

From: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 26 March 2018 12:59
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] Communications DFM & Education; Minister for Further
Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Re: Interview bid - Brussels

OK, thanks for letting me know (and for looking into the details).

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 12:46
To: [Redacted]; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [Redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] Communications DFM & Education
Subject: RE: Interview bid - Brussels

Hi [Redacted]

Unfortunately Georg has a number of interviews lined up in the Parliament this afternoon and won't be able to make it along to Scotland House.

He has withdrawn the bid but I've let him know to get back in touch if his plans change.

Thanks,

[Redacted] | Communications DFM, Education and Justice | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, [Redacted]
Edinburgh EH1 3DG [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] (EU Office)
Sent: 26 March 2018 11:08
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
[Redacted] Communications DFM & Education
Subject: RE: Interview bid - Brussels

Could you also suggest he comes to Scotland House rather than the Parliament.

Thanks.

From: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 26 March 2018 12:05

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [redacted]
[redacted]; Communications DFM & Education; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Re: Interview bid - Brussels

[redacted]
Just spoke to [redacted] who has provided some background. Ms Somerville is content to undertake the bid.

If possible, if you could contact the journalist to find out his line of questioning then that would be helpful.

On timings, we are looking at 2.30 (Brussels time).

Thanks

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

From: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 11:55
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Science
Subject: Re: Interview bid - Brussels

Ms Somerville would be interested to learn if colleagues are aware of this journalist? Do we know exactly what he wishes to ask about?

Once we know this the Minister can take a view.

Thanks,

[redacted]
Private Secretary to Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 11:04
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [redacted] (EU Office); [redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [redacted]
[redacted]; [redacted] Communications DFM & Education
Subject: Interview bid - Brussels

Hi [redacted]

We have been approached by a freelance journalist working in Brussels, [redacted] who would like to interview the Minister for radio.

Comms would recommend accepting the bid if the Minister has time.

Can you let me know if the Minister is available to accept and I will let the journalist know?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 09:19
To: [REDACTED] (EU Office); [REDACTED]
Subject: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

Hi [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Europe journalist
[REDACTED]
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Background

In Brussels the Minister will highlight the Scottish Government's recent response to the EU's FP9 consultation. The Minister will speak at a reception which will include an audience of academics, representatives from Member States governments, Commission representatives, Members of the European Parliament and NGOs with a research and innovation interest.

The Minister will be accompanied by the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, Professor Sheila Rowan, the Principal of Glasgow University, Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli and the Principal of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Peter Mathieson.

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Sent: 26 March 2018 17:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Scottish Ministerial Visit - Monday 26th March

Hi [REDACTED]

I sent your invitation onto our Brexit Editor, [REDACTED] who will hopefully get back to you.

Good luck with your event!

Best,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 4:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Scottish Ministerial Visit - Monday 26th March

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, if you were able to consider whether there was an opportunity for a discussion as outlined below, then it would be much appreciated.

Our Minister is presenting at an event we are hosting tonight but I think there should be some availability before/after.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Policy Adviser | Fair Work, Employment and Social Affairs, Internal Market, Better Regulation, Entrepreneurship and SMEs | Scottish Government EU Office | Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

Telephone: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 17:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Scottish Ministerial Visit - Monday 26th March

Hello [REDACTED]

By way of introduction, I work in the Scottish Government office in Brussels. We are hosting Shirley Anne Somerville, Scottish Government Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science to present at an evening event and a smaller lunchtime gathering, focussing on framework participation, particularly Research and Innovation and priorities for FP9, as well as the future for Scotland in Europe, on Monday the 26th March.

This is getting quite a bit of media attention - the BBC will be interviewing Ms Somerville tomorrow with a view to broadcasting next week, focussing on research funding for universities post Brexit, concerns about Horizon 2020 and the university importance placed on this funding stream. A news release is also planned as well as other media activity. I wonder if you (or the relevant Politico person) would be interested in meeting with Ms Somerville during the day on Monday (e.g. 2pm) to discuss.

I have copied in my colleague in Scottish Government Communications. I would be grateful if you would consider and confirm whether this would be a possibility.

Happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Policy Adviser | Innovation and Investment | Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:57
To: [REDACTED] (EU Office); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: RE: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

I'll put up to Private Office.

[REDACTED] Senior Media Manager | Communications DFM, Education and Justice | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 09:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

[REDACTED]

Any way we can make this happen? If we are not going to the EP we can always ask [REDACTED] to come to Scotland House.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:19
To: [REDACTED] (EU Office); [REDACTED]
Subject: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

[REDACTED]

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Europe journalist
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 23 March 2018 16:38
To: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: News release to clear - EU research funding - Ms Somerville visit to Brussels

[REDACTED]

Ms Somerville is content to clear, as drafted.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Private Secretary [REDACTED]
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 15:33
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education;
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: News release to clear - EU research funding - Ms Somerville visit to Brussels

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed with the Minister yesterday please find attached a news release for clearance to issue under embargo for this Sunday, trailing Ms Somerville's visit to Brussels.

This has been reviewed by policy leads and SpAds.

<< File: News release_certainty urged on EU research relationships_25 March.docx >>

Also for clearance is a draft quote to include in a news release from the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh which they plan to issue on Monday. I'd be grateful if the Minister could confirm she is happy for this to issue also.

Monday 26th March 2018

PRINCIPALS COMMIT TO NEW STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN SCOTLAND'S TOP UNIVERSITIES

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Professor Mathieson said: X

Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Shirley-Anne Somerville, said:

“The continuing uncertainty around many aspects of the UK’s future relationship with Europe is an issue of considerable, and increasing, concern for Scottish universities.

“That is why I welcome the step that the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh have taken to bolster their influence on the international stage and strengthen the voice of Scotland’s higher education sector.

“Scottish universities are renowned for their excellence in research and innovation. I am in Brussels to reiterate the importance that Scotland places on its research and innovation partnerships across the EU and reflect on the contribution that EU nationals make to our research and innovation community.

