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A copy of all communications between SQA staff / representatives and the Scottish Government (including Education Scotland and government ministers) regarding the Higher History Review 2024

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Emails

From: Donna Stewart

Sent: 21 August 2024 10:50

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Subject: RE: Higher History - Herald Article - Micases

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope that you are having a good week.

I've reached out to my history colleagues on this and will get back to you.

Thanks,

Donna

Donna Stewart

Head of National Qualifications Policy

Ceannard Poileasaidh NQ

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 9:45 AM

To: Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot

Subject: Higher History - Herald Article - Micases

Hi Donna,

I hope you're well.

One of my colleagues highlighted the article in the Herald this morning regarding Higher History marking and pass rates - Teachers hit out at SQA over 'unfair' exam marking | The Herald (heraldscotland.com)

I see there's an SQA comment in the article on grade boundaries and ways for markers to give feedback.

We have had a couple of Micases on Higher History results – would you be able to provide us with any background information and more detailed comment on Higher History this year?

Happy to have a quick chat.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: 27 August 2024 15:08

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>; Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi Gill, we've had a few PQs come in relating to Higher History marking. Can you let us know when you can provide the note for Cab Sec (if you are providing one) to help inform our response?

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 2:59 PM

To: 'John Booth' <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>;
Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Media reports on Higher History exams

Thanks John.

[REDACTED] – can you engage with SG comms on the highlighted please and ask them to action? We should also reinforce John's point about SG comms sharing lines with SQA before issue.

Gill – we will wait to hear from you as to what you would like us to share with the Cab Sec in terms of a note (may just be the link below to the published statement)?

[REDACTED]

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 2:52 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>;
Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi

Web page now live and will be signposted via SQA News shortly:

A response to recent reports on the 2024 Higher History assessments (sqa.org.uk)

This may provide you with sufficient info for the background note but if you feel more is needed then Gill is happy to speak.

I think it would be helpful if SG Comms could clarify what was meant by that line on evaluation as it will help spike that particular part of the story. If there are any subsequent enquiries into SG it would also be helpful if you could make the point that SQA has confirmed there has been no change to the marking instructions and approach.

There's a more general point about SG Comms letting us know when enquiries have been received and discussing drafts (not just seeing issued lines). We will raise this with them again but anything you can do to reinforce the point would be helpful. I think we all benefit.

Thanks

John

John Booth

Director of Communications, SQA

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 2:41 PM

To: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>; Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi John

Thanks for letting us know. That's quite a leap, even for the Herald, to interpret "As in previous years, SQA will be undertaking an evaluation of their awarding approaches" as a review of Higher History! Is there anything SG comms can helpfully do to clarify or should we just leave it?

Gill – just to reassure, [REDACTED] has been very clear with Cab Sec that there was no different approach to History marking this year having spoken to Fiona. The idea of asking for a note originated with SpADs but I don't think it needs to be long and can reiterate points already made.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:56 PM

To: Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Steve Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi [REDACTED]

In addition to the background note that Gill is sending on, to be aware that we will be issuing a statement this afternoon on Higher History (via SQA News and the website) to address the misleading media reports. We will also be supplying this statement to the Herald which has submitted a follow-up enquiry (worth noting that the Herald is interpreting the SG comms line from last night which mentioned 'an evaluation of their [SQA] awarding approaches' as a review of Higher History' – we will be clarifying that this is our normal annual evaluation of awarding not anything specific to HH).

Will send on statement once finalised and published.

John

John Booth

Director of Communications, SQA

From: Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 5:55 PM

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Steve Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi [REDACTED]

Of course - will do this tomorrow but just to reassure you there has been no change to the marking approach from 2023 for Higher History.

Gill

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 5:39:58 pm

To: Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Steve Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>; Donna Stewart <Donna.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Media reports on Higher History exams

Hi Gill, hope you are well.

On the back of the media reports about the Higher History exam and claims about a changed marking approach this year, we'd appreciate you providing a background note on the issue for Cabinet Secretary.

Many thanks, do come back if you have any queries.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk> On Behalf Of Fiona Robertson

Sent: 31 October 2024 16:39

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; Fiona
Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; Steve Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Call following Board

Thanks [REDACTED]

I'll issue invite shortly to start at 4.50pm. There needs to be a hard stop at 5.20pm as our
Glasgow office closes at this time.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (he/him)

[REDACTED]

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: 31 October 2024 16:36

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; Shirley Rogers
<Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; Fiona
Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>; Steve
Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Call following Board

Yes of course please invite [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thanks [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk> on behalf of Fiona Robertson
<fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:32:58 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>; Steve Borley <Steve.Borley@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Call following Board

Hi [REDACTED]

Fiona has asked if you are available for a call with Shirley, Martyn and John following the Board meeting that has just concluded.

