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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 13:50
To: [Redacted] Neilson M (Mike)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft Ministerial Event - FP9 - for comment please

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The conference centre will be out of action from around 8 March until early April for refurbishment, so these dates will not work if you are looking to use Scotland House for an event.

One other comment is that if we are looking to approach the EP about a session with the Committee we will need quite a bit of notice as they have to get it approved by the whole Committee. It might be worth [Redacted] making an informal approach to find out how their work programme is shaping up and seeing if we can find a slot on the back of that.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 01 February 2018 13:13
To: Neilson M (Mike)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Draft Ministerial Event - FP9 - for comment please

Mike,

Please find attached a draft outline for the FP9 Ministerial event in Brussels. You will see this is an indicative outline as we are yet to secure dates. Once you are content we will use the outline to arrange dates with [Redacted] PO.

On a related note, we have been thinking that it may be better for the SG to focus on Brussels for the Minister, and Europa could lead a Scotland FP9 event, as opposed to it being SG led. This would keep the messages live and would make connections with SG but could be more of a stakeholder opportunity for SE.

Grateful for thoughts.

Best regards

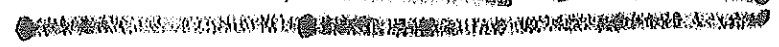
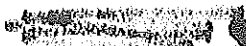
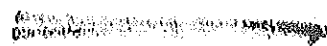
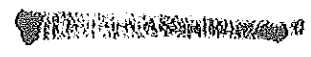
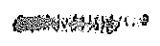
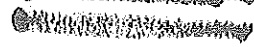
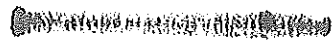
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From:

Sent:

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07 February 2018 17:27

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 Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland
[REDACTED]

Subject:

Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to my submission of 23 January, I advised that officials are currently working on a Scottish position paper in response to a EC Consultation on the next EU framework programme for research and innovation (Framework Programme 9) to follow Horizon 2020.

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Draft Programme
Ms. Somerville

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Grateful for the Minister's view on the draft programme and her diary availability.

Happy to discuss

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Higher Education and Science Division |
Scottish Government

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 10:41
To: Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: FW: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels

Mike – ref below – not sure if those dates will be too late? I can check on the conference centre position. Should we see if DFM would be available?



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From: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 14 February 2018 10:40

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 Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial 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 [REDACTED] consideration.

Thanks for your help.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

* Private Secretary to Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Fishman C (Carolyn)

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; Macdonald R (Roddy); [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Policy Manager | [REDACTED]
Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 07 February 2018 18:10

To: [REDACTED] 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; Macdonald R (Roddy); [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your note today. Ms Somerville has noted this and is content in principle with the proposed [REDACTED] Would it be possible to do this the first week in April?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science & Minister for Childcare and Early Years | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 February 2018 16:27

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

CC: DG Education, Culture and Youth; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; Director of

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent:

14 February 2018 11:13

To: [REDACTED]

Subject:

Ministerial dates

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope your travels are going well.

The Minister can't do the 16th. Her office is asking about the 23rd. Do you think that is too late?

To confirm, others dates for us are as follows (as confirmed with [REDACTED])

- 26/28/29 march
- 18/23 April
- 4 May.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 17:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Minister in Brussels

See below for further info / conf centre dates

[REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 11:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Minister in Brussels

[REDACTED]

23 April might be option but think 4 May too late.

[REDACTED] Does this mean we need to reverse thinking on timing of Edinburgh event?

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 10:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels

[REDACTED] Thanks. Waiting for [REDACTED] to respond.

[REDACTED]

Will keep you posted.



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From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 February 2018 11:30
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels

[redacted]

[redacted]

I would defer to [redacted] on timing, but March feels too soon for a number of reasons and May seems too far away. You did include 23 April which was suggested by [redacted] - so could you see if that could work with Mike etc?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 February 2018 10:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels

Thanks [redacted]

I'm thinking this is a bit late though the 23rd is OK for the conference centre. I've asked Mike for thoughts but he's travelling today so not sure when I will hear. What do you think?

Other dates we could accommodate here:

- 26/28/29 march
- 18/23 April
- 4 May.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Minister in Brussels

Spoke to [REDACTED] 16 April is difficult for a number of reasons.

23 April or 30 April are alternative options that I said I would check out as possibilities with you?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 February 2018 11:14
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

Hi [REDACTED]

For info, [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED]. He said he could do 26th March and is keen to participate. Would this help at all in terms of [REDACTED] decision RE the event?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 11:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

Hi [REDACTED]

I have spoken to [REDACTED] 26 March is a question mark as Ms Somerville may be involved in another event that day but he will phone me later today or tomorrow morning to confirm one way or other. Although you indicated that DEM might be available that week, I asked [REDACTED] check his calendar and he is not so sure.

Happy to chat any time up until 3pm. The in meeting for an hour. So after that ok too.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Scottish Government
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 February 2018 11:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

Thanks [REDACTED]. Do you have 5 mins for a quick chat at some point today? I'm off to London tonight so would be good to check in on a few things before I go (it's just for tomorrow so back Thurs).

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2018 10:22
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

[Redacted]

Still can't get [Redacted] e may be out with Minister so will e-mail him and see if I can get response.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 February 2018 08:35
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

Of course, happy to make approach if that would be helpful?

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Mobile: [Redacted]

E-mail: [Redacted]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2018 18:58
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

[REDACTED]

I can't get hold of [REDACTED] Ms Somerville's office, I will try again tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2018 17:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister in Brussels - another option

Hello again – another update. The conference centre has been booked for us for Monday 26th so we have that at least!

