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## SCOTTISH CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BUTE HOUSE, EDINBURGH  
AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2020

<b>Present:</b>	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 Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
	Kate Forbes MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Finance
	Fiona Hyslop MSP	Cabinet Secretary for 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 ( <i>part of meeting only</i> )
	Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People
	Humza Yousaf MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Justice
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Leslie Evans	Permanent Secretary
	<b>LPP</b>	<del>Lord Advocate</del>
	Graeme Dey MSP	Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans ( <i>part of meeting only</i> )
	Joe FitzPatrick MSP	Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing ( <i>part of meeting only</i> )
	John Somers	First Minister's Principal Private Secretary
	James Hynd	Head of Cabinet Secretariat
	Andrew Bruce	Permanent Secretary's Principal Private Secretary
	Ross Ingebrigtsen	Special Adviser
	Liz Lloyd	Special Adviser
	Stuart Nicolson	Special Adviser
	Aileen Easton	First Minister's Official Spokesperson
	Chris Birt	First Minister's Policy and Delivery Unit
	Tabitha Stringer	PS/First Minister
	<b>NR</b>	Cabinet Secretariat
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44. The First Minister informed Cabinet that, later that day, she would be chairing a further Ministerial meeting in the Scottish Government Resilience Room to discuss Scotland's response to the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 (*SC(20)6th Conclusions refers*), about which there would be a fuller discussion at the following week's meeting of the Cabinet. It would be particularly important to ensure that messages to the general public were as informative as possible and couched in appropriate language.

Cabinet Secretariat  
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