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Subject: RE: PRIORITY FOR SCOT GOV - SQA Results - request for info.

Hi Lesley,

This is really helpful, thanks to you and to for pulling [REDACTED] together, I really appreciate it.

Have a nice weekend when it comes.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Policy Lead for Literacy | Curriculum Unit / Aonad a' Churraicealaim

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From: Lesley Joyce <Lesley.Joyce@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 16 July 2021 14:25

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Subject: FW: PRIORITY FOR SCOT GOV - SQA Results - request for info.

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Please see attached information which provides details about assessment for NQs in Music and Music Technology with apologies for the slight delay in sending this to you owing to a process of internal approval for responses to requests for info of this nature. I hope this is helpful for your purposes and suggest that your contact in Education Scotland may be able to provide further info about the delivery of music education.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Out of scope

With kind regards

Lesley

Lesley Joyce
Head of Service
Humanities, Care and Services - Qualifications Development Directorate

From: [REDACTED]
@gov.scot @gov.scot> [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2021 15:18
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **@sqa.org.uk>**
Subject: RE: SQA Results

Hi [REDACTED],

Just double checked - it's been suggested that there may be a particular interest in Expressive Arts this year due to the change in approach to assessment. There's currently no specific section on Expressive Arts in the brief so it's been suggested we include a section linked to where assessment approach has similarly changed like in PE.

Hope that makes things a bit clearer.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **@sqa.org.uk>**
Sent: 15 July 2021 15:01
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **@gov.scot>**
Subject: RE: SQA Results

Thanks [REDACTED]

Any idea why it has been highlighted? Just want to make sure that I cover what has been asked for.

I'm also not sure if this request will need to go through SQA's corporate office so that they are aware of this request for information.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2021 14:51
To: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: SQA Results

Thanks [REDACTED],

My understanding is that this was highlighted by a colleague within Education Scotland. I would expect that it is linked to the higher profile music education has had recently around the 100 days commitment but that's not 100% clear.

Ideally, yes details on music technology would be helpful too.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 15 July 2021 14:33
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SQA Results

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm well thank you and hope you are too?

I have liaised with a senior manager regarding this, I imagine they would also want to check anything that is provided for ministers.

Do you know why Music has been singled out? Is linked to the recent commitment that there will be no tuition fees for instrumental instruction next session?

Are details also required for Music Technology?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Qualifications Manager
Creative, Hospitality and Sport, Qualifications Development

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: 15 July 2021 13:58
To: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: SQA Results

Hi [REDACTED],

Hope you're well.

We're currently preparing briefing for Ministers in advance of the release of SQA results.

We've been asked today to specifically include background information and lines on the change in the approach to assessments on music education. Is there anything you can provide for us to include from your side?

With apologies for the short notice I'm preparing this for tomorrow so anything you could provide by COP tonight would be really helpful.

Thanks in advance,.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 20 July 2021 17:52

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Subject: National Qualifications Results Day - update - 22 July 14:00 - agenda

Hi all

Simple agenda for Thursday's catch-up on Results Day preparations; let me know if there is anything else you would like to add. I've attached the short report of the last meeting in case helpful.

Agenda

1. Update on Results Day preparations (NQ team)
 - Engagement with Cabinet Secretary
 - Results Day events and communication activity
2. Questions/Concerns/Issues (All)
3. Next Steps (NQ team)
4. AOB

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 July 2021 17:50
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
[redacted] Head [redacted]; [redacted]

[redacted]; Jean Blair;
[redacted] SGLD School Education; Communications Education & Skills;
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[redacted] [@sds.co.uk](mailto:);
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[redacted] [@gov.scot](mailto:)); Beth Black

Cc: [redacted]
Subject: National Qualifications Results Day - update
When: 22 July 2021 14:00-14:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Appreciate not everyone will be able to make this further update on developments in the run-up to Results Day but welcome seeing those who can make it and I'll do a quick readout afterwards for those who can't.

