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Subject: READOUT | FM/DFM - 28 Sep

Date: Mon, 28 Sep 2020 11:19:23 +0100

Apologies for the delay, I was off at the end of last week. Actions:

Political affairs team - grateful if we can take forward with the Executive on the next Joint Board and push on a response from the Exec on the 6 August letter we sent outlining progress on UKG NDNA commitments. Also grateful if you could sound out the Irish Gov re. a Quad on COVID.

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SOS, FIRST MINISTER, DEPUTY MINISTER

Secretary of State
First Minister
Deputy First Minister
DFM PS
FM PS
Philip Weir
Paul Flynn

SOS started the meeting by asking whether there was anything FM/DFM would like SoS to raise at his upcoming Cabinet committee meeting.

FM said that NI Exec concerns revolve around GB-NI goods movement and the goods at risk piece.

SOS said that was on his radar to raise. He then asked for an update on COVID-19

DFM said that the R rate was between 1.4-1.8 and rising in the older population. She said that the hospitality sector had concerns about no decision on curfew, but the Executive would need primary legislation to make any changes.

SOS said that he also had concerns around the decision on the hospitality sector and the viability around 2 sittings with a 22.00 curfew.

FM said they'd need to do some work on curfew piece, but they did not want to kick people out of pubs for them to go to a house party

SOS said that he wanted to get the Joint Board going over the next month and also mentioned trying to get a Quad meeting back together. He said that now UKG had reconstituted the Board of Trade, he was keen to get that over to NI. He also asked FM/DFM for an update on NI Executive delivery on NDNA commitments.

FM acknowledged and said that they were also keen for the chat on VPs funding.

SOS said he was considering and would get back shortly to look at setting up.

On Wed, 23 Sep 2020 at 10:59, **Name Redacted** <Name Redacted@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

NR

With thanks to colleagues for input and the quick turnaround please see the attached brief for the call at 4.30pm.

Regards

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 **20200923 FIRST MINISTER & DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER...**

On Tue, 22 Sep 2020 at 18:03, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:
Political affairs team

To confirm that this is going to go ahead for 4.30 - so grateful for the briefing by 11.

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On Tue, 22 Sep 2020 at 13:56, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

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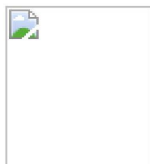
I've been holding off on commissioning as I'm unsure if this will go ahead, but grateful if you could be ready for a potential FM/DFM call tomorrow and hold the pen on pulling together the briefing. We have 4.30 pencilled in but not confirmed.

Appreciate content may shift throughout the day with any movement on COVID restrictions - therefore would a briefing for **11am tomorrow morning** be possible?

cc/ a few teams who could need to contribute, but appreciate there may be others.

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