Speak soon,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2018 18:07
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Minister in Brussels - another option

[REDACTED]

Just spoken with Mike. The MFF publication date has been brought forward to 2nd May (rather than the end of Máy) so it will be more important now to go for an earlier date for the event. Could someone

contact [redacted] office to see if she could do Monday 26th March please? If she can't, we can try DFM who I think may be free that week to support.

Our options at this point [redacted]:

1. We go with end March which doesn't give much time to get people to attend but will be early enough to influence MFF thinking.
2. We go with the Easter week(s) when no one will be here [redacted]
3. We go with post Easter when it will be too late to influence any thinking [redacted]

The hurdles around the conference centre being in and out of use is also tricky to navigate. Glasgow Uni has rented our CC on the 26th. I need to find out more about it as it may have the same people we need at our event which would be nice but have limited info at this stage. Will investigate further tomorrow and will let you know. If the Minister can make it we will find another venue or speak to Glasgow Uni to establish whether there are options to accommodate both of us given we'll be starting later in the day. Otherwise we can look at alternatives e.g. the parliament.

Thanks and happy to chat.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 10:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

[REDACTED]

Unless there is any further intel about specific stakeholders that Ms Somerville is likely to be meet/be questioned by, the attached general lines on fisheries should hopefully suffice.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scottish Government | [REDACTED]
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | [REDACTED]



Briefing for
Minister for Fisheries

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:07
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

Issue is that most of the lines circulating are written, or heavily edited, by SpAds and so are highly party political and written for a domestic audience (sure you'll have seen many of them already from media coverage) and so probably wouldn't be suitable for a Brussels audience.

Leave it with me and I'll get something back to you first thing tomorrow.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scottish Government | [REDACTED] Victoria Quay |
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 15:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

Understand pressures [redacted] I think it is defensive lines essentially (short and sweet) in case it comes up in passing (couldn't see anything in core brief – presumably because of the speed it is moving) – did Mr Ewing do the bid with Sky today? – if yes presumably he'd have had lines....

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[redacted]

Rond Point Schuman 6
Brussels

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:12
To: McSheaffrey A (Alison)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

[redacted]

This will be challenging given the very short notice (as I'm sure you'll appreciate, we're under very significant pressure given political and media activity on fisheries and Brexit transition issues this week). At the very least, we'll need an idea of who Ms Somerville is meeting to ensure we can give appropriate lines.

[redacted]

[redacted] Scottish Government | [redacted] Victoria Quay |
Edinburgh | [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 15:07
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

Hi [redacted]

Ms Somerville is visiting on Monday and has a day full of meetings. We anticipate fisheries will come up at some point and would be grateful for up to date lines she could use. I'll need to send hite updated brief tomorrow so could i have something tomorrow by 11am please?

Many thanks

[redacted]

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

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 15:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: BREXIT : LINES ON FISHERIES

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in copy should be able to help you with public lines ahead of Ms Sommerville's visit next week.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Scottish Government EU Office
Rond Point Schuman 6
Brussels

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[REDACTED]

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Top Lines

- The Scottish Government, in line with the overwhelming majority of people in Scotland, supports continued EU membership.
- If Brexit is inevitable, however, our position – retaining Single Market and Customs Union membership, but being out of the Common Fisheries Policy - is the best outcome for Scottish fisheries.

We have long said the Common Fisheries Policy needs fundamental reform.

- Due to the UK being the member state, we have had limited scope to influence or shape the CFP.
- As a full member of the EU, recognised as a major fishing nation with world class expertise to offer, however, Scotland would be in a much stronger position to fashion an improved CFP and vigorously promote the interests of the Scottish seafood sector.
- We again set out our preferred post-Brexit position on the CFP in "*Scotland's Place in Europe: People, Jobs and Investment*" in January.
- This would see the UK retaining Single Market and Customs Union membership, but being out of the Common Fisheries Policy.
- What is very clear, however, is that being obliged to apply the rules of the CFP, but having no influence over the policy, or formal role in quota setting negotiations, is in no way, shape or form advantageous to Scottish fishermen.
- To potentially be left in a position where we are consulted on our fisheries interests, but not involved in decision-making - and not even invited to attend negotiations as a matter of right - is completely unacceptable.
- The UK Government must, as a matter of urgency, reconsider its position and ensure that pragmatic arrangements are made so that Scotland and the UK have a formal role in EU fisheries negotiations.

Scotland is, and will remain, a responsible global citizen, a reliable trading partner, and a progressive nation committed to working with others.

- Regardless of the outcome of Brexit negotiations, we are clear that the guiding principles of our domestic fisheries policy will be sustainability and science-based quota setting, in line with our international treaty obligations.
- It will benefit no-one for fishing in Scottish waters to be a deregulated "*free for all*", with stocks fished at unsustainable levels.
- In every scenario for Scotland's future, our willingness to work with European partners to ensure sustainable stock management will remain unchanged.
- Scotland must, however, have a voice where our interests are at stake.
- As a responsible fishing nation, our fisheries policy has always included a commitment to relevant international law and working with other nations to ensure sustainability, and Brexit will not change that.
- In keeping with that commitment, it is our clear view that all negotiations on future access and quota should take place in the well-established Coastal States fora under the auspices of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- Through such negotiations, some access to Scottish waters for European fleets may be granted, but only where it is in Scotland's interests to grant such access.
- There is a strong expectation on the part of Scottish fishing communities that their interests will be protected in the Brexit negotiations and not "bartered away" to secure other UK interests. We support and endorse that position.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2018 17:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Draft FP9 Ministerial Event/ Event Plan/ Invite

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have made a few tweaks to the save the draft. The only other point I would make is that on the Ministerial Programme, you have the event finishing at 21:00 whereas on the event plan, you have it finishing at 20:00. I am not sure which is correct but I would guess the latter?