From: [redacted] [@gov.scot](mailto:) [redacted]
Sent: 28 July 2021 13:52
To: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk> **Cc:** -[@gov.scot](mailto:)
Subject: RE: meeting with cab sec tomorrow

[@gov.scot](mailto:)>

Hi John

Yes, I'll be at the meeting but I think it would be helpful to have a quick chat beforehand with you and/or [redacted].

[redacted]
[redacted]
Senior Media Manager
Communications Education & Skills
Desk: [redacted]
Scottish Government | [news.gov.scot](https://www.news.gov.scot)

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 28 July 2021 13:48
To: [redacted] [@gov.scot](mailto:)>; [redacted]
[redacted] [@gov.scot](mailto:)>
Subject: meeting with cab sec tomorrow

Hi. Are you going to the meeting with Cab Sec tomorrow at 12.30 on results? Think focus is on the figures but suspect may get into comms/handling so I'm joining. If it would be helpful to chat beforehand let me know. I know you and [redacted] have also been in discussions [redacted]

John

John Booth
Director of Communications
Scottish Qualifications
Authority

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 30 July 2021 11:04

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Subject: NQ21 Group - follow up on comms

Hi

Thanks for the helpful discussions around comms this morning. As promised, I'm following up on two things:

1. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] **Out of scope**
2. A joint statement ahead of Results Day. Good to have agreement in principle and, as requested, will get a draft in circulation as early as possible next week. Just to re-confirm, on the back of Larry's point, this would be in addition to any individual comms you and your organisations have planned, not instead of.

Thanks

John

John Booth

Director of

Communications Scottish

Qualifications Authority

From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 06 August 2021 06:40

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Subject: RE: Draft NQ21 Group statement ahead of results day

I think there's a lot of merit in the group that has been responsible for this year's ACM coming together to congratulate learners and demonstrate a united front on the eve of Results Day.

I've attached the final version, which incorporates [redacted] tweaks.

John

From: [redacted]@eis.org.uk

Sent: 05 August 2021

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Subject: RE: Draft NQ21 Group statement ahead of results day

Still not convinced that we should issue anything as a Group.

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Subject: RE: Draft NQ21 Group statement ahead of results day

John

I have made some suggested amendments to improve the flow.

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From: John Booth
<John.Booth@sqa.ol'g.uk> Sent: 04 August
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Subject: RE: Draft NQ21 Group statement ahead of results day

Thanks everyone. I've tried to reconcile the various comments so far and focused the statement on the celebratory message. See attached.

I have a slight concern at how much coverage this version will secure but we will ensure we are pushing this message through our channels at SQA and would encourage everyone else to do the same. I know many of you will be planning your own comms too.

Happy to take on further comments.

Thanks

John

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Subject: Re: Draft NQ21 Group statement ahead of results day

Good evening John and apologies for arriving late to this.

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On 4 Aug 2021, at 11:25, John Booth <**John.Booth@sqa.org.uk**> wrote:

As discussed last Friday and further to email below, attached is a draft NQ21 statement for issue ahead of results day.

Current thinking is to give this to a Sunday paper to use and then issue more widely thereafter, as well as sharing on social media etc.

I'd be grateful for any comments and/or approval by Friday 6 August.

Thanks

John

From: John Booth

Sent: 02 August 2021 16:59

To: Fiona Robertson <**fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk**> [REDACTED] <**[REDACTED]@sls-scotland.org.uk**>; @south [REDACTED] <**[REDACTED]@eis.org.uk**>; 'Director of Learning@gov.scot' <**DirectorofLearning@gov.scot**> [REDACTED] <**[REDACTED]@gov.scot**> [REDACTED] <**[REDACTED]@gov.scot**>; Jean Blair <**Jean.Blair@sqa.org.uk**>, Gill Stewart

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Subject: RE: NQ21 Group - follow up on comms

Thanks to those who have volunteered so far to be part of the comms group. If anyone else wishes to be involved we have pencilled in an initial meeting at 9.30am on Thurs 5th, so please let me know. Would be great to have as much representation as possible.

