## Item 1:

Your Reference: Gordon,

### [Redacted]

### Hi [Redacted]

On behalf of Business for Scotland, I would like to request a meeting with Jamie Hepburn MSP in his new role as Minister for Independence.

Our attendees will include representatives of the Board of Business for Scotland Ltd.

The agenda will include independence strategy and communication with businesses and other organisations regarding devolution, independence and Scotland's constitutional future.

We can be flexible on dates; the only ones we cannot make in April are from the 25th to the 28th. Yours for Scotland

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Chief Executive, Business for Scotland Ltd.

### [Redacted]

# Item 2:

T: 0300 244 4000

E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp

### [Redacted]

Our Reference: 202300350324

Your Reference: Request for a meeting with the Minister for Independence

20 April 2023

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2023, inviting the Minister for Independence, Jamie Hepburn MSP, to a meeting.

Mr Hepburn would be delighted to accept your invitation, I would be grateful if you could contact me at MinisterforIndy@gov.scot to discuss arrangements.
Yours sincerely

### [Redacted]

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# Item 3:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

**Sent:** 05 June 2023 14:18

To: GRAY, Neil < neil.gray.mp@parliament.uk >

Cc: Hepburn J (Jamie), MSP < Jamie. Hepburn.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

Hi Neil

I had hoped that we would be able to meet up by now and discuss the Wellbeing economic project and the business events we touched on during the meeting in the First Minster's office.

I still have not heard back from your office on our meeting that we discussed having quickly after the leadership contest. Can we arrange for some time in the next two weeks?

I have also texted to ask if you can speak at the Saltire Lunch in Edinburgh on Friday, June 28th. You suggested you would be able to be more flexible with your diary then.

Yours for Scotland Gordon

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# Item 4:

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E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Our Reference: 202300362143

23 June 2023







Dear Mr MacIntyre-Kemp,

Thank you for your invitation to Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy on 5 June to speak at the Saltire Lunch on 30 June.

The Cabinet Secretary would be delighted to attend and I would be grateful if you could please contact

us at CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot to make the necessary arrangements. Yours sincerely

### [Redacted]

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## Item 5:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] On Behalf Of Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp

Sent: 22 August 2023 12:11

To: McKelvie C (Christina), MSP < <a href="mailto:Christina.McKelvie.msp@parliament.scot">Christina.McKelvie.msp@parliament.scot</a>>

Subject: Invite to attend the 2023 Business for Scotland Annual Dinner in Glasgow

(15/09/23)

Invitation to the Business for Scotland Annual Din	ner
on Friday the 15th of September 2023	









Dear Christina McKelvie,

We would like to invite you attend Business for Scotland's 8th Annual Dinner on **Friday**, **15th of September 2023 at The Hilton Glasgow!** 

The Business for Scotland Annual Dinner offers guests the opportunity to network over dinner and enjoy speeches in the company of some of Scotland's leading politicians, business people and members of the independence movement.

### **Details**

We are pleased to announce that the Keynote Speaker will be **Scotland's First Minister**, **Humza Yousaf MSP**.

The event will run from 18:15 – 00:00 (Official proceedings should be finished by 10:45pm)

Dress code: Highland dress/ black tie/ business dress

Click <u>here</u> to see photos from previous BfS Annual Dinners

Please email **[Redacted]** if you would like to book your place or if you have any questions.

We would be delighted to have you,

Kind regards,

Gordon MK



# Item 6:

T: 0300 244 4000

E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Our Reference: 202300373159







Your Reference: Invite to attend the 2023 Business for Scotland Annual Dinner in Glasgow (15/09/23)

7 September 2023

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for inviting Christina McKelvie MSP, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development to attend the 8th annual Business for Scotland Dinner in Glasgow on the 15 September 2023.

Unfortunately, due to a prior commitment, the Minister is unable to attend on this occasion. The Minister has asked me to pass on her best wishes for a successful evening.

Yours sincerely,

# [Redacted] PRIVATE SECRETARY

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# Item 7:

From: gordon [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 1:07 PM **To:** First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot> **Cc:** Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with the First Minister - Thursday 11 May

Yes i can make that appointment.