“It is essential that these relationships are protected after Brexit.”

ENDS

Thanks,

[Redacted] Scottish Government | St Andrew’s House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [Redacted]

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Communications, DEM & Education [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject: RE: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Hi [redacted]
To see attached news release as discussed to trail Ms Somerville's visit to Brussels on Monday. The plan is to put out under embargo for Sunday.

Grateful for views.

<< File: News release_certainty urged on EU research relationships_25 March.docx >>
Thanks,

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2018 12:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Communications, DEM & Education [redacted]
Subject: RE: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Hi [redacted]
Thanks for sight of this, it's a good substantial release, no further comment from me.
Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2018 11:54
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Thanks [redacted] Will send this version to SpAds at 12.30pm if no further comments.
[redacted] Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 March 2018 10:23

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: News release - [REDACTED] Brussels visit - EU research funding

[REDACTED] Thanks just one minor suggested change to reflect we want people to stay as well as others to come.

<< File: News release_certainty urged on research collaboration_25 March_PvdG (3).docx >>

Thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The Scottish Government
Higher Education and Science Division

Telephone: [REDACTED] www.gov.scot@pvandeg

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 March 2018 10:18

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Thanks [REDACTED] I've accepted those changes and edited the Minister's quote slightly to bring the word count down.

Attaching a revised version which now includes Prof Anton Muscatelli's quote. Grateful for any further comments.

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Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 March 2018 08:59

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find my suggested changes highlighted in the attached.

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Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Higher Education and Science Division

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 18:36
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: News release - Ms Somerville - Brussels visit - EU research funding

Hi all,

To see attached a first draft of a news release we intend to issue under embargo for this Sunday ahead of Ms Somerville's visit to Brussels. Grateful for views – will need contributions by lunchtime tomorrow if possible please.

<< File: News release_certainty urged on research collaboration_25 March.docx >>

I've also spoken to Glasgow Uni comms who have said they'd be happy to provide a quote from Anton Muscatelli for the release.

They plan to issue the below news release on Monday and have asked for a comment from the Minister. I'll work something up and send round so just for info at this stage.

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[Redacted]

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Professor Mathieson said:

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SG:

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ENDS

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Edinburgh EH1 3DG

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2018 14:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mondays Event - Media Coverage

Hi,

I thought it was good, I was also really pleased to attend the earlier meetings. For the reception there were a good turn out and I got to meet some really good contacts – which I cannot do from my desk. I think we all agreed that it was a pity that the Q&A was highjacked and also I would have liked to have heard from the panel discussion, but alas time had crept on.

It sounded like you had fun post reception, I had been tempted to head out as well but that was about an hour earlier, I think that the fact that I had not had a drink or eaten made me want to stay local!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2018 12:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mondays Event - Media Coverage

Many thanks [REDACTED] it was good to see you. What did you think of the event / day?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2018 12:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Mondays Event - Media Coverage

Hi [REDACTED]

I thought I would share with you some of the media coverage of the ministers and the principles visit and the Evening Reception.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-5545239/Scottish-universities-team-offset-Brexit-harm.html>

https://www.gla.ac.uk/news/headline_576378_en.html
<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-edinburgh-universities-unite-take-14461765>
<https://www.holyrood.com/articles/news/glasgow-and-edinburgh-universities-unite-over-post-brexite-research-fears>
<https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2018/03/26/scottish-universities-to-team-up-to-offset-brexite-harm/>
https://www.myscience.org.uk/wire/principals_join_forces_to_ensure_research_voice_is_heard_post_brexite-2018-glasgow

Regards

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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Rìghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Rìghaltas na h-Alba.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 15:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Thanks all.

[REDACTED] | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 13:20
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi [REDACTED]

I think more for [REDACTED] I, but content for our purposes.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 13:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi [REDACTED]

Only suggestion I would have is to change end of first sentence into "...concern for Scottish universities and their staff."

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 13:15
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi all,

Sorry not entirely sure where this sits policy-wise [REDACTED] suggested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but to see below a news release the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh intend to issue on Monday to coincide with the Minister's visit to Brussels.

I've drafted a suggested quote for inclusion in the release – grateful for views.

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"It is essential that these relationships are protected after Brexit."

Thanks,

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to say, this is the draft we're working from at the moment – let me know what you think when you get a chance.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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PRINCIPALS COMMIT TO NEW STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN SCOTLAND'S TOP UNIVERSITIES

The Principals of the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh have today announced their intention for a new strategic alliance between the two leading institutions – committing to working together to ensure Scotland can

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch. We've been doing a bit of thinking around comms for the Minister's visit too and I'm sure we'd definitely be keen for a joint approach.

Can you leave it with me and I'll be back in touch tomorrow to chat through?

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 17:17
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Brussels trip - UofG press release

Hi both,

Hope you don't mind me getting in touch ahead of the Minister's event in Brussels on Monday with [REDACTED]. Sorry if neither of you are dealing with this visit!

[REDACTED] are keen that they use the event to issue a press release on their joint commitment to working together in the interests of Scotland's HE sector. We're putting together a joint press release at the moment and thought it might be something the Minister would like to be quoted on?

If I ping you over a draft, would you be able to take a quick look and see about potentially getting a quote from the Minister?

Thanks in advance

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speak with the strongest voice on the European stage and benefit fully from international collaborations in the aftermath of Brexit.

Ahead of a major Scotland Europa event in Brussels this evening attended by Shirley-Anne Somerville, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli and Professor Peter Mathieson set out their determination to work together to mitigate the potential impact of Brexit on the Scottish Higher Education sector – and to collaborate on highlighting the immense potential at Scotland’s major universities.

At tonight’s event in Scotland House, Sir Anton and Professor Mathieson will discuss the impact of EU Research and Innovation collaborations in Scotland – as well as highlighting some specific collaborative success stories in Scotland, including research into Gravitational Waves and the prevention of Alzheimer’s disease.