Thanks

John

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From: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 August 2021 11:01
To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: FW: Total numbers of entries and awards
Importance: High

Fiona – can we discuss urgently please? I will try calling you at 11. We need absolute clarity on the figures below.

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: 09 August 2021 10:46

To: Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Total numbers of entries and awards
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
We discussed the SQA “top line” on the number of people getting certificates tomorrow. [REDACTED] and I feel we have done as much as we can to get clarity here.

The exchange around this is below (started by me on Thursday night, albeit very late). Here’s the headlines:

The figures we have from [REDACTED] (below) are:

“Operations colleagues have given me the following 5 year figures for certificates being issued:

2017 - 136,889

2018 – 134,062

2019 – 133,089

2020 – 134,853

2021 - 136,845”

Clearly *not* a record in 2021. SQAs **Learner Guide** states that “more than 140,000 young people [.....] will receive results” but a **Tweet from John Booth** states “almost 140,000 pupils and students”. The latter somewhat supports the figures quoted above.

[REDACTED] is also clear (email of Saturday) that operations records are not available pre- 2017, so we can’t confidently say “near record” or “only higher in 2017” at this stage. They might be able to do something from stats records, but the figures will differ.

Cheers.

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Deputy Director, Education Analysis

I am currently working from home - Tel: █

From: █
Sent: 07 August 2021
19:09 @sqa.org.uk>
To: █

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards
Importance: High

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█. Out of scope

The key thing here is to clarify exactly what the 136,845 figure in your table below represents. Is that:

- a) unique candidates receiving any certificate (be that NQs, Awards, NPAs or otherwise);
- b) Unique candidates receiving a certificate with an NQ award (A-D) on it;
- c) Unique candidates receiving a certificate with a pass (u/g pass or A-C) in an NQ; or
- d) Something else?

I had understood, given my original request that it was "a". But I see SQA's **Learner Guide** states that "more than 140,000 young people across Scotland will receive the results for their Nationals, Highers, Advanced Highers, and a whole series of other courses, certificates, and awards" which makes me suspect the numbers you provided represent something else.

This is a crucial piece of information for presenting these data next week. So, I'd be grateful if you could urgently clarify:

- i) What the 136,845 (and other figures) in the table below represents; and

- ii) If the “more than 140,000” figure quoted is correct, then can you please clarify what that represents, and provide detailed figures for this year and previous years so we can assess whether it is the biggest/a record etc.

Sorry to pursue this, but hopefully you can see the importance/relevance.

Cheers,

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Deputy Director, Education Analysis

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From: █ @sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 07 August 2021 14:06

To: █ @gov.scot>

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Hi █

An accurate picture pre-2017 might be tricky. Too long a story to explain by email.

In short however, Operations colleagues who send out certificates do not keep a record (pre-2017) of certificates issued.

We, in Statistics, do not know how many certificates are issued.

But we can pull the number of unique SCNs attaining at least one A-C grade at an NQ level in given years, as held in our statistics database.

This may not match the number of certificates issued however, due to additional data cleansing undertaken each year on the data stored in the Statistics databases.

For example, repeat entries from a Learner are removed from the statistics database if that repeat entry receives a lower grade than attained previously by that learner. However, that Learner is likely to get a certificate, in any case. (Hence the potential mismatch.)

Let me know if you want us (Statistics) to pull the number of unique SCNs attaining A-C across all NQ for you? If, so I can get one of my guys to look into this on Monday.

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From: ■@gov.scot ■@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 August 2021 19:12

To: ■@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Thank you ■

Not to be a total pain (sorry!!), but is there any chance you could provide equivalent for previous years – 2017 was a bit of a peak, I think, so if we are 40-odd only below that we can use it as a line wrt the strength of the system in place this year.

Ideally we'd like to know that there aren't any other similar peaks lurking in recent memory, but if we could at the least get back to 204 (when some of the new, CfE- based quals were introduced) that would be an ideal minimum.

Cheers

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Deputy Director, Education Analysis

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To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Yes; one certificate per candidate.

