

Annex A

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 November 2017 17:05
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Correspondence from the Education and Skills Committee

Dear [redacted]

Please find attached two letters from the Education and Skills Committee to the Cabinet Secretary. One relates to the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill and the other relates to the Additional Support for Learning draft Code of Practice.

Many thanks and have a good weekend,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 06 November 2017 15:16
To: [redacted]
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Education and Skills (es.committee@parliament.scot); [redacted])
Subject: Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister

Dear [redacted] ,

Please find attached correspondence from the Deputy First Minister.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 September 2017 18:57
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Committee papers

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Dear [redacted] and team

Please find attached a link to the Committee's papers for next week.

http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Education/Meeting%20Papers/20170906ES.Committee_Papers.pdf

Thanks

[redacted]
Assistant Clerk
Education and Skills Committee
(Telephone (Direct Dial): **[redacted]**)

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 September 2017 15:30
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Official Report - Parliamentary Business : Scotti...

Hi [redacted]

I think they need to get a ticket - visitor services will be able to provide just call switchboard on 348 5000 and get put through to the tickets bit - there are always tickets available!

see you in the morning,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 November 2017 12:42
To: Director for Children and Families
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: named persons - information sharing
Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for giving this further consideration and taking the time to respond within such a tight timescale. Your response is very helpful and I appreciate the points that you make. Whilst I do not plan to share any of this in detail with the

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committee, I will update them briefly in person during private session next wednesday with very general remarks on the considerations you mention.

Specifically I would plan to mention the potential timescale of September 2018, the necessary information (inc GDPR related) and engagement work required to produce an authoritative version of the code, and that extending stage 1 would create an extended a period of uncertainty including for practitioners and those required to engage in the development of the code.

Many thanks again,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

On Behalf Of DirectorforChildrenandFamilies@gov.scot

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 12:26 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: named persons - information sharing

Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for your email. I am happy to provide some clarification on the issues raised in your response.

In terms of timescale on the Code of Practice, considering our assessment of the nature of work that will be involved, the Scottish Government anticipates that development of a draft Code would take until September 2018. We would want the next iteration of the Code to be getting close to the definitive, authoritative version: an expectation that will require both detailed working, and a genuinely collaborative approach with partners, from whom we would be asking for a significant contribution of time and resource. In addition, we need to allow time for finalisation of the Data Protection Bill currently going through the Westminster Parliament, and for all bodies to digest the new GDPR that will commence in May 2018. Realistically, a draft Code prior to May 2018 would not be practical or helpful as it would not fully account for new legislation within the Data Protection Bill or GDPR. This timeframe also considers Parliamentary recess in July 2018.

Clearly conclusion of this work will take us well beyond the Stage 1 timetable. But the work has already begun to pursue this collaborative and thorough approach, with the appointment by the end of November of an independent chair for the GIRFEC Practice Development Panel with membership being appointed soon after. The

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Panel with wide stakeholder representation will marshal the development of the draft Code ensuring it meets their needs.

The Stage 1 decision is on the Bill's general principles, including whether there should be a code of practice. We think that the preliminary nature of every Stage 1 decision explains why it is unusual for draft regulations, codes, guidance and so on to be provided even in draft form during Stage 1. It is more usual for such things to be developed with stakeholders at a later stage, as part of the wider implementation of the legislation (and sometimes involving a separate Parliamentary vote, as we have now committed to in this case

Clearly, the Government hopes for a positive outcome when the Bill is considered by the whole Parliament at Stage 1, which would be a clear endorsement and encouragement to the sector of this collective approach. This would be of course without prejudice to further debates and decisions of the Parliament at Stages 2 and 3. Helpfully, these would be informed by the work of the Panel and others to produce a Code of Practice that would command authority and recognition in the sector. Conversely, any delay in the Stage 1 debate would leave this work overshadowed by uncertainty as to its value and support from Parliament.

I hope this is helpful.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Director for Children and Families
Scottish Government

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 03 July 2017 10:08

To: [redacted]

Subject: Children and Young People (information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill: Call for evidence

Good morning

I hope everyone is well and had a nice weekend

The Committee has published its call for evidence on the Children and Young People (information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill today the link to the inquiry webpage follows.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105493.aspx>

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and the link to the call for evidence page:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105562.aspx>

Please pass this onto anyone who may wish to submit evidence.

Thank you

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