Commenting, Sir Anton said:

“The universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh are rightly recognised the world over for the quality of their teaching and research – and in the aftermath of the UK’s decision to leave the EU, it will be more important than ever for both institutions to work together to strengthen Scotland’s voice on the international stage.

“Scotland is blessed with outstanding academic institutions and stands on the verge of making significant strides on a range of important research areas. On subjects like precision medicine and quantum technology, Scotland has the genuine potential to lead the world – growing our economy, creating jobs and making a real difference to society.

“But it is vital that, where appropriate, we can commit to sharing the resources and pooling our efforts to ensure we are still able to benefit from European collaborations in the years to come – and that some of the world-leading collaborative work undertaken at our universities is not put at risk by Brexit.

“Having our two major urban universities working in close partnership will be vital to securing Scotland’s success in a challenging environment in the years to come – and I look forward to working with Professor Mathieson and his colleagues to boost our collective voice and ensure the best outcomes for our universities and for Scotland.”

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 17:29

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Bid for BBC - Brexit - research funding in universities

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 12:18
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; [REDACTED]
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Lord Advocate; [REDACTED]

Neilson M (Mike): [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Bid for BBC - Brexit - research funding in universities

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Newsdesk
Scottish Government

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 21 March 2018 16:06

To: [redacted]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Lord Advocate; [redacted]
Special Adviser; [redacted]

[redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [redacted]

Subject: RE: Bid for BBC - Brexit - research funding in universities

As discussed, [redacted] is content to undertake the bid tomorrow at 2pm in the Garden Lobby.

Thanks for sending the additional information below. Grateful for the additional briefing by 11am tomorrow, earlier if possible.

Thanks,
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From: [redacted]

Sent: 21 March 2018 15:53

To: [redacted] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

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Communications CTEA; [redacted]

[redacted] Neilson M (Mike); [redacted]

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[REDACTED] News Desk; Communications DFM & Education; Communications CTEA; [REDACTED]

Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]

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Advice is to accept if the Minister's diary permits.

I'm on the below number if easier to discuss on the phone.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 15:52
To: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Lord Advocate; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Nelson M (Mike),
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Bid for BBC - Brexit - research funding in universities

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Subject to the Minister's views on the interview bid, we would be happy to provide general briefing on Brexit and university research.

Hope helpful meantime.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 11:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels visit comms - EU research collaboration

Hi [REDACTED]

Happy to work that in to the body of the release and/or the Minister's quote.
And thanks for providing that info – I'll circulate a draft later today for review.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Edinburgh EH1 3DG [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 08:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Brussels visit comms - EU research collaboration

[REDACTED]

Cab Sec for Health and Sport this week stated in parliament that "EU citizens are vital to the health service. Scotland is their home and we want them to stay."

Could we possibly have a similar line from Ms Somerville around EU citizens and their role in research and innovation in Scotland?

e.g. "EU nationals have been playing an important role in ensuring Scotland's excellence in research and innovation. We want those that regard Scotland as their home to stay, whilst continuing to welcome others to join our world-leading universities."

Also, on the first suggested line below, I think what we're looking for from UK Gov is certainty rather than clarity.

And the third line uses old figures for H2020, not the updated lines which were included in the Ministerial briefing and the final reformatted version of the FP9 document.

- Scottish organisations have secured over €468 million to date through Horizon 2020 (to Jan 2018)

Thanks

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Telephone [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 16:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Brussels visit comms - EU research collaboration

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 16:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Brussels visit comms - EU research collaboration

Hi [REDACTED]

In terms of handling for the Minister's visit to Brussels on Monday, here's what we are thinking:

Sunday news release:

- Calling on the UK Government to provide urgent clarity on the UK and Scotland's continued engagement in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.
- Highlight the importance of continuing EU research collaboration post-Brexit.
- Scottish organisations having secured over €440.5 million to date through Horizon 2020.
- Lack of clarity is already damaging Scotland's reputation and attractiveness as a host to new EU research projects.
- Scottish universities need clarity now to protect our world-class reputation for research.

(Or words to that effect!)

And offer up a sit down with Politico while the Minister is in Brussels to talk about post-Brexit research collaboration.

The Minister also has an interview tomorrow to be broadcast next week on Reporting Scotland on the same topic.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

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Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

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Sent: 22 March 2018 14:01
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Subject: RE: Bid for BBC - Brexit - research funding in universities

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:57
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: RE: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

I'll put up to Private Office.

[REDACTED] Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 09:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

[REDACTED]

Any way we can make this happen? If we are not going to the EP we can always ask [REDACTED] come to Scotland House.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Shirley-Anne Somerville in Brussels

Hi [REDACTED]

Is she coming to the European Parliament at some point? If so I'd be keen to get a radio interview with her...

Let me know if this is possible

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Certainty urged on EU research relationships

Minister visits Brussels to promote Scottish science and innovation.

Certainty is urgently required on the UK's future participation in EU research programmes after Brexit, Higher Education and Science Minister Shirley-Anne Somerville has said.

Speaking ahead of a visit to Brussels on Monday, Ms Somerville called on the UK Government to make an early signed deal with the EU on science and innovation a

priority.

It comes as figures show Scottish organisations have secured over €468 million to date through the current EU research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020.

The programme has facilitated a significant number of international research and innovation collaborations with Scotland since its start in 2014, including the EPAD project which is working to understand and prevent Alzheimer's disease.

The minister said that the continuing lack of certainty surrounding Scotland's future involvement in the current Horizon 2020 programme and its replacement, FP9, is already hampering Scottish universities' ability to attract research investment and staff.

Ms Somerville said:

"Scottish universities are renowned for their excellence in research and innovation, outperforming the rest of the UK in areas such as agriculture, chemistry and biological sciences.

"In addition EU nationals make a significant contribution to our research and innovation community and it is vital that we can continue to host the brightest and the best from Europe at our world-leading universities.

"Our institutions and their staff need the clarity now to protect Scotland's world-class reputation for research and innovation. We place great value on our partnerships across the EU and want to see these continue.

