

With best regards,
[Redacted]

35. Email from HM Ambassador Berlin to the Cabinet Secretary, Scottish Government

From: Sebastian Wood * (Sensitive)
Sent: 03 March 2017 17:59
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted] (Sensitive); Sebastian Wood *
(Sensitive); [Redacted] (Sensitive)
Subject: YOUR VISIT TO HAMBURG AND BERLIN

Keith Brown, MSP
Cabinet Secretary of Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Scottish Government

Via Email
3 March 2017

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

YOUR VISIT TO GERMANY

I'm pleased you are visiting Hamburg and Berlin. **Hamburg** is Germany's second largest city. Its port has made it one of the world's largest transport hubs and it has a rapidly growing population and economy. [Redacted: lines 3-5]
Hamburg is also an important cultural centre. The Beatles launched their career here and the new concert hall, the Elbphilharmonie, finally opened to rave reviews in January and has already attracted more than half a million people to its striking observation deck.

[Redacted: lines 10-12]

As well as meeting a range of businesses and officials in Hamburg, you will meet members of the Bundestag from all Parliamentary parties at a dinner at my Residence in Berlin, and will also meet SPD State Secretary Wiese at the Economics Ministry.

National Politics

[Redacted: Lines 16-34]

The **German economy** is doing well. Preliminary growth data shows that growth in 2016 exceeded market expectations at 1.9%. Major growth drivers were private consumption, accounting for 53.5% of GDP, and additional government spending on addressing the 2015/2016 refugee influx. Data also suggests that Germany's trade surplus again reached record levels in 2016, most likely beating China to the world's largest trade surplus in absolute terms, while China itself has just surpassed France and the US to become Germany's largest trading partner.

[Redacted: Lines 42-50]

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was in Berlin in the summer, when she met Michael Roth, SPD Minister for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office. She announced in October that the Scottish Government plans to open an office in Berlin to promote trade links.

Yours

Sebastian

Sebastian Wood

Cc: as per email

36. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Embassy Berlin

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

Sent: 29 March 2017 16:24

To: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

Subject: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg/Berlin

Hi [REDACTED],

Hope you are well.

We're planning to send a quick thank you letter to the person at the Adlershof technology park who met with the Minister and his party when they were in Berlin. Unfortunately, [REDACTED] has misplaced the person's business card and can't remember the name. Do you happen to have the name and contact details of this person?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

37. Email from the British Embassy Berlin to the Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

Sent: 30 March 2017 09:28

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot'

Cc: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg/Berlin

Dear [REDACTED]

Good to hear from you. All well here, if rather busy, but I am guessing it is no different for you! The contact you need is

[REDACTED]
WISTA-Management GMBH
Rudower Chaussee 17,
D-12489 Berlin
www.adlershof.de

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

We actually wrote to him to say thank you as he had made such an effort at such short notice, (email attached, in German) but I am sure a letter from you would also be welcome.

Best wishes

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38. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Embassy Berlin

From: ██████████@gov.scot [mailto:██████████@gov.scot]
Sent: Donnerstag, 2. März 2017 15:23
To: ██████████ (Sensitive)
Cc: ██████████ (Sensitive)
Subject: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg/Berlin

Hi ██████████,

It was good to hear from you earlier. I just thought I'd send you a quick email to check if there is anything you need from me to help with the logistical arrangements?

Also, ██████████ in Private Office has asked if there is anyway the hotel can bill the Scottish Government for the rooms, breakfast, car, etc? He's uncomfortable with the idea that someone will need to use a personal credit card to pay, what will probably be, a large bill. If this isn't possible then ██████████ may be able to pay for it and claim it back.

Thanks for all your help with the meetings and logistics. It's all coming together and looks a good programme.

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39. Email from the British Embassy Berlin to the Scottish Government

From: ██████████@fco.gov.uk [mailto:██████████@fco.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 March 2017 14:19
To: ██████████ [Scottish Government]
Cc: ██████████@fco.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg/Berlin

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Hope the delegation arrived back safely.

As requested we have now got the bills from The George Hotel Hamburg for the 3 single rooms + breakfasts. The banking details are highlighted on the cover letter document, where the hotel requests to make payment within 10 days of receipt of this bill.

