

Message

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Sent: 31/01/2020 11:34:49
To: Mark Sedwill [mark.sedwill@cabinetoffice.gov.uk]
Subject: RE: DHSC / China [OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE]

He spoke to the PM this morning and I think is keen for the face time now (rather than in two weeks time!).

Martin

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From: Mark Sedwill [mailto:mark.sedwill@cabinetoffice.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 January 2020 11:31
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OK. The message I had from Health was to cut them some slack since they are all on the virus, but if Matt feels ready we should do it. I hope he knows that he will have to be on his game on the range of issues on which he leads as well as those for which he is directly responsible.

> On 31 Jan 2020, at 11:25, Martin Reynolds <MReynolds@no10.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Mark
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> Many thanks for this - I understand that Matt Hancock is keen to proceed with this but that we will cover Coronavirus at the start of the meeting (and obviously any of his team who are focused on it won't be expected to contribute). So I hope this works. It also helps deliver on the PM's strong desire - which he flagged yesterday - to be spending more time discussing the issues with his ministers.

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> Martin

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> From: Mark Sedwill [mailto:mark.sedwill@cabinetoffice.gov.uk]
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> Martin

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> Can we make sure we aren't pestering DHSC on non-virus issues for the next few days. If we're scheduling a stock-take with them I suggest we either use the time to catch up on the crisis or slot in another dept.
> With the WHO announcement, they are all-out on crisis management so I told them we would cut them some slack on other issues.

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> I'm also convening a policy meeting on Monday to consider the pol/econ consequences of China in quarantine. I fear we might be about to discover the impact of disrupted supply chains from the workshop of the world.

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> Mark
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