In terms of the event itself, have you given any consideration to inviting Nova Innovation to present? [REDACTED] made special mention of them when he came to Scotland. Nova has benefited from **four H2020 Research Projects** with the total EU financial contribution of over €12.381m. and he met with them as part of an innovation roundtable when he was in Scotland in October.

Couple of other points:

Prof Sheila Rowan, Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland may be available to attend. Please send an invite to her via the CSA inbox.

Please add to invitees, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I need to complete the sections of the form for approving Ms Somerville's travel overseas on Monday or Tuesday at latest. Grant has advised that a draft of the programme for the visit will be fine to attach with the form so if you can get the updated draft agreed with Mike, can you send to me so that I can include.

Happy to speak next week

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Higher Education and Science Division |
Scottish Government
[REDACTED] 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 February 2018 17:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Draft FP9 Ministerial Event/ Event Plan/ Invite

Hello [redacted]

As per our discussion, please see attached draft docs, we hope to agree with Mike tomorrow. Grateful for any feedback.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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

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[redacted]



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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 February 2018 18:00
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Draft FP9 Ministerial Event/ Event Plan/ Invite

Mike,

In advance of our meeting tomorrow, I attach some draft documents which Philip and I would like to discuss:

1. Ministerial Programme

This is based on previous versions but has been updated to incorporate a delegation of guests rather than just the Minister. This takes in Principles and VP's who may wish to attend for longer than just an event for a couple of hours.

2. FP9 event plan

3. Save the date

At this stage, this is primarily for people in Scotland who need to book travel etc. Once details of the invite have been agreed, we can follow up with formal invites.



4. Potential attendees

The attached covers university stakeholders in Scotland we would contact with the save the date. Grateful for a quick word on EU stakeholders we should be targeting based on current contact lists (I will bring to the meeting).



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Thanks



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



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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 22 February 2018 15:47
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; Macdonald R (Roddy) [Redacted]
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[Redacted] lson M (Mike); [Redacted]
[Redacted] Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs); [Redacted]
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels - Monday 26 March

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Ms Somerville Approval.doc

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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]

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Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

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

From: Moncur G (Grant) 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 Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nelson PM (Mike)

Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial 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]

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Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 07 February 2018 18:10
To: [REDACTED] 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; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial Visit to Brussels

[REDACTED]

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,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Higher Education and Science & Minister for
Childcare and Early Years | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

From: [REDACTED]
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 Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
Subject: Framework Programme 9 - Potential Ministerial visit to Brussels

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to my submission of 23 January, I advised that officials are currently working on a Scottish position paper in response to a EC Consultation on the next EU framework programme for research and innovation (Framework Programme 9) to follow Horizon 2020.

As part of that submission, I advised that we would also be looking into opportunities to promote the Scottish position paper through proposed Ministerial events in Edinburgh and Brussels.

Attached is a draft programme for the Minister's consideration for a proposed visit to Brussels to promote the position paper. This offers some suggested meetings/bi-laterals that the Minister could have with key influencers in Brussels as well as being a keynote speaker at an evening event at Scotland House Brussels to publicise the Scottish response to key EU representatives.

<< File: Draft Programme - Ms Somerville - Ministerial Visit to Brussels - April 2018.docx >>

SG Officials in Scotland House suggest that the second week in April (subject to the Minister's availability) may be the best opportunity to hold a Brussels event around the FP9 Scottish response, or a date close to that. The Commission is likely to be taking decisions on the programme in May so we would hope to hold an event before then.

We are also speaking to Scotland Europa around holding another FP9 event in Edinburgh around the same time period at which the Minister would also be invited to speak. This event would be targeted at Scottish participants in the current Horizon 2020 programme, including those who have taken part in the FP9 consultation events that we held last week in Inverness, Aberdeen and Edinburgh or providing written submissions. We will provide further advice on this shortly.

Grateful for the Minister's view on the draft programme and her diary availability.

Happy to discuss

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Research and Knowledge Exchange Team | Higher Education and Science Division |
Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 03 April 2018 15:41
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: Ministerial Briefing - Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

Hello [Redacted]

Apologies - I can't recall if I replied to this.

I am pleased that you and the Minister enjoyed the visit. I thought it went well too, and that it was a good example of teamwork!

I have passed on all your good wishes.

Best regards

[Redacted]

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Scotland House, Rond Point Schuman 6, | Brussels 1040

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E-mail: [Redacted]



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From: [Redacted] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 27 March 2018 19:44
To: Neilson M (Mike); [Redacted]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [Redacted]
[Redacted] ([Redacted])
[Redacted] Watt K (Karen) (Director for External Affairs)
Subject: RE: Ministerial Briefing - Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

[Redacted]

Ms Somerville has asked me to pass on her thanks and appreciation for what was a terrific visit to Brussels yesterday. The day was packed with extremely valuable insights into the current climate of EU participation and perception.

The refurbished accommodation was also an excellent touch, and very much fit for purpose for showcasing the Scottish event in the evening along with distinguished guests.

A special thanks also to yourselves and fellow colleagues within Scotland House for your last minute briefings and excellent logistical planning ensuring a smooth transition between flights, hotel and the various buildings within Brussels - I too fully appreciate this does not happen by accident.