And no; not the highest ever – from the data. (I don't know the provenance of any statements to the contrary.)

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 06 August 2021 17:40
To: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>
Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Thanks [REDACTED] – so just to check a) it's one certificate per candidate and b) it is NOT the highest ever (as I think some had been given to believe)?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Deputy Director, Education Analysis

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To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: FW: Total numbers of entries and awards
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

The number you quoted is the number of certificates being issued by our colleagues in operations.

Operations colleagues have given me the following 5 year figures for certificates being issued:

2017 - 136,889

2018 – 134,062

2019 – 133,089

2020 – 134,853

2021 - 136,845

Hope this helps.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 06 August 2021 17:14

To: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk; Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Importance: High

Any progress? I understand Fiona has been using the figures (c.137,000?) so I assume it must already be available..

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Director, Education Analysis

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 Sent: 06 August 2021 13:43
 To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>
 Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Hi [REDACTED]

In the interest of time, the (below) might help you. Entries and attainment for all NQ levels. (I will send unique no. Learners later for all NQ levels later.)

The table below shows overall entries for each National Qualification type.

Table 1: Entries for each National Qualification type, 2017 - 2021

	Entries				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SCQF level 2					
National 2	2,184	2,011	2,070	2,077	1,896
SCQF level 3					
National 3	21,046	21,798	19,285	17,646	17,114
Skills for Work	37	30	13	11	15
SCQF level 4					
National 4	104,378	103,596	104,866	106,033	116,032
Skills for Work	3,233	4,089	3,698	3,601	3,767
SCQF level 5					
National 5	297,973	300,639	288,552	281,785	293,220
Skills for Work	10,107	10,291	8,023	6,632	6,126
SCQF level 6					
Higher	194,661	186,214	185,914	191,951	194,813
Skills for Work	247	222	204	264	433
SCQF level 7					
Advanced Higher	26,795	23,570	23,460	24,331	24,112
TOTAL	660,661	652,460	636,085	634,331	657,528
Scottish Baccalaureate (SCQF level 7)	152	152	157	155	161

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) helps people to understand and compare different qualifications in Scotland.

Key Points

- The overall entries for National Qualifications numbered 660,661 in 2021. This is an increase of 8,201 on 2020.
- Entries at National 5 (SCQF level 5) have decreased by 2,666. Entries at Higher (SCQF level 6) have increased by 8,447 and Advanced Higher (SCQF level 7) have increased by 3,225.
- The Scottish Baccalaureate entries totaled 152 this year; no change from 2020.
- Entries at National 4 (SCQF level 4) numbered 104,378 in 2021. In 2020, the Recognising Positive Achievement (RPA) process for National 4 qualifications was removed. Entries for 2019 and previous years include those awarded through the RPA process.

The table below lists the attainment rates for each for each National Qualification type¹.

Table 2: Attainment rates for each National Qualification type, 2017 – 2021

	Attainment Rate ^[1]				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SCQF level 2					
National 2	68.9%	75.5%	77.1%	79.7%	81.6%
SCQF level 3					
National 3	86.1%	91.5%	87.9%	91.5%	90.8%
Skills for Work	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	63.6%	100.0%
SCQF level 4					
National 4	86.1%	91.0%	88.5%	91.1%	92.8%
Skills for Work	66.6%	79.3%	77.6%	79.3%	79.2%
SCQF level 5					
National 5	85.8%	89.0%	78.2%	77.4%	79.5%
Skills for Work	79.9%	86.4%	82.7%	86.0%	86.7%
SCQF level 6					
Higher	87.3%	89.3%	74.8%	76.8%	77.0%
Skills for Work	81.0%	76.6%	78.4%	81.4%	82.4%
SCQF level 7					
Advanced Higher	90.2%	93.1%	79.4%	80.5%	80.0%

[1] For National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher the attainment rate is based on entries which have resulted in an A-C grade. For National 2 - National 4 and Skills for Work, which are all ungraded, the attainment rate is based on entries which have resulted in a pass.

