

I&S

Hopefully we can get to a good outcome in the course of the day. And, to confirm, the SFC were notified late afternoon yesterday.

Alyson

[29/11/2021, 08:21:22] Kate Forbes MSP: I&S

[29/11/2021, 08:23:18] Allyson Stafford: Thanks

[29/11/2021, 14:19:07] Allyson Stafford: 🌍

[29/11/2021, 14:29:27] Allyson Stafford: I&S

[29/11/2021, 14:29:41] Kate Forbes MSP: Indeed

[10/12/2021, 10:04:12] Allyson Stafford: Hello

Are you free for a quick word following SGoRR please?

[10/12/2021, 10:05:42] Allyson Stafford: Or, I can message here if more convenient for you?

[10/12/2021, 10:05:57] Kate Forbes MSP: Give me 2 mins

[10/12/2021, 10:06:07] Allyson Stafford: Will do. Thanks

[10/12/2021, 11:32:47] Allyson Stafford: Joint work underway across Jackie's team and Reuben to produce one note for you...most likely to come from Reuben.

[10/12/2021, 11:32:59] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[10/12/2021, 11:37:29] Allyson Stafford: A couple of figures to hold in your head for now... (obviously, please await polished / formal advice)

1) Jackie is indicating up to / upper end £100m for in year (2021-22) support

And

2) estimate of equivalent to last year's level 4 support for businesses works out at roughly £100m per 4 weeks

Clearly the latter needs HMT support... but I have asked for some testing of options but it will need more time than between now and Sunday.

Hope that's helpful for now. A

[10/12/2021, 11:48:00] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks

[10/12/2021, 18:53:18] Allyson Stafford: Hello

Omicron: I sent a brief sitrep email around 6 to your office building on this afternoon's COBRA and actions from earlier in the day. You'll receive a read out of HMT conversation from Jackie during the evening, generally, not positive.

[10/12/2021, 19:22:59] Allyson Stafford: So, we'll also give you a draft letter from you to the CST so we have a twin track: ministerial and official. OK?

[10/12/2021, 19:29:00] Kate Forbes MSP: Great

[14/12/2021, 10:19:27] Kate Forbes MSP: Hi Alyson, a very awkward discussion at cabinet where mr Yousaf said that health had identified a further £100m for business support - which was news to me and obviously news to the FM who wasn't best pleased. Somewhat embarrassing...can you try and get to the root of what Mr Yousaf was offering and perhaps use it as a lever to get £100m off health.

[14/12/2021, 10:36:19] Allyson Stafford: Of course.... news to us all!!!!

[14/12/2021, 10:36:50] Kate Forbes MSP: He's done it before...but this time he did it in front of the FM so I think we should ensure we get £100m this time.

[14/12/2021, 10:37:25] Kate Forbes MSP: Anyway, I've never seen the FM this angry in all my cabinets...for good reason.

[14/12/2021, 10:40:25] Allyson Stafford: I was chairing a meeting. Out now/ wrapped it up early. On the case.

[14/12/2021, 10:41:29] Allyson Stafford: Indeed... but no-one needs that stress.

[14/12/2021, 10:50:44] Allyson Stafford: Least of all FM

[17/12/2021, 17:48:07] Allyson Stafford: Hello

I've forwarded to your office the readout from the call this afternoon

[17/12/2021, 17:48:32] Allyson Stafford: FM/ PM call

[17/12/2021, 17:50:22] Allyson Stafford: Do let me know if you would like to discuss.

Alyson

[17/12/2021, 18:03:10] Kate Forbes MSP: Thanks. I can't speak tonight but can speak tomorrow?

[17/12/2021, 18:11:45] Allyson Stafford: OK. I believe economy colleagues are preparing advice for FM on further measures and HMT official position is that they have no update on numbers.... updated

numbers will be next week and it will be modest. So its more to agree strategy/ approach.
[17/12/2021, 18:32:21] Allyson Stafford: Sorry for the pause.. **NR** called me. Helpful.
[17/12/2021, 18:32:58] Allyson Stafford: So **NR** is going to put a hold in folks diaries for tomorrow early afternoon.
[17/12/2021, 18:33:42] Allyson Stafford: That's to cover substance
[17/12/2021, 18:35:10] Allyson Stafford: The conversation between you and I is more to gauge tactics....
So if you want to message me to have a brief word during the morning that's fine.
[17/12/2021, 18:43:33] Allyson Stafford: **NR** mentioned you were going for your **I&S** .. that's great!
So even if you want to call as you're on your way **I&S** ... I'm sure we will find a way to speak.
[17/12/2021, 18:44:09] Kate Forbes MSP: I'll do that, that's great. Will text and if you're free I'll call
[17/12/2021, 18:45:02] Allyson Stafford: 😊
[17/12/2021, 19:33:18] Allyson Stafford: By the way, I have an Exec team call at 8.30 on Saturday (usually 30 minutes) ... so, anytime *after* that would make sense please.
[18/12/2021, 09:51:22] Allyson Stafford: A quick update...
[18/12/2021, 09:54:53] Allyson Stafford: From Sue Gray: HMT to engage DAs before COBR. COBR expected to be Sunday. Jackie's aware too. Jackie checking in with Ben at HMT at 11.30 this morning to see how things have progressed post FM / PM Friday call.
[18/12/2021, 09:56:29] Allyson Stafford: Last night, HMT were saying we'd hear at the beginning of the week and it would be only a modest adjustment to what was committed last week.
[18/12/2021, 10:07:21] Allyson Stafford: The only other point I'd add is that seeking funding for targeted initiatives is likely to be better received by HMT....
There's no appetite for, in fact quite an allergic reaction to furlough
[18/12/2021, 10:29:46] Allyson Stafford: Given all the above...
we can save our conversation until 13.00 if that's more convenient for you?
[18/12/2021, 10:30:11] Kate Forbes MSP: Ok. Difficult to speak in the **I&S**
[18/12/2021, 10:30:44] Allyson Stafford: Indeed... it's top priority too!
[18/12/2021, 10:31:16] Allyson Stafford: See you at 1pm.
[18/12/2021, 14:19:44] Allyson Stafford: Just a quick further thought for note to FM and note to HMT : seek to reinstate funding guarantee / floor ?
[19/12/2021, 18:21:45] Kate Forbes MSP: Hi Alyson, what's the £220m? Is it new UKG spend or something else?
[19/12/2021, 18:31:15] Allyson Stafford: We are trying to find out.
[19/12/2021, 18:31:49] Allyson Stafford: Sadly no advance info.
[19/12/2021, 18:38:15] Allyson Stafford: image omitted
[03/02/2022, 20:31:59] Allyson Stafford: Hello Ms Forbes
I hear the JEC went well.
Hope you're journey is going smoothly.

A brief text from me to say **NR** and I are working together at pace to reconfigure her existing role to ensure she can support you in the IMG, and for other duties to be sustained in the Exchequer.
Best wishes

Alyson

[04/02/2022, 10:43:02] Kate Forbes MSP: That's great Alyson, thanks so much. I wasn't terribly sure of protocol in making my request and so I'm very grateful to you for assisting in all of it. Please let me know if you need anything else from me. Kate

[04/02/2022, 10:44:28] Allyson Stafford: We'll catch up next week all being well... . Alyson

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