"It is essential that the UK Government prioritises science and innovation in the on-going negotiations with the EU and I urge them to provide more detail of how they intend the UK to collaborate in future EU research programmes."

Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli, Principal of the University of Glasgow, said:

"Our overriding priority has to be securing the closest possible relationship with our European partners post-Brexit – ensuring access to European funding to continue the world-leading research undertaken at our universities.

"But just as important as funding is people, and it is absolutely vital for the future success of Scotland's higher education sector that our access to key European networks is not hindered in the years to come.

"The ability of researchers at Scottish universities to work closely with colleagues in their fields from across Europe will be vital in ensuring Scotland maintains our position as a world-leader on key research areas – delivering economic growth, creating jobs and contributing to social progress.

"Our higher education sector and our research in particular is a clear success story for Scotland – and it is essential that this is prioritised in the Brexit negotiations."

Background

In Brussels the Minister will highlight the Scottish Government's recent response to the EU's FP9 consultation. The Minister will speak at a reception which will include an audience of academics, representatives from Member States governments, Commission

representatives, Members of the European Parliament and NGOs with a research and innovation interest.

The Minister will be accompanied by the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, Professor Sheila Rowan, the Principal of Glasgow University, Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli and the Principal of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Peter Mathieson.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 March 2018 17:48
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

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Yeah happy with that.

[redacted] going to give me a contact so I can speak to them and see if they would be interested in a sit down.

[redacted] Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [redacted] @scotland.gsi.gov.uk

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 March 2018 16:43
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

Hi [redacted] just picking up on the message below – do you think Politico would be a go-er? I could find time in the schedule if need be.

Thanks

[redacted] Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 March 2018 18:27
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

Might be worth her talking to politico or euractiv while out here

[redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 09 Mar 2018, 6:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

Thanks. I've passed this onto the Education comms team so they can consider activity around the visit.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2018 08:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

this looks a v good hook for building some research messaging around.

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Scottish Government
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh

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From: [REDACTED] on Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 08 March 2018 19:36
To: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; First Minister; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution; Minister for Parliamentary Business; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Permanent Secretary; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox; DG Constitution and External Affairs; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial visit to Brussels - Ms Somerville - 26 March 2018

<< File: Overseas Travel Approval.doc >>

PS/ Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs,

Please find attached request form in relation to Ms Somerville's proposed visit to Brussels on Monday 26 March.

Grateful if you could confirm approval.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2018 08:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comms Activity - Ministerial visit 26 March

[REDACTED]

See below for info on Comms around Ms Somerville's visit. I will keep you updated as I am waiting for information on what the Comms activity will be.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2018 19:13
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: News release to clear - Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students - due by Sunday

Thanks [REDACTED]

Sorry should have been clearer. Not suggesting changing the focus of the visit and we would still keep the top lines of any comms activity on research and innovation.

Just meant there was the option to include in the narrative. Or not if it would confuse or complicate things.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 March 2018 17:57
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: News release to clear - Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students - due by Sunday

[REDACTED]

As you know, we are working with [REDACTED] our Brussels office on Ms Somerville's visit on 26 March but that is currently focused on research and innovation and the Scottish response to the EU consultation on the future Framework Programme, rather than on international students and migration issues – although both are of course relevant to Brexit.

I've added in other colleagues involved for their views on the opportunities and risks around broadening the focus of the visit on 26 March – or not.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2018 17:46
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: News release to clear - Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students - due by Sunday

Hi all,

So the Minister came back over the weekend asking for a revised version of the press release focusing more on the positives.

Looking at it again on this basis, comms view is there's not a particularly strong news line for a release and certainly would just be a reiteration of messages covered in the recent parliamentary statement on EU and international students.

Also as The Herald were given a copy of the report, they ran an article on Tuesday so it feels as though the opportunity for a news release has gone.

Our revised suggested handling would be to put together a programme of digital activity to support publication of the report and bring out some of the key messages. The Minister is also due to visit Brussels on Monday 26th of March and we are starting to think about comms around that. It would be good to have something over the weekend ahead of her visit – either a trail or placing an opinion piece with relevant Brexit messaging. So we can incorporate and refer to the content of the consultation response in any of this of activity.

Grateful for views before I go back to the Minister.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scottish Government | St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Somerville S (Shirley-Anne), [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 March 2018 16:59

News



Embargoed until 00.01 Monday 12 March 2018

Immigration risk to university courses

STEM postgraduate qualifications 'may not be viable'.

Postgraduate courses in priority science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM) subjects could disappear if the UK fails to recognise Scotland's particular needs in the immigration system, Higher Education Minister Shirley-Anne Somerville has warned.

The Scottish Government's response to the Migration Advisory Committee's consultation on the impact of international students in the UK highlights the positive financial, academic and social benefits that they bring.

It also shows many postgraduate courses may not be viable without international students.

The Minister said:

"International students have an incredibly positive impact in Scotland. They make up almost a quarter of all students at Scottish universities, and as many as two-thirds of students on postgraduate courses in priority STEM subjects.

"I am deeply concerned about the potentially disproportionately damaging effect of the UK Government's policies on immigration and Brexit on Scotland's universities.

"I am particularly concerned that many STEM postgraduate courses may not be viable without an immigration system that recognises the particular needs of Scotland, including the importance of being able to attract and retain international students."

Background

The Scottish Government's response to the Migration Advisory Committee's consultation on the impact of international students in the UK will be published on Monday 12 March 2018. Copies are available on request from the Scottish Government communications office.

Contact

Comms Officer name : Landline number / Mobile number

██████████ Communications Team Leader | Scottish Government ██████████
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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: News release to clear - Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students - due by Sunday

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 10 Mar 2018, at 14:30, [REDACTED] wrote:

Now correcting the subject heading of this email and copying to Ms Somerville directly.

Minister – can you please advise whether you are content for the news release, below, to issue on Sunday for Monday?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Communications DFM & Education
Sent: 09 March 2018 17:23
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for International Development and Europe; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Communications, DFM & Education; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Macdonald R (Roddy); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to this submission, comms have prepared the following news release to issue on Sunday, under embargo for Monday. The intention is for it to run in print and broadcast from first thing on Monday.