Scottish Baccalaureate[2] (SCQF level 7)	91.4%	86.2%	69.4%	77.4%	85.7%
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[1] For National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher the attainment rate is based on entries which have resulted in an A-C grade. For National 2 - National 4 and Skills for Work, which are all ungraded, the attainment rate is based on entries which have resulted in a pass.

[1] 'Distinction' or 'Pass' outcomes.

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Sent: 06 August 2021 12:32

To: ■@sqa.org.uk; Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Thanks ■

I think this is missing most of what I requested:

- Nothing on awards either in overall volume or the unique number of candidates receiving them (this may differ from the numbers entered, of course);
- Only covers N5, H and AH, and not lower levels (or wider awards).

I can live with it covering NQs only, I think, but that has to cover all levels not just N5+. If we are to substantiate the points made yesterday about there being more people receiving awards than in the past we will need to see the figures to support that.

I appreciate you have a lot on your plate, but are you able to provide that a matter of priority?

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[2] 'Distinction' or 'Pass' outcomes.

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To: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk> [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

Hi [REDACTED]

The attached 2 slides have everything you need.

[REDACTED]

From: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 05 August 2021 21:26

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Total numbers of entries and awards

I'm sure we can do that, [REDACTED]

We'll get back to you tomorrow.

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Beth Black

Director, Policy, Analysis and Standards

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 August 2021 21:24

To: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>

Cc: Beth Black <Beth.Black@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: Total numbers of entries and awards

Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

In the course of discussions following the SQA/SG call at 2.30 today, a number of folk felt it would be extremely helpful to have an [REDACTED] for 2021 (so, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) in comparison to the same for 2020 and 2019. Similarly, it would be helpful to know [REDACTED]. Redacted under s30(b)(ii)

We have, I am pretty sure, had those numbers in previous years (though I cannot recall whether we did in 2020).

Is this something you can provide us with during the course of Friday?

Cheers

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director, Education Analysis

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Sent: 09 August 2021 11:47

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Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk;

[REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Exam Diet - Briefing - RESULTS DAY NARRATIVE 2021 - final 6 Aug draft - official sensitive

Thanks John, that would be really helpful.

We are making a few tweaks to our narrative and will let you see later when we have a finished version.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Joint Head of Qualifications Unit | Learning Directorate | Scottish Government |

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Subject: RE: Exam Diet - Briefing - RESULTS DAY NARRATIVE 2021 - final 6 Aug draft - official sensitive

Hi

Thanks again for this. I'm aiming to get a complete set of our final products over to you this afternoon – press release, chief examiner report, methodology report, core brief/Q&A and topline.

Would be helpful to see your press release when you're able to share.

Thanks

John

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Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Exam Diet - Briefing - RESULTS DAY NARRATIVE 2021 - final 6 Aug draft - official sensitive



Exam Diet -
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RESULTS DAY
NARRA

Hi John

[Redacted] asked that I share with you our working draft of our key narrative and Q&A.

[Redacted]

[REDACTED] Joint Head of Qualifications Unit | Learning Directorate | Scottish Government |

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From: Fiona Robertson
Sent: 09 August 2021 11:58
To: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk
Subject: RE: Historic attainment

Being done now. We don't need to be the intermediaries here, so I suggest [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] engage further on this, as necessary, and in the normal way.

Fiona

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To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: Historic attainment

Thanks Fiona – if we could get the number of passes at A-C urgently that would be very helpful for our top lines, as discussed. [REDACTED].

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Sent: 09 August 2021 11:45
To: Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Historic attainment



Attainment
Rate
summary
2021.xls

Historic rates attached. Numbers to follow. Fiona

From: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 August 2021 22:24
To: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Historic attainment

Thanks Fiona.

Can you urgently provide the 1999 figures please? We are revising our top line and may be able to say highest number of Higher passes since devolution, if the 1999 data supports this.

[REDACTED]
From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 09 August 2021 21:14
To: Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Historic attainment



A-C volumes
2000 _ 2021.xlsx

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From: Fiona Robertson
Sent: 10 August 2021 08:05
To: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot
Subject: FW: URGENT: Historic attainment
Importance: High



A-C volumes
1999 _ 2021.xlsx

As promised.