Many thanks once again,

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 11:38
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution; Minister for International Development and Europe; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Neilson M (Mike); Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Subject: Ministerial Briefing - Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

As discussed, please find attached the briefing and draft speech for Ms Somerville in advance of the 'Scotland's Collaborative place in Europe' day visit and evening event in Brussels, on Monday 26 March. This follows the development of the Scottish Government position paper in response to the EC Consultation on the next EU framework programme for research and innovation (Framework Programme 9) to follow Horizon 2020.

Please note: I am waiting for final confirmation of:

- Media handling proposals, which may include an interview with Politico; and
- One meeting slot which will likely be with an MEP.

You may wish to note the evening acceptance list (annex I) which includes MEP representation. I will keep you updated as soon as I receive final details. I would be happy to discuss in advance of the visit or amend as appropriate.

Best regards,

[Redacted]
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[REDACTED]

From: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Fw: Brussels Speech - 26 March
Attachments: Ministerial Speech - Ms Somerville_Brussels _26 March 2018_final (2).docx

[REDACTED]

The attached version of the speech is what Ms Somerville is currently using (content unchanged - just slightly reformatted).

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary to Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

From: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science <MinisterFEHES@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 16:08
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Brussels Speech - 26 March

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Neilson M (Mike)
Sent: 26 March 2018 13:59
To: McSheaffrey A (Alison)
Subject: FW: speech today

Hi [REDACTED]

Mike's asked if you could incorporate the below changes into the current speech please?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 12:10
To: Neilson M (Mike); [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: speech today

Thanks Mike. Some suggestions in yellow below. Copied to [REDACTED] or his research interests and to [REDACTED] or his international / Erasmus Plus interests in case they have further comments. Note that "influential" is challenging outside EU – but we can try!

[REDACTED]

From: Neilson M (Mike)
Sent: 26 March 2018 10:56
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: speech today
Importance: High

This is what I suggest adding:

I do not want to dwell on BREXIT today, but there is one point I do want to make: it is vitally important that early agreement is reached on the relationship that the UK, and therefore Scotland, will have with the next research and innovation framework programme, FP9. Uncertainty about future status has already gone on for far too long, and risks permanently damaging our reputation and collaborative relationships.

I am glad that negotiations on the Framework for the Future Relationship are, at last, about to begin. It is essential that the political declaration on the Future Framework, which we hope will be agreed in the Autumn, sets out clearly the terms of UK future participation in future research and innovation framework programmes, and that this is a very close and influential relationship indeed.

I should emphasise that, while the focus of today's event is research and innovation, I have just as strong an interest, as Higher Education Minister, in our continued full participation in Erasmus Plus and the rest of the Next Generation of youth and student mobility programs.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 March 2018 15:06
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Final Speech

[Redacted]

Please find attached the speech with the addition – page 2/3.

Thanks



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Ms Sorley

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2018 14:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

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From: [REDACTED] Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 13 March 2018 14:14
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

Hi [REDACTED]

Your timing is great. The Minister is happy with the proposed outline of both the speech and programme with no further comments.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2018 12:42
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

Hello [REDACTED]

I was going to be working on the draft speech for Ms Somerville today and tomorrow – do you have any feedback in light of the attached?

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2018 16:30
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

[REDACTED]
Following discussions earlier this week, I attach an outline of the speech for the Minister to review in advance of a more detailed and nuanced draft. Happy to discuss or provide more detail though this is meant to be quite high level at this stage. I would be happy to include any particular case studies or examples the Minister would like to highlight as part of the speech.

<< File: Ministerial Speech outline_FP9 Brussels event_March 2018.docx >>

I also attach the latest version of the event plan so that the Minister can take in the speech outline in the context of the running order.

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In terms of next steps, I aim to have the full briefing, including the speech to you by Monday 19th of March – a week before the event. Will this suit the Minister? For information, I am separately discussing Dr Rowan's requirements with her office.

Happy to discuss and please let me know if there is anything else you need.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2018 17:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: draft briefing for comment please

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, I attach where I have got to for now. I would be grateful for a critique before I send e.g. to policy colleagues for additional comment.

Grateful for general thoughts and/or comments. In particular, could you please check the annexes:

- Are there too many – is there any duplication?
- Are they in order and is it reflected properly in the table?
- Could you check the brexit related info against the latest brief please – in particular the 'sensitivities' section and the annex about brexit.

I will get an update from Europa on stats so have asked about that. I am also sending this to Comms colleagues (will cc you in) so they can advise. I will also write up the speech and include that properly. Finally, I will tighten up with the top lines once the rest of the pack is right (and I have written the speech).

Many thanks again

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 March 2018 12:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Figures - R&I
Attachments: Jan 2017 Horizon 2020 engagement analysis_draftv2.docx

thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 March 2018 11:24
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Figures - R&I

[REDACTED]
Please find attached the latest figures.

These were released as an interim update a wee while ago to correct previous errors, The next set is due now, but alas these have been delayed.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2018 15:16
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Figures - R&I

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies if you have already been asked this, but I was wondering when there may be revised figures relating to investment in R&I and European funding? I am drafting the ministerial briefing just now for the event later this month so would like to go with the latest.

Could you let me know when they will be available? I will go with the older ones if dates don't tally. Thanks

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 March 2018 17:50
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Ministerial briefing update

Hello all,

Many thanks for all your comments on the speech and briefing. It is nearly there but I am still waiting for lines from Comms and confirmation of am MEP. On that basis, I spoke with [Redacted] in the PO and we have agreed tomorrow lunch would be better as I think that is when the Minister will be looking at it. I may have been able to glean more by then re Comms / MEP.

