



Northern
Ireland
Office

SOS Lewis <old.sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk>

[READOUT]: SoS/FM weekly call

3 messages

SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk>

21 January 2021 at 10:12

To: [Irrelevant & Sensitive]@nio.gov.uk [Irrelevant & Sensitive]p@nio.gov.uk

Cc: Senior Leadership Team <slt@nio.gov.uk>, Deputy Directors <Deputy_Directors@nio.gov.uk>, PUS Mailbox <pusmail@nio.gov.uk>, PS SOS <ps.sos@nio.gov.uk>, Covid 19 Mailbox <covid-19@nio.gov.uk>

Morning all,

SoS spoke with FM yesterday afternoon. dFM was due to attend as part of the weekly FM/dFM catch up, but didn't, though her PS was on the line. [Irrelevant & Sensitive]

Brief readout below, [Irrelevant & Sensitive] I've also flagged this with [NR]

SoS/FM call - 20.02.2021

FM noted that NIE had not been invited to COBR to discuss **Storm Christoph**, and that it was important they attend any future discussions on this, given the potential impact on supply chains into NI from NE England or Scotland.

FM indicated that little is likely to change today with **NI's Covid-19 restrictions**, noting that ICU numbers haven't peaked yet.

[Irrelevant & Sensitive] noting that QUB & Ulster University are due to publish a paper addressing similar instances in NI as to what has been widely reported in Ireland, given the all-island nature of many of the groups and Churches involved. FM said that this was likely to focus on how the border was exploited by those overseeing forced adoptions.

Irrelevant & Sensitive



NIO Private Office

1 Horse Guards Road, London
Stormont House, Belfast

NR

(PPS)

I&S

NR

(Diary)

I&S

PS)

NR

PS)

I&S

APS)

sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/nio

Follow us on Twitter @NIOgov

Colin Perry <colin.perry@nio.gov.uk>

21 January 2021 at 11:37

To: SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk>

Cc: **Irrelevant & Sensitive** @nio.gov.uk> **Irrelevant & Sensitive** @nio.gov.uk>, Senior Leadership Team <slt@nio.gov.uk>, Deputy Directors <Deputy_Directors@nio.gov.uk>, PUS Mailbox <pusmail@nio.gov.uk>, PS SOS <ps.sos@nio.gov.uk>, Covid 19 Mailbox <covid-19@nio.gov.uk>

NR

I'd be grateful if PO could follow up with CCS or whoever on COBR, since my understanding is that FM/dFM WERE invited but did not attend. Think it helpful if SoS has clear understanding of the facts here in case FM raises again.

Thanks

Colin
Colin Perry
Director
Economy

Irrelevant & Sensitive

1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Find out more on GOV.UK/nio

Follow us on Twitter @NIOgov and Instagram @northernirelandoffice



Northern Ireland Office

Passionate about Northern Ireland: flexible, empowering, inclusive

Monday -Friday 08:30 - 18:00

[Quoted text hidden]

Ciaran Hayes <ciar.hayes@nio.gov.uk>

21 January 2021 at 13:16

To: Colin Perry <colin.perry@nio.gov.uk>

Cc: SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> **Irrelevant & Sensitive** @nio.gov.uk> **Irrelevant & Sensitive**

Irrelevant & Sensitive @nio.gov.uk>, Senior Leadership Team <slt@nio.gov.uk>, Deputy Directors

<Deputy_Directors@nio.gov.uk>, PUS Mailbox <pusmail@nio.gov.uk>, PS SOS <ps.sos@nio.gov.uk>, Covid 19 Mailbox <covid-19@nio.gov.uk>

Just to clarify that an invite was received by TEO for the COBR but as the calling notice was late there was a decision taken by SpAds and officials in TEO that as there were no direct NI implications then FM/dFM did not need to attend. As FM made clear to her SpAd, that was not the correct call from TEO.

Ciarán Hayes

Principal Private Secretary

Irrelevant & Sensitive

1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SH

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]