The text has been agreed with policy and Spads, who are also in agreement with the proposed approach to comms handling.

Can you please advise if Ms Somerville is content?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED] 

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 21 February 2018 09:56

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for International Development and Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; [REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your email below. Ms Somerville is content to approve the proposed response, as drafted.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 February 2018 16:11

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for International Development and Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; [REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; [REDACTED]

Subject: Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students

PS/ Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Copy to:

PS/ Deputy First Minister

PS/ Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

PS/ Minister for International Development and Europe

Draft response to Migration Advisory Committee consultation on international students

Please find attached for Ms Somerville's clearance a draft response to the Migration Advisory Committee's (MAC) consultation on the impact of international students. This

follows broadly the same format as our response to the MAC consultation on EEA workers at the end of last year.

The consultation paper asked for information relating to:

- the impact of tuition fees and other spending by international students on the national, regional and local economy and on the education sector;
- the economic and social impacts beyond education, including on the labour market, housing, transport and other services, in particular, the role they play contributing to local economic growth;
- some breakdown of impacts by type and level of course and institution; and
- the impact the recruitment of international students has on the provision and quality of education provided to domestic students.

The MAC asked a number of specific questions under these broad headings, relating to issues such as the impact on tourism and support for 'soft power' overseas. We have sought to answer these questions under sub-headings in each chapter.

The consultation officially closed on 31 January. However, the MAC agreed in advance to accept our response after the deadline so that we can reflect the most recent statistics on international student numbers at universities and colleges. There is no fixed deadline for our response. However, the chair of the MAC, Professor Manning, will be in Edinburgh on Tuesday 20 February to meet with education stakeholders to discuss the consultation and to meet the Minister for International Development and Europe to discuss broader migration issues. If cleared in time, we propose providing Prof Manning with a courtesy copy of the text in advance of its full publication on the SG website.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of the attached draft.

<< File: MAC consultation on International students - Scottish Government response - February 2018.docx >>

Best,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name] Scottish Government | Atlantic Quay 6th Floor,
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[Redacted email address]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2018 16:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ministerial event 26 March

Hi [REDACTED]

Lovely to hear from you as always. [REDACTED]

How are you?

Best to speak to [REDACTED] regarding the below. [REDACTED] and I will support her with any key messaging but desks lead on any Brexit related issues that their Ministers are undertaking.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2018 14:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial event 26 March

Hi [REDACTED]

How are things? Hope this mail finds you well [REDACTED]

Just a quick note to flag an event I am planning for Ms Somerville (Sheila Rowan will also attend) on Monday 26th March. It is essentially to present the paper we published yesterday which is a response to a European consultation relating to research and innovation funding (link below). I have draft event plans and a schedule for the Minister I am trying to firm up. [Scottish Response to FP9 Consultation](#).

Meantime I'm thinking about briefing and speeches etc. Would you usually like to be involved in some way (even if just to set up a tweet or something, or help me to do it!). Grateful for thoughts on what I should be factoring in and planning for from a comms perspective. E.g. tweets, photos, lines required etc.

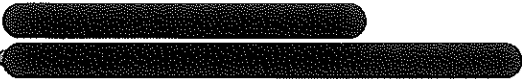
Finally – let me know if I should be directing this elsewhere.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2018 09:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ministerial event 26 March - Brussels

Hi [REDACTED] copying [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are looking at this for comms.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 12 March 2018 08:07
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial event 26 March - Brussels

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I also attach the mail from [REDACTED] you probably already have. Happy to discuss.
Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 March 2018 15:41
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Ministerial event 26 March - Brussels

Hello both,

Hope you are well. I am drafting the briefing pack for the Minister just now which has a section on media handling. Any recommendations on top lines/ tweets etc would be great. Let me know if you need any more info from me.

Thanks

[Redacted] | Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

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Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 11:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Baden Wurttemberg

What's your number

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Baden Wurttemberg

I will get in touch with [REDACTED] to see if they have anything

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 09:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Baden wurttemberg

I think you just refer to them as one of our regional partners. We collaborate as part of a number of networks – primarily through Scotland Europa, but also at political level with the Head of office. I think we have also had a few inward visits at Ministerial and parliamentary level from B-W. [REDACTED] team in Edinburgh should have more information.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 08:07
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Baden Wurttemberg

[REDACTED] for info – do you have some background info re a bio we could use e.g. our relationship, who has met with them etc? Still waiting for confirmation on 'who'.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 March 2018 12:49
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Baden Wurttemberg

Hi [Redacted]

Would you mind doing a bio for the above? I'm going to get confirmation of the person's name though I believe it will be the deputy Head of the BW office so looking at the website it could be [Redacted] will confirm it when I get it on Monday.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] will also attend.

[Redacted] I imagine they will stay for the evening do though not sure, so just in case. They may also bring an intern with them if the Minister is content.

[Redacted]

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2018 12:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Hello [REDACTED]

That's great, many thanks.

Happy to help in any way with visits. Will be good to continue to work together and exchange information.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 March 2018 11:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Hello [REDACTED]

nothing to thank for, I am very glad that the meeting turned out fine despite our email problem. We also gained a lot of interesting insight and new ideas!

Please find [REDACTED] contact info below. I am looking forward to working with you again in the near future and will contact you in the upcoming weeks concerning a visit from colleagues from the Ministry for Research to Brussels.

[REDACTED]

Commissioner for Europe of the Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg, Head of Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum

Tel. [REDACTED]
E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Dienstag, 27. März 2018 18:56
An: [REDACTED]
Betreff: RE: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Hello [REDACTED]

A note to thank you very much for the efforts you went to for us yesterday. Also to say your mails have come through today – for some reason our system picks them up as a threat and I need to release them – but we only find out a day later. So, many apologies for that.