● – I hope this suits you and Dr Rowan? Happy to discuss / share earlier.

Bes regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 15:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Swiss bilat - briefing please?

Hi all,

See attached for what I have so far on the brief for the Swiss Ambassador. I have covered all recent EU-level engagements. The highlighted sections are those that need to be updated; objectives of the meeting and any relevant R&I info.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Swiss bilat - briefing please?

[REDACTED]

We'll be able to supply you some country briefing on Switzerland. On the wider Brexit related issues, we would just advise using the Brexit Core brief.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Scottish Government | Area 2- H
North | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Swiss bilat - briefing please?
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

Getting back in touch as we have actually managed to set up a meeting with the Swiss Ambassador for Ms Somerville on Monday. Not sure whether this sits with your area? If so, it would be great if you could share some briefing on Switzerland and in particular being a 3rd / associated country and if possible what that means for participation in EU frameworks / funding programmes?

Would it be possible to get something⁴ by tomorrow at 11am?

Many thanks

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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, Karen Clyde our Desk officer for Norway can supply some country related briefing.

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[Redacted] The Scottish Government | Area 2- H
North | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | [Redacted]

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

Hello [Redacted]

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]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:56
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi,

Sure I can do that – it may be we end up sending over a few of the amended annexes as they will shift and the programme is changing. Will set it up like that in any case.

Thanks

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From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:54
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi

Meant to say that when you are updating the programme and adding more briefing, just send it as a separate document (rather than adding to the existing version).

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:49
To: [Redacted]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi

No probs, her biography info is as follows:

Shirley-Anne 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.

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.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:36
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi,

I think it's just the name of the company (though could be so much more interesting!).

Also – do you have a biography of the Minister that we can share with the Swiss Ambassador?

Many thanks and looking forward to meeting you.

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From: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Sent: 22 March 2018 13:58

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi

Sounds great. If final papers were ready by 4pm tomorrow that would be appreciated (earlier if at all possible).

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Minister Secretary to Shirley Anne Somerville MSP,
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 22 March 2018 12:54

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

[Redacted]

Yes I will be at the airport, with the driver who will be holding a sign saying 'AUD'. We will be sending on a revised programme tomorrow – is that OK? We will be adding lines on fisheries (anticipating that may come up) and the industrial strategy. We will also have a revised schedule given the meeting with the Swiss Ambassador and a biography of course to go along side that.

Is there a particular time I should aim for to get that up to you?

Thanks

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

Sent: 22 March 2018 13:49

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

[Redacted]

We are looking forward to Monday (well, maybe not the crazy early start). Just a couple of queries :

- Alison – will you be meeting Ms Somerville and I once we arrive at Brussels ? Our flight number is SN 2066 (Brussels airlines).
- Will there be a revised programme ? We will be in your safe hands so will go where ever you take us.

Thanks,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 12:33
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Excellent!

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] n Behalf Of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi

A walk sounds a great idea – let's do that.

Thanks.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 12:26
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi [REDACTED]

We have confirmed a meeting for the Minister with the Swiss ambassador at 10:30am. It is a 15

minute walk to the Ambassador's office, Mike Nielson has suggested that it's a good idea to walk as it is a beautiful walk and the weather will be good. Would the Minister be happy to do this? Otherwise I can arrange a car for the meeting.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 20 March 2018 12:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Subject: RE: EU Office Visit

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this. Please use my blackberry number as contact [REDACTED]

We will also get something at the airport (hopefully)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2018 09:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EU Office Visit

Hi [REDACTED]

I am going to order the Ministerial cars for Monday. Can I possibly have mobile number that the driver can use to get in touch with you should there be any issues?

Secondly, the evening car to take you back to the airport will be immediately after the event, meaning there will be no time to eat. Would the Minister be happy to get some food at the airport?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Scotland House, Rond Point
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Quick update

Hello all,

I have left VM messages with you as had a comprehensive chat with Mike which has created some changes and actions.

- You will have seen my mail to Richard re incorporation of lines relating to industry and the link to funding as well as the Scottish National Investment Bank. If you have anything on this or can help at all then grateful for input.
- Mike has arranged for the Minister to see the Swiss Ambassador so I will be changing the schedule
- There will be quite a few questions to ask at the pre brief in terms of how she wants the events to run. In general, Mike is happy to drive those discussions and facilitate around Ministerial prefs.
- I'll be talking to PO about how the Minister prefers to get around considering the change in schedule
- Mike would like Industrial colleagues and yourselves to join the pre brief via a Skype call. I will send on the details tomorrow (could be in the form of a link).
- Comms still TBC

Happy to discuss

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From: [REDACTED] of Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 23 March 2018 13:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: RE: Updated Briefing for Brussels visit

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Thanks [REDACTED] This is really helpful. Yes, we will see you at 9.20am at the office on Monday morning.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2018 12:09
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [REDACTED] Neilson M (Mike)
Subject: Updated Briefing for Brussels Visit

Hi [REDACTED]

Following previous discussions, I'll meet you at the office Monday morning at 09:20? My b/berry is below – I'll be checking it Sunday night. Just in case, [REDACTED] The number for the car service (not the actual driver) is [REDACTED] They have been informed of your flight details so will be there to pick you up with the [REDACTED]. Will let you know more about the driver when we do.

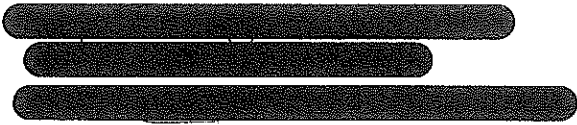
I have attached an updated brief – additions highlighted in yellow. It now includes lines on fisheries, the industrial strategy, Scottish Investment Bank and background on Switzerland / the Swiss Ambassador. The guest list and schedule is also updated. You will want to print:

- The front pages (1-5), annex A, B, H, I and K.

