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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 6:56 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [Redacted -s38]
Cc: [Redacted -s38]
Subject: RE: CAB SEC CONSIDERATION PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail

Many thanks [Redacted -s38]. I will issue as below.

[Redacted -s38]

Climate Secretary Màiri McAllan said:

“The Scottish Government, and Scotland generally, is held in high esteem on the world stage with regard to our approach to tackling climate change, our renewable abundance and our commitment to climate justice, human rights and international co-operation.

“Conversations centre on knowledge exchange and for our part, both seeking info and sharing info on the issues we’re recognised for – for example, the £2 million Scotland pledged at COP26 for loss and damage, helped to break a 30-year impasse and galvanised more than \$700 million of funding, demonstrating what small countries can do when they apply themselves.

“Other examples include recent questioning at COP28 on how we managed to pioneer and take forward the world’s largest floating offshore wind leasing round and how we are planning to scale up our green hydrogen potential to both decarbonise our own industrial base and to export to Northern Europe. In addition we have also used co-chairmanship of the Under2 Coalition to set up policy forums on hydrogen and others - specifically to exchange knowledge and experience – underlining the Scottish Government’s commitment to being a good global citizen and making a constructive contribution to tackling the climate crisis.”

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From: [Redacted -s38] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 6:50 PM

To: [Redacted -s38] Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition
<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; [Redacted -s38]

Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs [Redacted -s38]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CONSIDERATION PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail

Hi [Redacted -s38],

Ms McAllan is now content but can we delete [Redacted -s30 (b) (i)]

Full report of COP28 meetings will come in due course.

Ms McAllan fully expects this has been checked for accuracy.

Thanks,

[Redacted -s38]

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot

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Subject: RE: CAB SEC CONSIDERATION PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail

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From: [Redacted -s38]

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 5:28 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs [Redacted -s38]

Subject: CAB SEC CONSIDERATION PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail

Dear Cab Sec and PO,

Reflecting on your earlier comments, please find a re-worked comment for your consideration please, which has been agreed with spads.

Many thanks

Charlotte

Issue: Mairi McAllan told Parliament yesterday: "More often than not, world leaders are approaching the Scottish Government and asking for our advice on how we have managed to lead the way so successfully on a number of fronts."

Can SG be specific in terms of which world leaders have approached it for advice and on which subjects please? If an exhaustive list is not possible to compile at short notice, are there any examples that can be offered?

Suggested response:

Climate Secretary Màiri McAllan said: [Redacted -s30 (b) (i)]

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From: [Redacted -s38] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 3:59 PM

To: [Redacted -s38] Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

<CabSecTNZJT@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs [Redacted -s38]

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail

[Redacted -s38],

The Cab Sec has noted and commented the following which I have left as is for ease of reference:

“Thanks - My point, in response to Willie Rennie where he asked me if I relay his perceived failings about Scotland to those I meet at COP, that actually the conversations I have are often with counterparts asking how we’re delivering on such ambitious plans, including how we managed to pioneer and take forward the world’s largest floating offshore wind leasing round [Redacted -s30 (b) (i)], how we are planning to scale up our green hydrogen potential to both decarbonise our own industrial base and to export to Northern Europe [Redacted -s30 (b) (i)]. So, as well as Loss and Damage, could we point to these? And how we have essentially used our Co-chairmanship of U2 to set up policy forums on hydrogen and others - specifically to exchange knowledge and experience. Knowledge exchange and the conversations I described are exactly the value we extract from time at COP.

[Redacted -s30 (b) (i)]

There are loads of examples. So I think the lines need to say something about the large number of bilateral meetings we conduct where conversations Centre on knowledge exchange and for our part, both seeking info and sharing info on the issues we’re recognised for.

Could SpAds rework?

MM”

Grateful if these lines can be reconsidered.

Thanks,

[Redacted -s38],

Deputy Private Secretary

Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 3:06 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero & Just Transition

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Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs [Redacted -s38],

Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE PLEASE: World leaders and Scotland - Daily Mail
Dear Cab Sec and PO,

FM PO copied for awareness due to link with Cop28

The Daily Mail has been in touch looking for a response to a statement made by Ms McAllan in Parliament yesterday on Scotland being approached by world leaders for advice.

They are looking for information on who has approached SG and about what. Rather than provide an exhaustive list – comms suggest that a statement centring around some of the key leaders that the FM and Ms McAllan met with during COP – and focussing on SG leading the way with loss and damage funding could address this issue.

Policy officials are content with the following however grateful for your consideration of the following please.

Many thanks

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Suggested response:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: [Redacted -s30 (b) (i)]

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[Redacted -s38], **Communications: News (Net Zero and Just Transition)**

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Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted -s38]

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:57 AM

To: [Redacted -s38],

Subject: Mairi McAllan - Daily Mail

[Redacted -s38],

As discussed...

I'm writing for tomorrow's Daily Mail.

Mairi McAllan told Parliament yesterday: “More often than not, world leaders are approaching the Scottish Government and asking for our advice on how we have managed to lead the way so successfully on a number of fronts.”

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Kind regards,

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