In addition, I did not manage to exchange details with your colleague [REDACTED] I would be very grateful if you could pass on her e-mail address? She clearly has lots of knowledge and experience and it would be good to make contact.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 March 2018 14:26
To: [Redacted]
Subject: AW: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Hi [Redacted]

I sent you an email earlier, did you not get it? Please find it enclosed again!

Best regards
[Redacted]

Von: [Redacted]
Gesendet: Montag, 26. März 2018 13:57
An: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Betreff: Re: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Hi [Redacted] can I just confirm who will be visiting this afternoon?

Many thanks, and looking forward to seeing you. Also, the Minister is happy for the inter to sit in the meeting.

Best regards
[Redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, 23 March 2018 18:01
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: AW: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Dear [Redacted]

unfortunately it took me a while longer to figure out our options and now I learned from your colleague that you just left the office. Could you maybe call me this evening before 8 p.m. or Monday morning between 10.00 and 10.30h?

My mobile number is [REDACTED]

I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Stv. Leiterin Stabstelle / [REDACTED]



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Von: [REDACTED]

Gesendet: Freitag, 23. März 2018 13:09

An: [REDACTED] V Brüssel); [REDACTED]

Betreff: RE: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Many thanks for this [REDACTED] much appreciated. The schedule is quite tight now so the only window left is 5-5:30 and would have to be at Scotland House.

Many apologies -- as you will understand the schedule has been constantly evolving.

Happy to discuss and I would be grateful if you could let me know whether this would be an option.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I trust this email finds you well. I am getting in touch as the Scottish Government Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science Shirley, Anne Somerville, will be in Brussels next Monday, 26 March, to discuss framework participation, particularly Research and Innovation and priorities for FP9, as well as the future for Scotland in Europe. Given your interest in the next framework programme I was wondering if you or colleagues might be available to meet with the Minister to discuss your own thinking about FP9. Scotland has already submitted views on the next programme and this is attached. If you are free to meet at either 1030 or 1400/1415 that would be ideal.

We are also holding an evening event in Scotland House which your colleagues should have received invites for already, and hope that they will be able to attend. The event will focus on Scotland's passion for fostering a culture of innovation which supports the high-impact, world-class research of our universities and research institutes and improving levels of commercialisation of academic research. We know this ambition is shared at a European level, which is why we would like to share with you its formal position on the structure of FP9. Principals of both Glasgow and Edinburgh universities will be taking part alongside, Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, DG RTD and [REDACTED] The Guild of research and intense Universities.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] | Scottish Government | Scotland House | Rond Point, Schuman 6 | 1040 Brussels, Belgium
tel: [REDACTED] mob: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED] web: www.gov.scot



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E-mail: [redacted]



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From: [redacted]

Sent: 23 March 2018 11:32

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: WG: Request for a meeting with the Scottish Government Education Minister on the next Framework Programme

Dear [redacted]

I am working on meeting your request and will get back to you this afternoon!

Best regards

[redacted]

Stv. Leiterin Stabstelle / [redacted]



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Von: [redacted]

Datum: 22. März 2018 um 10:44:50 MEZ

An: [redacted] (LV Brüssel) <[redacted]>

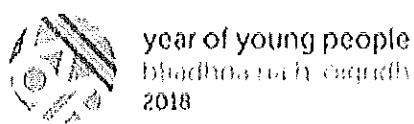
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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 March 2018 08:46
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Ares(2018)1326968: INVITATION: Scotland's Place in Europe - 26th march 2018

[Redacted] Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

Telephone: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]



From: [Redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2018 16:13
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Ares(2018)1326968: INVITATION: Scotland's Place in Europe - 26th march 2018

Hello [Redacted]

Following on from the mail below, I would be delighted if [Redacted] could attend the stakeholder lunch which begins at 12pm here at Scotland House. Would this be something Patricia would still be available to attend? [Redacted] would be most welcome to both events.

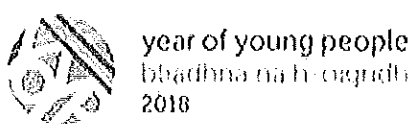
I would be very grateful for your consideration.

Best regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Scottish Government EU Office |
Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

Telephone: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]




From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 18:52
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Ares(2018)1326968: INVITATION: Scotland's Place in Europe - 26th march 2018

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your e-mail of 09/03/2018 in which you are asking Commissioner Navracscics to meet Minister Ms Somerville, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science on 26/03/2018 or to attend a lunch with her or to attend an evening event. I regret to inform you that Commissioner will not be able to join you on this occasion. But I am happy to confirm that [redacted] will be able to attend either at a lunch with Minister Somerville or participate in the evening event. Please let us know if this is of interest to you.

With my very best wishes for a successful visit,

[redacted]
Cabinet of Commissioner Tibor Navracscics
Education, Culture, Youth & Sport


European Commission
BERL 09/168, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Brussels
Tel.: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 2:35 PM
To: CAB-NAVRACSICS CONTACT; [redacted] (CAB-NAVRACSICS)
Subject: FW: INVITATION: Scotland's Place in Europe - 26th march 2018

Hello,

I am contacting you from the Scottish Government Brussels office. I would be very grateful if you could consider the request in the mail below. I would be happy to discuss if helpful.

Best regards,

[redacted]
[redacted] Scottish Government
Office | Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6 | Brussels 1040

Telephone: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2018 13:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: INVITATION: Scotland's Place in Europe - 26th march 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I trust this email finds you well. The reason for my email today is to enquire about your availability on the 26th March to meet with Shirley Anne Somerville, Scottish Government Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science and to invite you to our evening event where we will share Scottish R&I related views, expertise and experience in the shape of key recommendations and priorities for FP9. Mr Moedas met with Ms Somerville in the Autumn last year however unfortunately he will be out of Brussels on this date.

Scotland is passionate about fostering a culture of innovation which supports the high-impact, world-class research of our universities and research institutes and improving levels of commercialisation of academic research. We know this ambition is shared at a European level, which is why Scotland would like to share with you its formal position on the structure of FP9.