I will send you the original letter by post.

Best wishes

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40. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Embassy Berlin

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot]
Sent: 13 March 2017 12:23
To: [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive)
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg/Berlin

Hi [REDACTED] / [REDACTED],

Thanks for sending through the bills from the George Hotel. I'll get our finance team to take this forward.

Also, thank you both for all the help you provided for Mr Brown's trip. Your knowledge and experience was invaluable in making this visit a success, particularly within the short timescale we had to make arrangements. The feedback I've had is that it ran smoothly and the Cabinet Secretary was very happy.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

41. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Embassy Berlin

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot]
Sent: 03 March 2017 11:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Hi [REDACTED],

As discussed.

- [REDACTED]
- Name: [REDACTED]
- Passport Number: [REDACTED]
- Expiry Date: [REDACTED]
- Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Thanks for your help.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | The Scottish Government | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | Tel: [REDACTED]

42. Email from the British Consulate General Düsseldorf to the Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@mobile.trade.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 March 2017 09:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Many thanks [REDACTED],
I'll send them straight on!
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED] / FTN: [REDACTED] / Mob.: [REDACTED]

43. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Consulate General Düsseldorf

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot]
Sent: 03 March 2017 10:16
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@mobile.trade.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@fco.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see the following passport details for the Cabinet Secretary and his Private Secretary, [REDACTED]. I'll get [REDACTED]'s details to you as soon as I can.

Cabinet Secretary

- Name: [REDACTED]
- Passport Number: [REDACTED]
- Expiry Date: [REDACTED]
- Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED], Private Secretary
- Name: [REDACTED]
- Passport Number: [REDACTED]
- Expiry Date: [REDACTED]
- Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | The Scottish Government | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | Tel: [REDACTED]

44. Email from the British Consulate General Düsseldorf to the Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@mobile.trade.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 March 2017 16:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Thanks for letting me know [REDACTED], that should work fine.
Have a good evening

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | Department for International Trade | British Consulate General
| Oststrasse 86 | 40210 Düsseldorf | Germany | E-mail:
[REDACTED]@mobile.trade.gov.uk | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob.: [REDACTED]

45. Email from the Scottish Government to the British Consulate General Düsseldorf

From: ██████████@gov.scot [mailto:██████████@gov.scot]
Sent: 02 March 2017 17:45
To: ██████████ <██████████@mobile.trade.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Hi ██████████,

Apologies, I'm just picking up on your emails now. I've tried to obtain the relevant details for Mr Brown, ██████████ (PS) and ██████████, however, none of them have their details to hand and won't be able to get them to me until tomorrow morning. I'm sorry about this but I'll aim to get them to you ASAP tomorrow morning.

Kind regards

██████████ | ██████████ | ██████████ | **The Scottish Government** | ██████████
| Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | Tel: ██████████

46. Email from the British Consulate General Düsseldorf to the Scottish Government

From: ██████████ [mailto:██████████@mobile.trade.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 March 2017 16:13
To: ██████████; ██████████
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

No worries, I'm playing for time, but tomorrow will be difficult.

██████████ | ██████████ | ██████████
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██████████@mobile.trade.gov.uk | Tel: ██████████ | Mob.: ██████████

47. Email from the British Consulate General Düsseldorf to the Scottish Government

From: ██████████ [mailto:██████████@mobile.trade.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 March 2017 17:07
To: ██████████; ██████████@gov.scot; ██████████; ██████████@fco.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

Hi ██████████,

There are indeed only 4 seats. More importantly would be the details for the Cabinet Minister and I assume his PS and ██████████ are accompanying? Plus our ██████████ makes 4.

Kind regards

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Tel: ██████████ / FTN: ██████████ / Mob.: ██████████

48. Email from the British Consulate General Düsseldorf to the Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@mobile.trade.gov.uk]

Sent: 02 March 2017 16:55

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@fco.gov.uk

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Mr Brown's visit to Hamburg / Berlin

[REDACTED], [REDACTED],

I'm sorry to bug you, but due to the security preparations the port is chasing me for the delegates names, passport numbers, and expiry dates of those documents. The deadline was today!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]
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