Also - there is a chance that one more meeting will come in – with Baden Wurttemberg - I will let you know as soon as they come back to me. This would be at 5-5:30, in Scotland House.

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Many thanks and happy to chat. See you Monday!

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From: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Sent: 21 March 2018 11:20
To: [REDACTED] Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Final reformatted FP9 paper for Brussels event

Great stuff.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2018 10:18
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Final reformatted FP9 paper for Brussels event

Hi [REDACTED] please find reformatted version attached.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 10:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial Visit - Lines on Fish

Hi [REDACTED] Mike has advised we will need lines on fisheries for Ms Somerville coming out on Monday. Do you know where I would best get them? Direct from comms?

Thanks

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 12:38
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution; Minister for International Development and Europe; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Neilson M (Mike); Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland; [Redacted]
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Subject: Ministerial Briefing - Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

[Redacted]

As discussed, please find attached the briefing and draft speech for Ms Somerville in advance of the 'Scotland's Collaborative place in Europe' day visit and evening event in Brussels, on Monday 26 March. This follows the development of the Scottish Government position paper in response to the EC Consultation on the next EU framework programme for research and innovation (Framework Programme 9) to follow Horizon 2020.

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Best regards,

[Redacted]



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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 17:26
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Final logistics: Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe

Thanks very much [redacted] this is a helpful steer and I'll pass on this info to [redacted]

Best wishes

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Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomfield, Glasgow G2 8LU

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 13:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Final logistics: Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

Please see the message below for Ed uni in advance of the FP9 event. They will be tackling it slightly differently, to give [redacted] a bit more time to introduce himself as he is new into the role, and also as [redacted] and [redacted] have jointly presented before. The detail is within the table but I have pasted just below for ease:

- Case Study
- [redacted] - *Briefly introduce yourself and project participants to the audience (3 mins)*
- [redacted] - *Joint presentation (3 slides total) with brief introduction to the public/private partnership, the role that Scottish expertise played and finally impact and what it means to the field (12 mins)*

So, it is a slightly different approach. They will likely be emphasising the connection to supply chains and so drawing out the connection to industry given the link with Janssen research (co-coordinator of the project).

Re Glasgow, I thought it would be helpful to attach the e-mail sent to [redacted] re the event (also pasted below):

- Case Study
- [redacted] - *Briefly introduce yourself and project participants to the audience (2 mins)*
- [redacted] - *Introduce project (3 mins)*
- [redacted] - *3 slides total on brief introduction to the history, the role that Scottish expertise played and finally impact and what it means to the field (10 mins)*

[redacted] has replied to say this all looks good. I think Sheila's intro to the project and emphasis on collaboration will sit well. She may want to have a chat with [redacted] tee up the detail in advance. [redacted] has been provided

with the above steer on expectations for his slot. Additionally, neither Principal will be using slides, to our knowledge.

I hope this is helpful – more than happy to discuss.

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 March 2018 17:53

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Final logistics: Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe

Importance: High

Dear [Redacted]

Please see attached the final agenda for the evening event on the 26th March. This has taken slightly longer than I had initially expected, so thanks very much for your patience.

All speakers (apart from the moderator) have now been finalised for the event, so I'm writing to confirm participants from the University of Edinburgh at the evening event, but also the stakeholder lunch between 12.14.00 on the 26th March.

Moreover, could you please confirm that [Redacted] happy to introduce the project partners and take part on the panel please?

From previous correspondence, I believe the following people will be present in the University of Edinburgh delegation:

- [Redacted] (who is attending as part of the case study).

Please confirm that I haven't missed anyone.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know your approximate arrival times.

Below you will see some preliminary information for the day:

10.30 – 11.30	Meet the Brussels Hub team
12.00 - 14.00	*Stakeholder Lunch: Scottish Government Minister Shirley Anne Somerville (Further Education, Higher Education and Science) will lead the discussion,

supported university representatives and EU-level experts in the field of research and innovation.

14.30 – 15.00 Event briefing

After this point, speakers can chose to use SH hot-desking facilities or return to hotels. We ask everyone to be back by 17.00 for the reception.

17.15 – 20.30 Scotland's Place in Europe Event

- Case Study
- [REDACTED] - *Briefly introduce yourself and project participants to the audience (3 mins)*
- [REDACTED] – *Joint presentation (3 slides total) with brief introduction to the public/private partnership, the role that Scottish expertise played and finally impact and what it means to the field (12 mins)*
- Panel Discussion: Panellists will be contacted separately with briefing notes and questions.

As noted above, we'll comprehensively brief you prior to the event.

Outside of the times above, we haven't made any specific plans for you, but you are free to take advantage of our hot-desking facilities to work, or if you have any specific requests for meetings in Brussels, I will do my best to assist.

Kindest regards,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 14 March 2018 10:51
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for your comments. I hope to have all the drafts with you as soon as possible. As you say, I didn't copy you into the outline as it I knew neither of you were in the office and the outline is largely structure as opposed to content. I hope you can see from my mail below I am very keen to make sure have sight and opportunity to comment on all content as soon as I can get it to you.

Thanks for the electronic introduction to [Redacted] - I look forward to meeting with you in person when I am next in Scotland.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 14 March 2018 10:04
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

Hi [Redacted]

I am going to go back to [Redacted] shortly about the updated mock up for the FP9 paper which he circulated yesterday.