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message ------From: <u>FirstMinister@gov.scot</u>

Date: 03/05/2023 12:25 pm (GMT+00:00)

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Tom.Thomson@gov.scot

Subject: Meeting with the First Minister - Thursday 11 May

Dear Mr MacIntyre-Kemp,

I hope you are well. I am contacting you from the First Minister's office regarding a meeting with the First Minister this month. I understand you were liaising with my colleague Tom Thomson about a potential timeslot on the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – could I check if a revised







timeslot of **14:00-14:45** suits? This meeting would take place at the Scottish Parliament building.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance; the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy; and the Minister for Independence will join the discussion.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Deputy Private Secretary** 

Office of the First Minister

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# Item 8:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

**Sent:** 02 May 2023 10:50

To: Tom Thomson < Tom. Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Meeting with FM

Hi Tom

Yes that works for me - when you say chat in person is that just the two of us or will there be others present?

thanks

**GMK** 







On 2 May 2023, at 07:05, <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot> <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot> wrote:

Good Morning Gordon,

Would Thursday 11th May 13:30-14:00 in Parliament suit?

Thanks, Tom

### **Tom Thomson**

Special Adviser to the First Minister

### [Redacted]

tom.thomson@gov.scot

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From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Sent: 27 April 2023 12:41

To: Tom Thomson < Tom. Thomson@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Meeting with FM

Just let me know I will be as flexible as I can be to facilitate.

On 26 Apr 2023, at 16:54, <a href="mailto:Tom.Thomson@gov.scot">Tom.Thomson@gov.scot</a> wrote:

Good Afternoon Gordon,

First Minister is keen to meet sometime over the next few weeks for a chat in person if we can get diaries to work.

Will check with his diary team and see what options there might be and hopefully get you an update soon.

Thanks, Tom

### **Tom Thomson**

Special Adviser to the First Minister

### [Redacted]

tom.thomson@gov.scot

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# Item 9:

From: Tom Thomson < Tom. Thomson@gov.scot >

**Sent:** 02 May 2023 14:57

**To:** Callum McCaig < <u>Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot</u>>; Colin McAllister < <u>Colin.McAllister@gov.scot</u>>; First Minister < <u>FirstMinister@gov.scot</u>> **Cc:** Ewan Crawford < <u>Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot</u>>; Emily Mackintosh

<Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack

Middleton < Jack. Middleton@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with FM

Mr MacIntyre-Kemp has followed up by email:

Hi Tom

Just to confirm my suggestion that the 11th at 1.30 pm stays in the diary for a quick face-to-face between myself and the FM. Then, at a later date, we can have a 45min to 1hr meeting with the FM, the Finance and Wellbeing Economy Cab Secs and the Independence Minister as discussed. This is possibly the most effective use of time for the FM and his Ministers.

many thanks

**GMK** 

Very grateful if FMPO could consider handling and confirm arrangements with Mr MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted].

Thanks, Tom







### **Tom Thomson**

Special Adviser to the First Minister

### [Redacted]

tom.thomson@gov.scot

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## Item 10:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:01 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

10.30am if fine - did you get my suggested agenda?

And do you have anything to add.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

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On 21 Jun 2023, at 15:00, <<u>CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot</u>> <<u>CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot</u>> wrote:

Afternoon,

Apologies for requesting another change in time for this meeting but would the slightly earlier time of 10:30 – 11:00 be suitable?

Thanks.

### [Redacted]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy - Neil Gray MSP

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From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2023 3:01 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

That's not a problem, thanks

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

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On 16 Jun 2023, at 14:31, <a href="mailto:CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot">CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot</a> wrote:

Afternoon,

Hope you are well. Due to a slight change in Mr Gray's diary would it be suitable to have this meeting at the slightly earlier time of 10:45 – 11:15? Thanks,

### [Redacted]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy - Neil Gray MSP

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From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work &

Energy

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:45 PM

**To:** Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]; Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy <CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

Great, I have confirmed this time in our diary. We can host in Mr Gray's office in Parliament. Please bring I.D. along on the day for reception.







Thanks.

