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SC(20)27th Conclusions

SCOTTISH CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ST ANDREW'S HOUSE, EDINBURGH
AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2020

Present:	Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP	First Minister
	John Swinney MSP	Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (*)
	Aileen Campbell MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (*)
	Roseanna Cunningham MSP	Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (*)
	Fergus Ewing MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (*)
	Kate Forbes MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Finance (*)
	Jeane Freeman MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
	Fiona Hyslop MSP	Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Fair Work and Culture (*)
	Michael Matheson MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (*)
	Michael Russell MSP	Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (*)
	Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (*)
	Humza Yousaf MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Justice (*)
In Attendance:	Leslie Evans	Permanent Secretary
	Rt Hon James Wolffe QC	Lord Advocate (*)
	Graeme Dey MSP	Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (*)
	Dr Gregor Smith	Interim Chief Medical Officer
	Jennie Barugh	Director, Performance and Strategic Outcomes (*)
	Dominic Munro	Director, Exit Strategy (*)
	David Rogers	Director of Constitution and Cabinet (*)
	Shirley Rogers	Director, Organisational Readiness (*)
	John Somers	First Minister's Principal Private Secretary
	Tim Ellis	Head of Performance and Outcomes (*)
	James Hynd	Head of Cabinet Secretariat
	Mairi Macpherson	Deputy Director, Creating Positive Futures (*)
	Ewan Crawford	Special Adviser (*)
	Liz Lloyd	Special Adviser (*)
	Colin McAllister	Special Adviser (*)
	Stuart Nicolson	Special Adviser (*)
	Aileen Easton	First Minister's Official Spokesperson (*)
	NR	UNCRC Bill Team Leader (*)
	Peter Creevy	PS/Special Advisers (*)
	NR	Head of Children's Rights (*)
	Chris Mackie	FM COVID Briefing Unit (*)
	NR	Economy COVID Hub (*)
	Kieran Watson	First Minister's Policy and Delivery Unit (*)
	NR	Head of Intelligence and Analysis for Negotiations (*)
		Cabinet Secretariat (*)
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(*) by tele-conference

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(c) Agree that each portfolio should prepare for the combined effects of COVID-19 and a disruptive exit from the transition period, including consideration of whether staff resources would require the reprioritisation of other work programmes;

(d) Agreed that any new resource-funded expenditure must be limited to absolutely essential responses to both COVID-19 and EU Exit, which would need to be funded through reductions in existing spending or outstanding commitments; and

(e) Agreed that consideration should be given to restarting work on independence and a referendum, with the arguments reflecting the experience of the coronavirus crisis and developments on EU Exit.

(Action: Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; EU Directorate; Readiness and Transition Directorate)

Any Other Business

57. None.

Cabinet Secretariat
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