I was a little surprised that you didn't copy [Redacted] and I into the speech layout and briefing you sent to the Minister (e-mail trail below) given that research policy lead sits with our division; albeit I recognise that neither of us were in office last week. However I was speaking to [Redacted] yesterday about something else and he mentioned that the

Minister has approved the speech outline you had forwarded so that is good. All I would ask that when drafting speech and pack that you let us see a copy of it in advance so that we can advise of any other key lines we think should be in there.

In terms of key facts, I understand that [redacted] is currently working on updating the figures so hopefully he might be able to share this week. Also can you advise if there is any specific comms work going to happen around the event e.g. NR, tweets, photos etc?

Last but by no means least, can I e-introduce you to [redacted] [redacted] has just started this week as the new team leader for the Research and Knowledge Exchange team.

Thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 March 2018 15:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

Hello [redacted]

I hope this mail finds you well and that you enjoyed London and India.

Please see message and attachments below for information. I aim to have a briefing pack to the Minister for a week on Monday. I would be really grateful for your comment on the pack so will endeavour to get that to you as soon as I can. Realistically, it will be late Wed / Thursday by have a draft. Would that be possible?

I am using the template you helpfully sent on [redacted] and have asked [redacted] colleagues for anything I should be incorporating from their perspective (e.g. tweets etc). The invites have all gone out and initial sign up is strong.

A couple of questions. I think I am right in saying some of the key facts/ stats have been updated? Is it [redacted] who has them? Grateful for advice on whether the SG has an agreed set, or what process I would need to follow to validate them? If there is, I probably won't have time so I would use the same ones as in the paper. Lastly, we would like to have a hand out for the session. Scotland Europa have mocked up the attached (not finalised or formatted but gives you an idea) – it includes a front page for example. Grateful if you could let me know what your thoughts are on us using that for the event.

Any advice gratefully received. Otherwise happy to just keep you updated.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 09 March 2018 16:30

To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

Subject: Speech Outline - EC Consultation on the next Framework Programme on European R&I - Brussels event

[Redacted]

Following discussions earlier this week, I attach an outline of the speech for the Minister to review in advance of a more detailed and nuanced draft. Happy to discuss or provide more detail though this is meant to be quite high level at this stage. I would be happy to include any particular case studies or examples the Minister would like to highlight as part of the speech.

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I also attach the latest version of the event plan so that the Minister can take in the speech outline in the context of the running order.

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In terms of next steps, I aim to have the full briefing, including the speech to you by Monday 19th of March – a week before the event. Will this suit the Minister? For information, I am separately discussing [Redacted] requirements with her office.

Happy to discuss and please let me know if there is anything else you need.

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:25
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Swiss bilat - briefing please?

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to check whether policy leads on R+I have had sight of the briefing as they may want to feed in some specific messages, or higher education colleagues as well given Ms Somerville's portfolio. There wouldn't be too much more my team could add. Finally, worth checking with Mike N if there is anything he thinks should be raised given his recent engagement with the Ambo.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Swiss bilat - briefing please?

Hi all,

See attached for what I have so far on the brief for the Swiss Ambassador. I have covered all recent EU-level engagements. The highlighted sections are those that need to be updated; objectives of the meeting and any relevant R&I info.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Swiss bilat - briefing please?

Hi [REDACTED]

We'll be able to supply you some country briefing on Switzerland. On the wider Brexit related issues, we would just advise using the Brexit Core brief.

Thanks

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Swiss bilat - briefing please?
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
Getting back in touch as we have actually managed to set up a meeting with the Swiss Ambassador for Ms Somerville on Monday. Not sure whether this sits with your area? If so, it would be great if you could share some briefing on Switzerland and in particular being a 3rd / associated country and if possible what that means for participation in EU frameworks / funding programmes?

Would it be possible to get something by tomorrow at 11am?

Many thanks

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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] for Norway can supply some country related briefing.

Cheers
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Hello [REDACTED]

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]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 18:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised briefing

This looks very good thanks. [REDACTED] may also wish to comment but can I suggest one small change please:

- Would like to understand how Switzerland participates in Horizon 2020 (and also Erasmus), and prospects for Associated and Third countries in FP9.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised briefing

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your note. I attach a paper that includes your points as well as some background on people and meetings we were planning to include. Grateful for any final comments by tomorrow at 11 at the latest.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:14

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised briefing

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached some further background briefing on Switzerland's participation in Horizon2020 as an associated country.

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Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Revised briefing

Hi all,

For info, a revised briefing will be going up tomorrow afternoon. It will include lines on fisheries, Industrial policy and Switzerland, as we have managed to set up a bilat with the Swiss Ambassador. I am also hoping for final media arrangements to be included.

We hope to Skype in Industry colleagues to the pre meet as well but I have not heard back from [REDACTED] yet so don't know who that will be. Will be in touch tomorrow re details.

Happy to discuss.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 March 2018 08:55
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Final logistics: Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe
Attachments: V2_ANNOTATED_FP9_Followup_event_Brussels_260318.docx; Bios.docx

Hey [Redacted] the lunch brief is on the attached – if [Redacted] comes back to say [Redacted] can make it could you strip it out of the doc and send on pls? Thanks!

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2018 17:25
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Final logistics: Scotland's Collaborative Place in Europe

Dear all,

Please see attached the annotated agenda for the day, together with biographies for both the lunch and evening event.

For clarification, the lunch event will be held at Scotland House.

We will also run through this comprehensively on the day to discuss any queries.

