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Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 13th September which we received on the same date.

You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

A list of all meetings between Brian Wilson, now business ambassador for the UK Government, and Secretary of State for Scotland Michael Moore, or any Scotland Office employees, and the names and positions of the individuals who attended any such meetings. I am happy to receive any response digitally.

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information. I can confirm that the Scotland Office does hold information falling within the scope of your request. All relevant information held is set out below.

Meetings with the Secretary of State for Scotland

The Secretary of State for Scotland has met with Brian Wilson on three occasions. The details of those meetings are as follows:

 23rd January 2012: Meeting between Secretary of State and Brian Wilson, Chair, Harris Tweed Hebrides.

Also present was Kate Richards, Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State.

 3rd May 2012: Meeting between Secretary of State and Brian Wilson, Chair, Harris Tweed Hebrides.

Also present was Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director, Policy, Scotland Office.

Please note that the two meetings above with Mr Wilson in his capacity as Chair of Harris Tweed Hebrides have been publicly referenced previously in the Scotland Office's quarterly release of Ministerial meetings with external organisations, available at: http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/14542.html.

• 31st August 2012: Visit to Diageo Bottling Plant, Leven, Fife. Secretary of State and Brian Wilson in attendance. During this visit, Mr Wilson's appointment as a UK Business Ambassador was announced.

Also present were: Clark Dunn, Chief Press Officer, Scotland Office; and Lucy Proctor, Private Secretary, Scotland Office.

Please note that the visit above will be made public in due course as part of the Scotland Office's quarterly release of Ministerial meetings with external organisations.

Meetings with Scotland Office officials

Other than the meetings detailed above, officials from the Scotland Office have met with Brian Wilson on three occasions. The details of those meetings are as follows:

• 2nd February 2012: Meeting of the Scottish Business Board's Team Scotland Group, with Mr Wilson in attendance.

Also in attendance from the Scotland Office were Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director, Policy; Andy Drought, Business and Economy Team; Sven Baaz, Business and Economy Team; and Beryl Gibb, Business and Economy Team.

• 9th August 2012: Meeting between Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director, Policy, Scotland Office and Brian Wilson, Chair, Harris Tweed Hebrides.

Also present was Andy Drought, Business and Economy Team, Scotland Office.

• 12th September 2012: Meeting between Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director, Policy, Scotland Office and Brian Wilson, UK Business Ambassador.

Also present was Andy Drought, Business and Economy Team, Scotland Office.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be addressed to:

FOI Officer
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow CHESHIRE SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Scotland Office