### [Redacted]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy - Neil Gray MSP

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From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:06 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work & Energy

<CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

Afternoon [Redacted], Yes I can make that time. many thanks

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

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On 6 Jun 2023, at 14:58, <<u>CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot</u>> <<u>CabSecWEFWE@gov.scot</u>> wrote:

Afternoon Gordon,

Apologies we have not managed to get another meeting in up to this point. Mr Gray would be eager to meet as soon as possible. With this in mind would Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11:00 – 11:30 be suitable?

Thanks.

### [Redacted]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy - Neil Gray MSP

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From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Sent: 05 June 2023 14:25

**To:** Gray N (Neil), MSP < Neil.Gray.MSP@Parliament.scot > **Subject:** Fwd: Meeting to Discuss Wellbeing Economics Project

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Hi Neil (sending again with correct email)

I had hoped that we would be able to meet up by now and discuss the Wellbeing economic project and the business events we touched on during the meeting in the First Minster's office.

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Yours for Scotland Gordon

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# Item 11:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 1:10 PM

To: [Redacted]

**Subject:** Links to info promised during our meeting yesterday.

### Hi [Redacted]

Following up on our conversation yesterday, here are some links to information that may be of use to your colleagues working on the FMs address to the Annual Dinner.

<u>Here is the Frequently Asked Questions page</u> from our site which will explain the relationship between Business for Scotland and Believe in Scotland, and the size, scale and goals of our organisation and campaigns.

### Wellbeing







Key to all of our policy work is our support for and leading role in defining the wellbeing economics agenda - please note that the wellbeing economy is often a term for the voluntary sector's economic impact. Wellbeing economics is a new economic approach and so not the same. our Wellbeing Economics Manifesto is explained in brief here

We are also about to launch a new <u>campaign for a Wellbeing pension</u> - Not all of our campaigns are directly independence related but we would like to see the Wellbeing Pension proposal adopted by the Scottish Government as part of its independence plans.

### **Affiliated Yes Groups**

The size of the organisation is explained in the FAQs but it may also be of use to see the growing list of our affiliated organisations here

### **Our New Mobile App**

Also in the night, we will be announcing the launch of our Believe in Scotland mobile app - instructions for download here. The app will focus on Scotland the Brief at the moment but the focus of the app content will change as the campaign progresses.

Should anyone want to look at the app - it is in beta testing mode right now with a selection of our Stakeholder members. See below.

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We are developing a series of mobile phone apps - from key issue apps to canvassing and surveying apps and apps for affiliated national campaign groups.

Our first is a Believe in Scotland app, the main feature of which is access to Scotland the Brief. All the great info from the StB Mini book in your pocket along with access to the StB quiz, latest news, and blogs - basically, it's the economic argument for independence at your fingertips.

Go on to your mobile device and click the link to download the app here: <a href="https://believeinscotland.beezer.com/">https://believeinscotland.beezer.com/</a>

The app will open in your mobile phone's default web browser, but you can copy and paste this link into a supporting browser if you have any issues.

### On Android (using Chrome browser)

- 1.) You will be prompted to Allow or Block Push Notifications then you will be asked to install the app by clicking the banner popup at the bottom of the screen.
- 2.) After clicking the 'Add to Home screen' link you then press add. (If you have dismissed the prompt, you can add manually by choosing 'Add to Home Screen' from the Settings menu of the browser).
- 3.) You did it! The app is installed on the Home Screen and a dot will appear showing new notifications have been sent.

### On iPhone (using Safari browser)

- 1.) You will see the app in the browser and a popup to Install the app and 'ADD TO HOME SCREEN' will appear at the bottom of the screen.
- 2.) When you click the blue "ADD TO HOME SCREEN" button you will then see instructions for how to add to the home screen on iOS







3.) Tap the relevant icon then press the Add to Home Screen icon (note you may need to scroll down to see the + Icon).

Next click 'Add to Home Screen'

4.) You can then click 'Add' at the top of the screen to complete the Install process. Your Progressive Web App will now be accessible from the home screen of your iOS device. You did it! Once launched from your home screen you will see your app in 'full screen' mode without any navigation bar or browser options.

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If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call.

**GMK** 

# Item 12 (Please note attachments are enclosed separately with this letter):

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 4:01 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: Re: First Minister to be keynote speaker at BfS Annual Dinner

This email contains confidential, business sensitive and personal information and has been submitted under the understanding that it is therefore exempt from Freedom of Information requests.