We have also planned an entire programme at Scotland House, Rond-point Schuman 6, Brussels on the 26th March 2018, for an evening event to promote Scotland's formal position on FP9. You can expect the following from the session:

- An outline of our R&I excellence (reflecting key research strengths, research pools and innovation centres, and university/business collaborations) and existing experience in Scotland that could support the wider objectives of the European Union, including widening participation.
- The welcome that Scotland continues to extend, and intends to continue to extend to students, researchers and collaborators from across Europe.
- Communicating Scotland's continuing desire to play a full part in collaborative European research and innovation programmes as a European partner now and in future.

In this regard, I would like to offer you several meeting possibilities and slots for your consideration:

- A bilateral meeting with Ms Somerville anytime between 10.30 and 15.00.
- A lunch engagement at Scotland house with the minister, principals and vice principals of Scottish universities 12.00 and 14.00.
- Attendance at our evening event between 16.00 and 20:00. We will happily provide a full agenda for the evening event in the instance that you are able to accept our request

I hope that the above is clear and we look forward to receiving your reply.

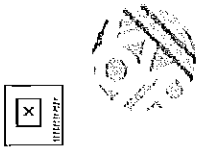
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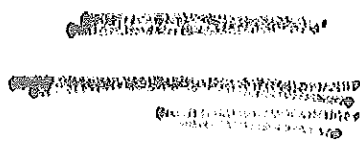
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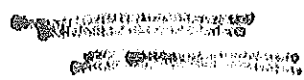
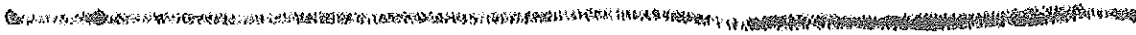


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I don't think we have met yet, so by way of introduction, I work in Brussels and you may have seen the briefing I submitted yesterday re a visit out here by Ms Somerville?

We are slotting in the final meetings and details and there is a chance we will secure something with Norway. This is just a heads up as it may not happen, but if it does I would be contacting you (or your team?) for briefing.

Happy to discuss. Or to share with colleagues if you are not the right person – please advise.

Best regards,

[Redacted signature line]

[Redacted signature line]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 21 March 2018 11:51
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Potential Norwegian bilat with Ms Somerville

Many thanks, will keep you posted.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 21 March 2018 12:36
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Potential Norwegian bilat with Ms Somerville

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for flagging up. Grateful if you can keep us in the loop on whether the meeting goes ahead. If it does, [Redacted]
[Redacted] our Desk officer for Norway can supply some country related briefing.

Cheers
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
North | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 21 March 2018 08:37
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Potential Norwegian bilat with Ms Somerville

Hello [Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 10:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Scottish Minister and Mike Neilson

No worries! Let me know if there's anyone else you want me to try [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018, 17:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Scottish Minister and Mike Neilson

Thanks anyway Danielle!

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 15:11
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting with Scottish Minister and Mike Neilson

Norway have said no to a meeting.. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 14:20
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA EU del
Subject: RE: Meeting with Scottish Minister and Mike Neilson

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your invitation, unfortunately will not [REDACTED] have the possibility to attend.

This is my last week at the Mission of Norway and I would like to thank you for all cooperation through the last years. It has been a pleasure. I will heading home to Stockholm to work for the Nobelfoundation at Karolinska Institute.

For follow up of this mail, please reply to the mail address in copy, so my colleague will handle all the contact from us in the future

Have a great day!

With kind regards



Notices delegation in EU – Mission of Norway to the EU
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From: [redacted]
Sent: onsdag 21. mars 2018 11:39
To: [redacted]
Subject: Meeting with Scottish Minister and Mike Neilson

Dear [redacted]

I hope you're well and I trust this email finds you well. The reason for my email today is to enquire about your availability on Monday the 26th March to meet with Shirley Anne Somerville, Scottish Government Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science to discuss framework participation, particularly Research and Innovation and priorities for FP9, as well as the future for Scotland in Europe.

We are also holding an evening event which we trust you have received invites for already, and hope that you will be able to attend. The evening event will focus on Scotland's passion for fostering a culture of innovation which supports the high-impact, world-class research of our universities and research institutes and improving levels of commercialisation of academic research. We know this ambition is shared at a European level, which is why we would like to share with you its formal position on the structure of FP9.

I would be grateful if you would consider and confirm whether there is a possibility to meet with Ms Somerville at 2pm / 2:15pm or 10:30am

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

[redacted signature line]

|Telephone [redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:56
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: Meeting with Scottish Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science - Monday 26 March

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Dear [Redacted]

Many thanks for taking the time to meet with Shirley-Anne Somerville, Scottish Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, on Monday at 10:30am. She will be pleased to discuss her role with you and would be very interested to hear about Switzerland's relationship with the EU.

In terms of some background information, Ms Somerville returned to the Scottish Parliament in 2016 as the member for the Dunfermline constituency after previously serving as an MSP for the Lothians region from 2007 to 2011. The Minister was educated at Kirkcaldy High School, she then graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a BA (Hons) in Economics and Politics (1996), followed by a Diploma in Housing Studies at the University of Stirling and a Diploma in Public Relations from Queen Margaret University College. She has worked as a parliamentary researcher, a Policy and Public Affairs Officer at the Chartered Institute of Housing and as a Media and Campaigns Officer at the Royal College of Nursing. Ms Somerville's appointment as Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science is her first Ministerial role.

Ms Somerville will be accompanied by Mike Neilson, Director for the Scottish Government Brussels Office, Professor Sheila Rowan (Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland) and myself – Policy Adviser in Brussels Scottish Government office.

You may be interested to note the Scottish response to the framework programme 9 (FP9) that Ms Somerville will be presenting at the evening event (attached).

Best regards,

[Redacted]



Framework Programme 9

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 March 2018 18:13
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: *INVITATION* Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe

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Dear [Redacted]

thank you very much for this invitation. As you, I am new to the Vanguard Initiative and replaced [Redacted] as Commissioner for Europe to our Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing.