Looking forward to seeing you next week and have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 10:15
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Ministerial briefing update

Hi [Redacted] that's fine for me and [Redacted] I'm seeing her later this morning and will talk her through the latest draft for info.

Best wishes

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 March 2018 16:50
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Ministerial briefing update

Hello all,

Many thanks for all your comments on the speech and briefing. It is nearly there but I am still waiting for lines from Comms and confirmation of an MEP. On that basis, I spoke with [Redacted] on the PO and we have agreed tomorrow lunch would be better as I think that is when the Minister will be looking at it. I may have been able to glean more by then re Comms / MEP.

[Redacted] I hope this suits you and [Redacted] Happy to discuss / share earlier.

Best regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:56
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

Importance: High

Hello [Redacted] would you be the right person to help with the query below?

Happy to discuss – thanks.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:28
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech
Importance: High

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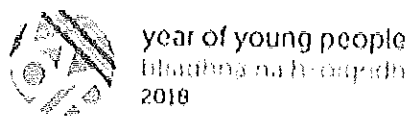
Following on from the mail below, Mike has asked to incorporate key lines relating to the Industrial strategy/ the Scottish approach to innovation (in particular the link between funding, innovation and key societal missions). Is there an FMQ brief we could include? Also, we would be grateful for some lines relating to the Scottish National Investment Bank. Does this sit in your area or should I be directing this elsewhere?

I will need to get the updated brief to the Minister tomorrow so grateful for any updates today if possible.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 March 2018 12:38
To: Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution; Minister for International Development and Europe; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Neilson M (Mike); Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland

[Redacted]

Subject: Ministerial Briefing - Scottish Response to EC Consultation on Framework Programme 9 - Brussels Event Briefing and Speech

[Redacted]

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Best regards,

[Redacted]



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Ministerial Speech Ms Somerville

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 March 2018 13:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Ministerial Briefing - for comment please

[REDACTED]

This is nearly there now! Just had a quick run-through and made minor changes – although I did shift biogs and make it a separate annex. There were some lines included 3 times in different formats so suggest cutting down summary page to bare bones and cross-referring to other annexes.

Happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 March 2018 11:17
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Ministerial Briefing - for comment please

Hello again -- to note that I will be going through the final doc to check stats against [REDACTED] to ensure they align so no need to do that.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 19 March 2018 11:56
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Ministerial Briefing - for comment please

Hello again,

A short note to say that I have incorporated most of your comments and have refined both documents which are open for you to see. Happy to discuss. I'd be grateful for any further comments by 3pm today as I will need access to the docs again at that point.

I am waiting for confirmation of 1 appointment in the day schedule however it is looking like an MEP – will update you as and when I receive confirmation. I have asked comms people to provide media info today as well.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 March 2018 18:11
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Ministerial Briefing - for comment please

Hello all,

Thanks all for your comments. I will make the final changes on Monday and will copy you all into the mail to PO.

Re words [REDACTED] there are over 1,600 at the moment and we have 10 minutes max. Given the Minister talks at 150 words per minute I don't think we can add any more however if you think we need to swap something out let me know [REDACTED] noted on Merika and FP9/7 – will check that out and amend accordingly.

I'm adding some structure to clarify the general points on R&I and Brexit will be the key lines to use for meetings and at the lunch discussion. However I was also going to include some of the suggested questions that you had used previously [REDACTED] as I think the Minister will expect some suggestions, and the SG lines are included in the general points. Happy to chat if you think we should be suggesting something else? Questions below for ease:

- What is your perspective on Scotland's key research and innovation strengths?

- *Are you aware of Scotland's distinct position on Brexit?* – Claire I note your comment abo awareness but actually people are much more aware of the distinct position Scotland has regards Bt you would think – iyt has surprised me since I have been over. I would suggest this still provides opportunity to clarify.
- *What do you consider to be the key drivers for future Framework Programme 9?*

Il let you know before I do so to give you another chance to review and of course you can look and sugge ands in the meantime. I will also, of course, cc you into the mail to PO.

Thanks again and have great weekends.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Thanks – and just to update you all, I'm drafting some brief introductory words for [REDACTED] to use at the reception (obviously I'm not drafting the grav waves section of her speech!).

Cheers

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Sent: 16 March 2018 16:10
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: draft speech

Hi – this is still really rough hand I'll be refining this PM but any comments would be much appreciated 😊

Thanks



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 March 2018 14:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ministerial speech draft - for comment please

[REDACTED]

Sorry for missing your deadline. Some revisions in track changes and a comment.

[REDACTED]

 Ministerial Speech
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2018 16:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ministerial speech draft - for comment please

Hello both,

I would be very grateful if you could review the attached and provide me with feedback / comments. It would be great to have some today or tomorrow morning if possible? I will need to send to Policy colleagues tomorrow.

It's a 10 minute speech and the Minister speaks at about 150 words per minute.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2018 19:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Draft Ministerial Briefing - for comment please

Hi – sorry I can't remember whether you have the links for the briefing/ speech. See below.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 February 2018 13:13
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Draft Ministerial Event - FP9 - for comment please

[REDACTED]

Please find attached a draft outline for the FP9 Ministerial event in Brussels. You will see this is an indicative outline as we are yet to secure dates. Once you are content we will use the outline to arrange dates with Ms Somerville's PO.

On a related note, we have been thinking that it may be better for the SG to focus on Brussels for the Minister, and Europa could lead a Scotland FP9 event, as opposed to it being SG led. This would keep the messages live and would make connections with SG but could be more of a stakeholder opportunity for SE.

Grateful for thoughts.

Best regards

[REDACTED]



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