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				<p>WhatsApp Groups identified as having been in: (membership details included in Annex A to corporate statement ref SG/WHA/01)</p> <p>Certification Debate: 12 messages (provided by another member of the group)</p>
M2A/JF/01	Jeane Freeman	Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (to May 2021)	<p>No notebooks used</p> <p>Nothing to return</p>	<p>We understand that some WhatsApp and text messages have been retained – we are clarifying the volume but do not expect this to be large</p> <p>WhatsApp group of Cabinet Secretaries for Health of the four nations to facilitate meeting running.</p> <p>They confirm no other WhatsApp groups or other informal messaging with key decision makers.</p>
M2A/HY/01	Humza Yousaf MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (from May 2021), Cabinet Secretary for Justice (to May 2021)	<p>No hard copy or electronic notebooks or diaries used during the period.</p> <p>Nothing to return</p>	<p>Used WhatsApp with Nicola Sturgeon and John Swinney to discuss matters. Any decisions made were recorded through the appropriate channels as per Scot Gov guidance. No other informal communication platforms were used.</p> <p>Communicated with Kevin Stewart and Maree Todd through WhatsApp.</p> <p>WhatsApp used to discuss information and advice relating to Covid-19, more frequently at the beginning of the pandemic due to restrictions on in person meetings. Deleted all messages after a month for cyber security purposes as per their understanding of the Scottish Government Mobile Messaging Apps Usage and Policy. Does not recall being part of any decision making via WhatsApp.</p> <p>Part of “Health 4 Nations” WhatsApp administered by Matt Hancock, and this was disbanded after Matt Hancock left office. Used for information sharing as opposed to decision making, such as number of Cases, R number etc. Messages not retained</p>