Are you available for a call before the end of the day and I can arrange a meeting invite for all to attend? You may wish to invite other SG colleagues too.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 October 2024 12:30

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SG briefing

Thanks for confirming,

I have put the call in our diary for 17:45 tonight. Please see Teams link below for you all to join:

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gov.scot

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From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 11:28 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024 <CabSecES2024@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SG briefing

I can do a call at this time.

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

Scottish Qualifications Authority

w: <http://www.sqa.org.uk>

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot> On Behalf Of
CabSecES2024@gov.scot

Sent: 29 October 2024 11:15

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot

Subject: RE: SG briefing

Hi [REDACTED],

Unfortunately, Ms Gilruth has another meeting at this time.

Is Fiona available at 17:45 for a meeting tonight?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Fiona Robertson

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 11:03 AM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024
<CabSecES2024@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SG briefing

[REDACTED]

Fiona is just back from leave today and has been in back-to-back meetings all morning. Fiona is available at 3pm today.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: 28 October 2024 17:23

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot;
CabSecES2024@gov.scot

Subject: SG briefing

Fiona o/r

The Cabinet Secretary has requested an urgent briefing on Higher History. Her diary provides more flexibility tomorrow than Wednesday and I would be grateful if you could confirm as soon as possible tomorrow what is feasible from your perspective. I have copied in private office in order to aid arranging.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: 09 October 2024 17:10

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Shirley Rogers
<Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] @sqa.org.uk

Subject: Re: Update on Higher History

Thanks for the update, we will ensure the Cabinet Secretary is aware.

[REDACTED]

From: Fiona Robertson

Sent: 09 October 2024 16:55

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Shirley Rogers
<shirley.rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] @sqa.org.uk

Subject: RE: Update on Higher History

[REDACTED]

At the meeting with the Cabinet Secretary on Monday, I indicated that our Head of Standards hoped to conclude the review this week before publication. I said that we were seeking factual comments from a number of individuals, including a review by a senior Director at WJEC. Following receipt of comments, some further work is being undertaken. We have concluded that the report will not be published this week, and should therefore be published after the October break. I have discussed and agreed this with the Chair.

Please be assured that colleagues continue to undertake this work as a matter of utmost priority.

I am happy to discuss.

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

Scottish Qualifications Authority

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From:

gov.scot

Sent: 04 October 2024 13:11

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

Hi

Thanks, hope you're well also!

The Cab Sec's office asked for specifically the Teams link to be sent to Fiona – I'm not sure why that rather than a regular invite but I've confirmed to them that I've e-mailed the Teams link to Fiona. I'm not sure if they will send the invite also, apologies that I can't give a more certain answer for this!

But the meeting is confirmed to be on Teams on the below link for Monday 7th at 15:30

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

Many thanks,

[REDACTED] – Education Reform

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Fiona Robertson

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:50 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

Thanks for the Teams link, checking if an official invite will be sent as well?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot> On Behalf Of
[REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: 04 October 2024 12:46

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

Hi Fiona,

Here is the Teams link for Monday's meeting

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Passcode: [REDACTED]

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Education Reform

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: 04 October 2024 07:44

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] @sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Update on High History investigation

Thanks Fiona

I have passed that on to private office who will be in touch direct.

[REDACTED]

From: Fiona Robertson

Sent: 03 October 2024 22:26

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Shirley Rogers <shirley.rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] @sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

Thanks [REDACTED]

I can meet at 3.30pm on Monday.

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

Scottish Qualifications Authority

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 2:33 PM

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

Fiona

Ms Gilruth has confirmed she would appreciate an oral briefing on this, would 15.00 or 15.30 work for this on Monday 7th October?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:50 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;
Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Update on High History investigation

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I think we covered this when we spoke late last week. The review has not yet concluded and a number of steps will need to be taken before publication. I am of course very keen that this work is concluded as soon as possible, but I also think it's important that the work is undertaken fully.

I don't think there is much more that I can say at this time, but very happy to discuss further with you or the Cabinet Secretary.

