

FW: Comms Branch follow up Qs - Public Accounts briefings today

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Hi Cindy

Attached are the draft Minister's remarks for Cabinet from Comms.

Sarah

From: Ovenden, Erin (TBS)
Sent: August 29, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Jackson, Sarah (TBS); Hosick, Sarah (TBS); Donaldson, Mark (TBS)
Cc: DiMuzio, Sofie (TBS); Sullivan, Bryant (TBS)
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Hi-

Please find attached the Minister's draft remarks for Cabinet. Can you please confirm if this is happening tomorrow (Aug 30) or Thurs (Aug 31)? We've heard Aug 31 but also heard Wed, so we want to clarify.

Thanks,

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Hi Sarah,

We're on it!

Sarah

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Hi Sarah

I just heard that we will be discussing the Cabinet deck and speaking points with the Minister after the communications briefing (they are trying to add on some extra time). Therefore we'll need to have the speaking notes ready.

Let me know if any questions

Thanks
Sarah

From: Jackson, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: August 28, 2017 7:14 PM
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Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the update! And, we'll pull the speaking points together for OPCD review.

Sarah

From: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: August-28-17 6:58 PM
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Hi Sarah

Timely questions. I heard word after the 4:30 that proposed approach is that Comms would hold the pen on the Minister's speaking points primarily drawing on Minister's foreword as key messaging. OPCD would then review. Let me know if that works for your team.

As for the second question, I connected with PAS again earlier today on the art of the possible (at Budget time we were advised that the former Chair should not speak to media as the panel no longer exists). We can't reinstate the Chair for one day or for speaking engagements unfortunately. So the potential solution would be if together the government and former Chair agreed to the risks around accountability, indemnification, COI, etc. then Patricia could speak about the panel's work. She would need to make it clear that the Panel has been wound up and she has no mandate with government currently. She would also need to agree to not be compensated for her time or travel expenses, as we have no avenue to pay her.

So essentially we would need the former Chair to take on part of the risk of not being covered by the panel agreements if she were to speak. I updated Karen's office about this 15ish min ago so I haven't heard back about whether this would want to be pursued.

Please let me know if any questions.

Thanks
Sarah

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Sent: August 28, 2017 6:47 PM

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Hi Mark and Sarah,

Coming out of today's briefings, we have a couple of questions we are hoping you can answer:

1. On the Minister's Speaking points for Cabinet on Wednesday – are you preparing something? If not, we can pull something together (we just don't want to duplicate efforts). Please let us know ASAP, and we can get working on this tomorrow morning, if needed.
2. I understand there were some discussions around connecting with Patricia O'Malley to ask if she would be available to respond to any potential questions on pension accounting. Sofie is happy to do so, but wanted to first confirm with your team on whether there are any rules from a public appointments perspective. Can you confirm (maybe by reaching out to the Public Appointment Secretariat), and let us know?

Thanks for your help, and let me know if you have any questions.

Sarah