### **About the Business for Scotland Annual Dinner**

The Business for Scotland annual dinner was launched in 2014 and is back this year after a two year hiatus due to the health crisis. On all but one occasion it has been addressed by the sitting First Minister of Scotland.

The 2022 event will take place on Friday, September 16th and will have approximately 300 guests making it one of the major events in the business calendar.

Please find attached:

- 1) The running order for the annual dinner
- 2) A short briefing for the First Minister About Business for Scotland which explains the relationship between Business for Scotland Ltd (the Company) and Believe in Scotland (the campaign) and details our activities.
- 3) A copy of the BiS Code of Conduct.

### The Top Table

Top table guests will include

Gordon and [Redacted] - Gordon is the Chief Executive of Business for Scotland, [Redacted].

### [Redacted]







### [Redacted]

### [Redacted]

Lorna Slater - Co Leader of the Scottish Green Party

### [Redacted]

The VIP reception will start at 6.15pm and a full list of attendees (expected to be 30) will be forwarded once the VIP table holders have submitted their chosen attendees.

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp is available to verbally brief the First Minister's speechwriter/SPAD on the issues pertinent to engaging this audience.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Founder and Chief Executive



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On 8 Sep 2022, at 12:30, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi Gordon.

Just a gentle reminder that my aim is to get the briefing over to SpAds by 4:00 pm today. Could I ask you please cc [Redacted] in your response.

Many thanks, [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 07 September 2022 10:31

To: 'Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp' [Redacted]

Subject: RE: First Minister to be keynote speaker at BfS Annual Dinner

We try our very best not to break FM!!!

Thanks Gordon. That's excellent. Cheers, [Redacted]

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Sent: 07 September 2022 10:30

To: [Redacted] Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: First Minister to be keynote speaker at BfS Annual Dinner







Tomorrow is manageable and yes I see you spotted that I meant briefing, not breaking the FM:-)

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Founder and Chief Executive

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On 7 Sep 2022, at 10:27, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi Gordon, fully understand. I was hoping to share the briefing with SpAds by 4:00 pm today but could push that back until 4:00 pm tomorrow. Would that be manageable?

### Best, [Redacted]

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Sent: 07 September 2022 10:24

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: First Minister to be keynote speaker at BfS Annual Dinner

### Hi [Redacted]

3pm today doesn't look likely as I have personal matter to deal with - when will you be breaking the FM?

### **GMK**

On 7 Sep 2022, at 09:55, [Redacted] wrote:

Hello again Gordon.

At the risk of causing nuisance, would it be possible for you to get this information, as well as that mentioned by [Redacted] (My colleague, [Redacted], who I think you may know and (in copy) will be in touch on Monday for the running order and details of other speakers and who will be at First Minister's table (any bios you have for those would be most welcome). We'll come back to you on details of who will be accompanying First Minister including SpAds) over to me by 3:00 pm today?

Very much obliged, [Redacted]

# Item 13:







From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:46 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted];

Subject: Invitation for FM to speak at the 2023 BfS Annual Dinner

### Hi [Redacted]

As previously discussed via email on the 6th of March.

Business for Scotland will be holding our 2023 Annual Dinner on Friday, 15th September this year. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow.

As has been a tradition every year since our first event in 2014, we would like to invite the First Minister to be the keynote speaker at the event. This would also involve the First Minister attending the event as a top-table guest.

We anticipate between 300 and 400 attendees from across the business community. Guests will arrive from 6.15 pm for a 6.45 pm sit down. We would expect the First Minister to speak for approximately 15 minutes - After the dinner.

I would be grateful for a swift (provisional) confirmation of the First Minister's attendance.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Chief Executive, Business for Scotland Ltd.

[Redacted]

# Item 14:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:57 PM

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Meeting with the First Minister

### Hi [Redacted]

As discussed I would like to request a meeting with the First Minister on behalf of Business for Scotland and Believe in Scotland.

The meeting would be to discuss positive ideas on how to progress the Scottish Government's key policy of gaining independence for Scotland and how Business for Scotland's Wellbeing Economics approach can facilitate that progress.