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

Scottish Qualifications Authority

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:21 PM

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Update on High History investigation

Hi Fiona

[REDACTED]

At the meeting with the Cabinet Secretary on 18th September you hoped to provide an update to the Cabinet Secretary and officials on the investigation into Higher History by the end of w/c 23rd September. I'd be grateful to understand when an update will be provided and we would be happy to arrange a further meeting with the Cabinet Secretary by the end of this week if that would be helpful?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: 28 October 2024 17:33

To: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: FW: SG briefing

To be aware – we had suggested Wednesday, but Cab Sec keen to be briefed tomorrow (I appreciate tomorrow will be Fiona's first day back so potentially tricky).

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED] gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 5:23 PM

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED] gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024
<CabSecES2024@gov.scot>

Subject: SG briefing

As above

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From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 06 November 2024 10:23

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot;
[REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: Martyn Ware <Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>; Richard Pidgeon <Richard.Pidgeon@sqa.org.uk>;
[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk

Subject: Final HH news release and key messages/Q&A

Morning all

Please find attached the final news release for the Higher History review. This will issue at 2pm today when the reports (full and summary versions) will be published on the SQA website.

I've also attached our key messages and Q&A (for internal use only).

Thanks

John

John Booth
Director of Communications, SQA

From: John Booth

Sent: 04 November 2024 18:05

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Martyn Ware
<Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Press release

Final news release now attached.

John

John Booth
Director of Communications, SQA

From: John Booth

Sent: 01 November 2024 15:35

To: [REDACTED] gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Martyn Ware
<Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Press release

Final email today (I hope).

Updated news release. All quotes cleared with exception of Fiona's, though she has indicated she is broadly content with the release.

Thanks

John

John Booth
Director of Communications, SQA

From: John Booth
Sent: 01 November 2024 15:04
To: [REDACTED] gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Martyn Ware
<Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Press release

Hi

Please find attached the summary version of the report which will be published alongside the full report.

The Board has been sent this and has been asked to approve publication of the report by noon on Monday.

John

John Booth
Director of Communications, SQA

From: John Booth
Sent: 01 November 2024 13:38
To: [REDACTED] gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Martyn Ware
<Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Press release

Hello again

Draft media release attached. There may be further changes before publication but hopefully provides a broad sense of narrative. Also included the statement from [REDACTED] at WJEC which I know you are keen to see.

Other actions in hand, further to conversations yesterday:

- A summary version of the report, which will be circulated along with the full report to the Board to seek their approval to publish. I'll share this with you at the same time
- Jean is looking into the practicalities of appeals being reopened

Happy to discuss any of the above, or anything else that can be of help.

Thanks

John

John Booth
Director of Communications, SQA

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 01 November 2024 08:12
To: [REDACTED] gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot
Subject: Re: Press release

Will do. It's with Fiona, Shirley and Martyn for comment at moment but will send over ASAP.

John

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 7:19:33 PM
To: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>; [REDACTED] gov.scot
<[REDACTED] gov.scot>; [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>
Subject: Press release

Hi John

Grateful for sight of draft press release when you get a mo. Copying in colleagues who will pick up in my absence tomorrow.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Curriculum and Qualifications Division | Education Reform Directorate |
Scottish Government |

From: [REDACTED] gov.scot <[REDACTED] gov.scot>
Sent: 01 November 2024 13:53
To: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED] gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED] gov.scot; [REDACTED] gov.scot; Martyn Ware
<Martyn.Ware@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Press release

Thanks John, we'll come back to later this pm.

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From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 1:38 PM

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Subject: RE: Press release

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Sent: 18 September 2024 17:56

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Follow up to today's meeting

Thanks for that.

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From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:52 PM

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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Follow up to today's meeting

Thanks [REDACTED]

Of course we do, and they will be retained.

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:33 PM

To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: Follow up to today's meeting

Fiona

The Cabinet Secretary appreciated your and Shirley's time today to discuss the work underway on Higher History.

It would be helpful to understand whether SQA has access to all paper 2 Higher History scripts while the investigation is underway? And will they be retained until the matter reaches conclusion.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk> On Behalf Of Shirley Rogers

Sent: 30 October 2024 20:27

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk;

Shirley Rogers <Shirley.Rogers@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Higher History report

Good evening [REDACTED]

Please see attached a copy of the report that Shirley has just received. To confirm, the Board is being sent the report at the same time and will meet tomorrow at 2.30pm to discuss.

Many thanks,

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