I am advised that first year of AH was indeed 2001.

Fiona

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Sent: 11 August 2021 11:04

To: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot

Subject: transcript



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From: Fiona Robertson

Sent: 11 August 2021 11:18

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Subject: Full media cuts



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From: [REDACTED] Fiona Robertson

Sent: 11 August 2021 13:05

To: CabSecES@gov.scot

Cc: DirectorofLearning@gov.scot; John Booth <john.booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Post-results meeting?

Hi [REDACTED]

Please can we go with 3pm on the 17th

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk; DirectorofLearning@gov.scot; John Booth
<John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Post-results meeting?

Fiona

As mentioned below Ms Somerville was keen to catch up soon. This week is really bad diary wise - do any of the following slots work for you?

- 3.00pm on Tuesday 17th
- 11.30am on Wednesday 18th
- 3.00pm Thursday 19th

Many thanks.

[REDACTED] (he/him)

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Subject: RE: Post-results meeting?

Thanks John. Ms Somerville can't do today I'm afraid as diary is full all afternoon. Ms Somerville is keen to catch up with Fiona shortly so I will be in touch to get that fixed up.

[REDACTED] (he/him)

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Subject: Post-results meeting?

[REDACTED]

We thought the Cabinet Secretary may find it useful to check-in with Fiona later today to reflect on the publication of the results and coverage/commentary so far?

Fiona's available this afternoon if that's something the Cabinet Secretary would find useful.

John

John Booth

Director of Communications

Scottish Qualifications

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From: Fiona Robertson
Sent: 12 August 2021 09:21
To: CERG@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CERG 63 - agenda and papers

Thanks for this [REDACTED]

Here is the presentation.



Results 2021
CERG.pptx

Fiona

Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive

Scottish Qualifications Authority

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[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: CERG 63 - agenda and papers

Of course Fiona – no problem. See you shortly

[REDACTED]

From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 12 August 2021 07:47
To: CERG <CERG@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CERG 63 - agenda and papers

Morning [REDACTED]

I will have a few slides for this morning. Can I send these to you for sharing at the meeting? Thanks.

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Dear all

Please see attached agenda and papers for tomorrow's meeting.

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Recovery Group - Me<

Please note that we will supply the publishable MI report and accompanying infographic tomorrow (after CERG meeting).

Thanks

[Redacted]

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Subject: Re: For comment: Draft statement from the NQ Group in response to pending announcement on National Qualifications

John

That sounds sensible to me, thanks

[REDACTED]

Director

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From: John Booth <John.Booth@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 13 August 2021 09:45

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Subject: RE: For comment: Draft statement from the NQ Group in response to pending announcement on National Qualifications

Thanks- and-

Would welcome any other comments, including from those who have been involved in the comms discussions/drafting. As per suggestion, I'd be happy to recast this as a piece of SQA comms that references continued working with NQ Group on contingencies. And, of course, important to note that this comms is itself contingent on decisions/announcements from Scottish Government - what we're seeking to do here is to be prepared so we can quickly

provide as much early certainty and reassurance to the system thereafter.

John

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Dear Colleagues,

In anticipation of the Cabinet Secretary giving an update on National Qualifications in session 2021-

22, we have worked with members of the communications sub-group to draft a response on behalf of the National Qualifications Group (attached).

This is intended as an initial response, to be issued following the Cabinet Secretary's announcement. We have based it on the assumption that the Cabinet Secretary will announce that exams are taking place in 2022, though we are awaiting confirmation of this.

We then plan to do further follow-up communications that will provide more information.

Can you please review the attached draft and advise by 10am on Monday if you are happy with the content or if you have any comments/feedback? We also ask that you please keep this in confidence while we await a formal announcement from the Scottish Government.

Thank you also [redacted], and to [redacted] and from NPFS, for your contributions to this to response.

Kind regards,

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