And, I happen to be in Brussels on the 26th of March. My flight is at 20:50, so that I can take the opportunity to join your very interesting event for some time in the early evening.

Maybe I can come a bit earlier, so that we can meet before the event starts?

Looking forward to meeting you
with kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Commissioner for Europe to the Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing of Baden-Württemberg

[Redacted]

Am 13.03.2018 um 17:48 schrieb [Redacted]

> Dear Colleagues,

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> I recently attended my first Vanguard meeting, having replaced [Redacted]

> [Redacted] in the Scottish Government as lead contact for Research, Innovation

> and Economic Development. It was good to meet some of you and I would

> like to thank you for the warm welcome.

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> In return, I would like to invite you to anFP9 evening event that the

> Scottish Government and Scotland Europa are hosting on 26th March. As

> you can see from the invite below, the Scottish Minister for Further

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> choir cur às dhan phost-d agus lethbhreac sam bith air an t-siostam
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> a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an sliosta riaghaltas
> obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh
> nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas
> na h-Alba.

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> * *An outline of our R&I excellence (reflecting key research
> strengths, research pools and innovation centres, and
> university/business collaborations) and existing experience in
> Scotland that could support the wider objectives of the European
> Union, including widening participation.*
> * *The welcome that Scotland continues to extend, and intends to
> continue to extend to students, researchers and collaborators from
> across Europe.*
> * *Communicating Scotland's continuing desire to play a full part in
> collaborative European research and innovation programmes as a
> European partner now and in future.*

> *//*

> Scotland is passionate about fostering a culture of innovation which
> supports the high-impact, world-class research of our universities and
> research institutes and improving levels of commercialisation of
> academic research. We know this ambition is shared at a European level,
> which is why Scotland would like to share with you its formal position
> on the structure of FP9.

> *//*

> *The event will primarily focus on sharing Scottish R&I related views,
> expertise and experience in the shape of key recommendations and
> priorities stemming from the report.*

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> *//*


> *There will be an opportunity to engage with confirmed speaker, Shirley
> Anne Somerville (Scottish Government Minister for Further Education,
> Higher Education and Science) as well as network with a number of
> high-profile participants, including EU officials, Principals and Vice
> Principals from Scotland's top universities.*

> *//*

> */Full agenda and further information to follow very shortly./*

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> *We encourage you all to join us in the conversation in Brussels. To
> confirm your interest in the event, please send an email

> to *

> * *

> *We look forward to hearing from you.*

[REDACTED]
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 March 2018 11:34
To: Neilson M (Mike)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Ministerial Visit / FP9 Event

[Redacted]

Hope you are feeling better.

Unfortunately, [Redacted] office contacted us yesterday to say he could not meet the Minister on the 26th as he is not in town. In terms of alternatives, we could approach [Redacted] who is the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, [Redacted] [Redacted] not sure how ambitious / realistic these suggestions are.

I have also not heard back from [Redacted] who will chase that again.

Grateful for thoughts / advice on alternatives and any update on [Redacted] availability for the event.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 15:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Shirley Anne Somerville Monday 26 March

[REDACTED] there will be 4 or 5 – Mike, the Minister, Professor Rowan, myself and maybe one person from Private Office (though that is unlikely).

See you then.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 15:18
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Meeting with Shirley Anne Somerville Monday 26 March

[REDACTED]

No problem - how many in total in your delegation? Many thanks

[REDACTED]

On 23 March 2018 at 15:04:29 GMT+1, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

Just a note to flag that Scotland's Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Sheila Rowan, will be accompanying Ms Somerville at your meeting on Monday. I hope that suits. Happy to discuss.

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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: 02 March 2018 13:44
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Monday 26 March

[Redacted]
I have attached and completed the form as best able [Redacted] will need to provide update on the draft programme.



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I hope this is sufficient information.

Thanks

[Redacted]
Higher Education and Science Division |
Scottish Government

From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 22 February 2018 14:47
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted] Monday 26 March

[Redacted]
As discussed, Ms Somerville has now considered the attached programme (although we understand it is flexible and subject to change since last drafted) and is content with the proposal for the visit to Brussels on Monday 26 March. We also understand there will be plans for relevant bilaterals on the day to maximise engagement.

Before we can confirm attendance, we need to seek approval from Ms Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs) of any overseas visit. The attached template should be used to include a statement of the objectives of the visit, its approximate cost and the names of the officials accompanying the Minister. Grateful if you could complete the attached form and send to Ms Somerville for consideration.

Ms Somerville's preference is to fly to Brussels on the Monday morning and return later that night to Edinburgh, which will not impact on any Parliamentary Business. The intention is also for myself to travel with the Minister and then meet with colleagues in Brussels (as proposed in the programme), therefore no officials are required to travel to Brussels.

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Tel: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 14 February 2018 09:40

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Director of Advanced Learning and Sciences; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [Redacted]
(Science): [Redacted]

Subject: [Redacted] - Potential Parliamentary Visit to Brussels

[Redacted]

As discussed, Monday 16 April would be too problematic given timing restraints and current commitments. If you could explore the option of either Monday 23rd or 30th April then I will put these options to Ms Somerville for consideration.

Thanks for your help.

[Redacted]
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

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Ministerial preferences for Ms Somerville are shown [here](#).

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 08 February 2018 17:09

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland

Neilson M (Mike)

Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels

Having checked with Brussels colleagues, the first week in April may prove problematical in having the key people in Brussels we would like to invite to the seminar available as it follows immediately from the Easter break.

Would the Minister instead have any diary availability on Monday 16 April subject to constituency business?

Thanks

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From: On Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 07 February 2018 18:10

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland;

Neilson M (Mike)

Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels

Thank you for your note today. Ms Somerville has noted this and is content in principle with the proposed plan. However, the Minister is on annual leave the second week of April. Would it be possible to do this the first week in April?

Kind regards,

Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science & Minister for
Childcare and Early Years | Scottish Government

From:

Sent: 07 February 2018 16:27

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Director of

