subject: FW: FoI Requests for DFM awareness reply by 31 Oct

Hi [redacted]

Further to my email below, we have now had SpAd clearance for FoI/17/02240 and FoI/17/02242. Grateful if you could please put this to DFM for awareness. I'd be extremely grateful for a quick response to this as the FoI is due on Tuesday.

[redacted]

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Susan O'Brien QC - [redacted] >> << File: FoI Request - 1702242-[redacted] >> << File: FoI17_02242 Schedule.doc >>

I have also attached the updated spreadsheet of FoI requests we have received so far, I have outlined in the status box any FoI's which have already been cleared by SpAds but grateful if you can advise if DFM wishes to see any of the replies before issue.

<< File: SCAI - FOI - Requests Table - 27 October.xlsx >>

We seem to be receiving batches of FoI requests every couple of days so I will keep you updated on any further requests.

Many thanks
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 October 2017 13:24
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted] Henderson D (Donald) (Donald.Henderson@gov.scot); FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FoI Requests for DFM awareness reply by 31 Oct

Hi [redacted]

As per your email below, please find attached FoI 17/02240 and FoI 17/02242. Please note that these FoI replies are still with SpAds for clearance, we have sent SpAds a number of FoI's for clearance within the past 10 days and I'm hoping to catch Kate today, however as the FoI deadline for these 2 requests is Tuesday 31 October, I thought I would send these on for DFM to note with the notion this is subject to SpAd approval.

Please be aware we have received a further 19 FoI Requests from [redacted] I have now attached a spreadsheet containing all the requests, grateful if you could advise me if DFM would like to see any of these FoI replies before issuing. Please note the FoI's highlighted in yellow within the spreadsheet are the requests we are working on/considering just now.

Grateful for a reply in regards to the below FoI's by Tuesday 31 October (this is the FoI deadline).

Many thanks

[redacted] | Deputy Head of Sponsorship
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
[redacted] | Area 1D South Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 12 October 2017 10:47
To: [redacted]
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Higgins K (Kate)
Subject: FOI query

Hi [redacted],

DFM has requested that he sees FOI 02240 and 02242 before they issue. Could you please ensure these are finalised and cleared by SpAds in good time for him to consider these?

Thanks for your help

[redacted]

[redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG |[redacted]

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From: Froggatt J (John)
Sent: 08 November 2017 16:51
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOISA response - Deadline 28 November ;IMMEDIATE
Importance: High

All,

Grateful if you could think about this, please. My view is that [redacted] might be well placed to do this; but you might have a different view. I need a rapid response, please, given the delay in getting this to us. Thank you.

John

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DCAF Business Management Unit
Sent: 08 November 2017 10:37
To: Froggatt J (John)
Cc: [redacted]; DCAF Business Management Unit
Subject: FOISA response - Deadline 28 November

Hi John

As per our new rota for FOI reviews could you confirm in your division who can take this on. The deadline for this review is the 28th November.

Apologies this came in on the 31st.

Regards [redacted]

[redacted]
Assistant Business Manager
Directorate for Children and Families
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 October 2017 14:51
To: DCAF Business Management Unit
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOISA response

Hi there

See below review for Fol 17/02242 which was issued today. I attached the eRDM folder for ease of reference.

Many thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | **Deputy Head of Sponsorship**
SCAI Sponsorship Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 October 2017 12:36
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: FOISA response

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager | Communications | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 October 2017 12:36
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FOISA response

Thanks [redacted]

I'd like to request a review into this FOI specifically - 17/02242.

I'd like the review to establish whether there really is no correspondence or details of meetings of any kind that can be disclosed. I appreciate some articles may be subject to the free and frank exchange of views exemption but to say every single piece of correspondence/meetings applies to that seems highly implausible.

I also believe the public interest test should apply in this circumstance. This information relates to possible government interference within an independent inquiry. That information is unquestionably of great public interest and should be paramount in considering this FOI release.

Thanks very much,
[redacted]

On Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 12:12 PM, [redacted] wrote:
Hi [redacted]

Please find attached responses to five of your FOI requests.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager | Communications | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
www.gov.scot



Sent: 17 November 2017 17:20
To: 'foi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk'
Subject: FOI 17/02242 - for clearance prior to SPADS (due date 28 Nov)

Hi

Please could you review this draft review response before I send it to SPADS.

Thanks

[redacted]

<< File: FOI (draft reply)1.docx >>

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 November 2017 10:48
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI Review 2017/02242 for consideration by 24th Nov

Hi [redacted]

Please find attached the original request, the schedule of information found, the original response and the subsequent request for review.

In my review I found no new papers and had discussions with the team on their application of the public interest test at that time.

<< Message: FW: FOI - ECJ - Susan O'Brien QC - [REDACTED] >>
<< File: 003. Schedule of Information Found.doc >>

<< Message: FOISA response >>

<< Message: FW: FOISA response - Deadline 28 November ;IMMEDIATE >>

[redacted]

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** FoI SpAds PO

Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
www.gov.scot



Sent: 21 November 2017 10:44
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI Review 2017/02242 for consideration by 24th Nov

Hi [redacted],

I am helping MPO with FoI's, please can you send a copy of the original FoI plus any papers.

Thanks
[redacted]

Ministerial Private Office :People and Improvement Unit
[redacted]
[redacted]
St Andrews House
Regent Road
Edinburgh
EH1 3DG

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 November 2017 15:32
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Review 2017/02242 for consideration by 24th Nov

To see attached response for review of FOI 2017/02242 for consideration. I understand this needs to go to DfM post Spad clearance, and final response is due 28th Nov.

If you could consider by 24th Nov at latest please.

<< File: FOI (draft reply)1 for SPADS.docx >>

[redacted]

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 November 2017 12:10
To: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI Review 2017/02242 for consideration by 24th Nov

[redacted]

Kate is content for the review response to go to DFM for ministerial clearance.

[redacted]

Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office
[reacted]

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From: [reacted]
Sent: 20 November 2017 15:32
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [reacted]
Subject: FOI Review 2017/02242 for consideration by 24th Nov

To see attached response for review of FOI 2017/02242 for consideration. I understand this needs to go to DfM post Spad clearance, and final response is due 28th Nov.

If you could consider by 24th Nov at latest please.

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[redacted]

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 27 November 2017 10:03
To: [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI request for clearance due by 27th November 2017

[redacted],

DFM is content to issue.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted] | E: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 November 2017 17:23
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI request for clearance due by 27th November 2017

Please see attached FOI 17/002242 response to a review request which has been through SPADS for clearance.

The previous response was upheld without modification.

<< File: 018. FOI 17 02242 - Review response for DFM clearance.docx >>

An early response would be appreciated.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Team Leader, Supporting Maternal and Child Wellbeing
Improving Health and Wellbeing

[redacted]