I would invite a representative from the Board of Business for Scotland and one from our Believe in Scotland Campaign Steering Group to join us.

I would suggest the best time for this meeting would be in mid-March and that the duration would be about an hour.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp.







# Item 15:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 4:04 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing and Fair Work

### Hi [Redacted]

On behalf of Business for Scotland, I would like to request a meeting with Neil Gray MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing and Fair Work.

Business for Scotland has been a leading voice in championing the adoption of a Wellbeing Economic Approach for many years. We have also set up a specialist economic policy research arm/Wellbeing think tank Scotianomics to lead on developing the Wellbeing Economic Approach.

### https://www.scotianomics.org/analysis/

We will soon publish the Scotianomics Wellbeing Index, a system of measures that will provide a single international comparative score to measure the impact of the Wellbeing Economic Approach and provide international benchmarks for use in policy creation and measurement.

Yours for Scotland Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Chief Executive, Business for Scotland Ltd.

# Item 16: (Please note attachment is enclosed separately with this letter):

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:52 PM

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Revised BfS Annual Dinner running order

### Hi [Redacted]

Following on from our conversation this morning I have attached the reworked the running order that will enable the FM to leave at 8 pm, having rejoined the top table after her talk. This will also allow for an earlier dinner service.

I hope this meets with your approval and seems to me the best way to handle the the situation.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp







## Item 17:

**From:** Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] **Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 2:59 PM

To: [Redacted]

**Cc:** Mackintosh E (Emily) < Emily. Mackintosh@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum)

<Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: Invitation to First Minister to be keynote speaker at BfS Annual Dinner

### Dear [Redacted]

The Business for Scotland Annual Dinner has been a major fixture on the business event calendar since 2014, missing only the last two years due to Covid restrictions. It usually attracts between 300-350 business people to attend. The unique appeal of the event is that the attendees are pro-independence business people and their guests.

As we prepare for Scotland's final independence referendum, the 2022 Annual dinner is a key opportunity for the Scottish Government to promote the economic case for independence. So, we believe that it is vital that the First Minister accept this invitation to be our keynote speaker.

The event will take place in Glasgow, to facilitate the First Minister's attendance we have the following dates and venues on hold for the 2022 dinner. We would be grateful if you could check the First Minister's schedule and confirm that there is nothing currently in the diary for the following dates.

- Friday 2nd Sept Hilton Glasgow
- Friday 16th Sept Crown Plaza
- Friday 30th Sept DoubleTree by Hilton (Formally the Thistle)

We appreciate that the First Minister cannot 100% confirm her attendance this far in advance and that Government business/emergencies may get in the way. However, we ask that you provisionally confirm her intention to attend as the keynote speaker. We will not publicly promote the First Ministers participation until later in the year when you are fully able to confirm the date in her diary.

We would greatly appreciate receiving provisional confirmation of attendance (above caveats apply) by Friday 11th February.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp Founder and Chief Executive



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# Item 18:

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:21 AM







To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted];

Subject: Re: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance

Neil and Anum will have 4 mins to set the conversation and they can speak about any issue they want.

We have said what Neils Cab Sec Position is and our organisation is one of the key orgs championing wellbeing economics so that will be part of the conversation. However, its flows and my criteria for deciding scope is not fixed.

Can I suggest the Cabinet Secretaries people speak to Jamie Hepburn MSP, who was the speaker at the last Edinburgh Saltire lunch.

thanks

**GMK** 

On 25 Jul 2023, at 11:15, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi Gordon

Thanks so much for coming back to us. Has the conversation been framed in anyway when the event was promoted eg Minister responsible for Wellbeing Economy/ Fair Work or is it up to Mr Gray to frame that during his speech? I realise you can't control topics but what are your parameters for suggesting something is in scope or not?

Happy to chat by phone if easier. I'm free until 11:30. We are being chased by Mr Gray's office for this information.

Many thanks

### [Redacted]

### [Redacted] Strategic Business Engagement Team Lead

Scottish Government | Economic Strategy Directorate | 3rd Floor | 5 Atlantic Quay | 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU

### [Redacted]

### I am working remotely and am available by email or MS Teams

[Please note: I'm sending this email at a time convenient for me. Even if I've emailed you at an odd time, I don't expect a response outside of your working hours; when you are caring for others; on a non-work day or at the weekend]

From: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:00 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted];

Subject: Re: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance

Neil will have 4 mins to set the discussion up - however, it's a free flow of questions so we can't control what topics are covered.

I do sometimes call some topics as not relevant when facilitating the conversation and steer it back to the opening comments.







Neil will be seated next to me on one side and Francoise Henderson of Rubric, the owner of a global translation business headquartered in Edinburgh. <a href="https://rubric.com/">https://rubric.com/</a>

If Neil just comes down the stairs into the private dining room I will meet him. Please let me reiterate it's an informal and private lunch and discussion.

There will be members of the Green party and Alba present as well as SNP members and people of no political allegiance but all are aware we operate under strict Chatham House rules.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

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On 24 Jul 2023, at 12:04, [Redacted] wrote:

Thanks Gordon.

Can I ask what the focus of the discussion will be? And also who will greet him outside (assume it will be yourself?). And lastly, appreciate you won't have the full attendees list but we need to share the briefing with the Cabinet Secretary today, could we include who he will be seated next to for now?

Happy to chat – I am on [Redacted]

**Thanks** 

[Redacted] | Business Organisations Strategic Engagement Manager | Strategic Business Engagement Team

**Economic Strategy Directorate | Scottish Government** 

[Redacted]

I am sending this e-mail at a time that suits my working arrangements and, if this is at a time outwith your own normal working hours, I do not expect you to respond until you are next at work

From: gordon[Redacted]
Sent: 20 July 2023 12:53
To: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: FW: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance







We won't have the final list till Wed next week. [Redacted] will deal with that thanks.

### **GMK**

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted]

Date: 20/07/2023 12:52 pm (GMT+01:00)

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance

Hi Gordon

Hope you are well! just wanted to check in with you about a list of attendees, grateful if you could advise? Thank you!

# [Redacted]| Business Organisations Strategic Engagement Manager | Strategic

**Business Engagement Team** 

**Economic Strategy Directorate | Scottish Government** 

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 2:06 PM **To:** Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance

Thank you Gordon that is really helpful. I will be going on leave after today so please keep my colleagues [Redacted] and [Redacted] up-dated with any further information.

Enjoy the rest of your holiday.

### Regards

### [Redacted]

[Redacted]| Senior Policy Executive | Strategic Business Engagement and Events Division | Economic Strategy Directorate | Scottish Government | [Redacted] | [Redacted]

**From:** Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp [Redacted] **Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:37 PM

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Saltire Lunch - 28 July - Ministerial attendance

Importance: High

### Hi [Redacted]







I am on holiday at the moment so a brief synopsis.

The lunch will be at the Cannonball Restaurant at the top of the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. <a href="https://www.contini.com/cannonball">https://www.contini.com/cannonball</a>

The Other speaker will be Anum Qaisar MP whose Neil will know well.

# **Itinerary**

Drinks from noon, sit down 12.30pm for 5 min welcome from myself. We then network over the starter and when that is cleared both speakers have 4 mins each to set the scene - then the main course arrives and I facilitate a Q&A throughout the lunch ending around 2.30pm. Sounds like a long Q&A but we end up arguing amongst ourselves and the second speaker format allows the speaker to have a break and eat-:) Saltire meetings are always in private dining rooms and everyone knows never to attribute what was said.

It can be a tough gig but for the right reasons, lots of searching questions and ideas.

We will send you a list of attendees beforehand and joining instructions. Saltire membership of Business for Scotland is a premium membership costing £1,500 a year. We hold 10 lunches a year for the 60 or so members who are all pro-independence business people.

Yours for Scotland

Gordon

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On 13 Jul 2023, at 11:21, [Redacted] wrote:

Good morning







Further to your invitation to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, Neil Gray, MSP, to attend the Saltire Lunch on 28 July, I should be very grateful if you could provide details of the venue and time please.

Kind regards [Redacted]

[Redacted]| Senior Policy Executive | Strategic Business Engagement and Events Division| Economic Strategy Directorate | Scottish Government | [Redacted] | [Redacted]

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