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From: Sasha Wass [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2015 14:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Police

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Dear [REDACTED]
I would like to know what those compelling reasons are, given that [REDACTED] is due to retire in September and is owed annual leave which would enable him to be off work between the 11th of March and the 4th April. It is hard to understand how his being in the panel would have any detrimental effect on his duties.
Kindest regards,
Sasha

Sent from my iPad

On 23 Jan 2015, at 13:55, [REDACTED]

Hello Sasha

In yesterday's telcon I mentioned I had received HO approval to directly approach [REDACTED] office to set up a meeting. This morning the HO called me to say whilst the Commander was happy to hear from the FCO, there were compelling reasons why [REDACTED] could not be released from his duty. In light of that, and taking account of the offer of assistance to identify alternative officers, I'm thinking another plan of action may be better.

Have you had a positive response (or positive noises) to [REDACTED] joining the panel? If so, and in trying to reach a compromise, could a letter from my Director to the Commander, i) outlining the importance of the inquiry and Ministerial support and ii) asking the Commander to look favourably on new requests, suffice?

Regards,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Child Safeguarding & Domestic Violence Policy Officer
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[Redacted]

From: Sasha Wass [Redacted]
Sent: 12 February 2015 09:12
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Additional police officer

Dear Both,

I have now identified a serving police officer from another force with a view to taking him to St Helena. I have contacted his superior officer who has asked about funding. I want to be able to say that he will sign the same contract on the same rate as the other two panel members I have appointed. Can you confirm asap that this is correct?

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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Sasha Wass
02 March 2015 11:50
Additional work

Mark Waring

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our conversation this morning, I confirm that the additional material [1500 pages approx] provided by Dfid the week before last will take approximately 100 additional hours to read and process.

As I said a while ago, the difficulties presented by the AG of St Helena from January from the 7th January until the time Mark Waring was engaged, have already created an additional 50 hours of work which I did not factor in when I did my projection of tasks required in advance of the trip.

Please could you make a note of these two additional categories of work for your records?

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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[Redacted]

From: Sasha Wass [Redacted]
Sent: 09 February 2015 13:58
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Budget

Dear Both,

Further to my telephone conversation with [Redacted] just now, the additional work created by the AG Data Protection point and the problems created by the MPS have added in the region of 50 hours to my original time estimate. I have not yet made an adjustment for the 1500 documents which arrived in my chambers on Friday. I will keep you posted.

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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From: Sasha Wass [
Sent: 06 February 2015 12:32
To: [Redacted] Colin Welsh
Subject: Colin Welsh

Dear [Redacted]

I have just appointed Colin Welsh to the panel of the Inquiry. His e mail address is copied in, so you will be able to contact him..

Could [Redacted] contact him TODAY with a copy of the contract and details of [Redacted] at Hayes?

Colin will be coming to St Helena so you will need to get details of his passport etc.

Let me know if there is anything further you need.

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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[REDACTED]

From: Sasha Wass [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2015 13:50
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Deployment of [REDACTED] St Helena

URGENT

Dear

You said that the Minister was keen to help.

Could you ask him to make a formal request to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] I have been told that she will be dealing with this. I am particularly keen that this happens asap for the reasons that we discussed on Friday. Her e mails address is below.

Would you be kind enough to update me this afternoon?

Kindest Regards

Sasha

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[REDACTED]

From: Sasha Wass
Sent: 26 February 2015 11:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [CJSM] Re: Deployment to St. Helena OFFICIAL

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I was told unofficially that I could NOY have [REDACTED] However, there is a chance that [REDACTED] could help with a post trip review. He is likely to be leaving the force in early August. I was hoping to get him on board for a second opinion on the police files.

Sasha

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2015 1:27 PM
To: sasha.wass([REDACTED]) Marc Holland
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Sasha

My comments below.

Marc, [REDACTED] Sasha has raised the importance of costs associated with her [REDACTED] time on St H and AI to be separated and charged to him. There are a couple of questions for you to answer. Feel free to add anything further.

Regards,

From: Sasha Wass [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2015 09:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:33 PM

Dear Both

I think that I have mentioned this before: it is imperative that my [REDACTED] either pays directly or reimburses you in full for all expenses over and above those directly incurred by my visit. He should therefore be charged the normal permit fees and any other costs any independent visitor would face. This is why, for example, I think arranging for a hire car and billing him for it is so important. We cannot afford to invite even the faintest suggestion or rumour of subsidy or free loading. You must decide the additional cost of providing accommodation for a couple as opposed to an individual and charge him accordingly.

The cars hired are only for the panel members and yourself to go about their business. I can ask St H and AI to hire an additional car for your [REDACTED] sole use with him paying all costs. This means he has a means of transport to do as he pleases that is separate from any car hire fees, including the cost of a car with driver on St H, that is associated with your travel, or that of the panel.

I am a little confused now about the party size. I think we are 7 which is 3 cars if [REDACTED] is to have his own dedicated transport. If you can confirm, [REDACTED] an book.

On the mundane level, neither of us has particular dietary requirements. However, I am not at all sure how the dining arrangements will be managed as the internet makes food shopping and eating out on St Helena appear somewhat challenging. Compounding that, you have located us a substantial drive away from Jamestown. Are there facilities, for example, to enable us to arrange to feed and entertain the team in private at the lodgings on St Helena or is that impractical? That way would allow us to discuss business in the evenings.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast in AI will be provided as we are being accommodated in the Administrator's residence. See "accommodation" below for costs of your [REDACTED]

In St Helena essential items (bread, milk etc) will be provided in your bungalow. I can have the bill split into two, with the FCO picking up one half?

LUNCHES

Lunches on AI will be provided as options are limited. I will check with Marc but think your [REDACTED] lunch costs can be incorporated into the cost of staying at Two Boats Lodge. Marc: Will the inclusion of lunch increase the cost of [REDACTED] stay at Two Boats?

The prices we quoted are B&B. Lunch and dinner will cost extra. One of the dinners (at the Residency) will be at AIG's invitation. (The other at the Obsidian could be our invitation but does not have to be.) [REDACTED] can pay for all his lunch and dinners if this is what is required. Allow £5-7.50 for lunch and £20-£25 for dinner

On St H I've been told there are plenty of lunch outlets available. People can buy their own lunches and submit their receipts on return to be reimbursed. Therefore your [REDACTED] is free to buy his own lunch. Any official lunches that your [REDACTED] joins us we will have to ask for your [REDACTED] meal to be charged separately with him paying.

DINNER

AI dinner at Obsidian Restaurant Hotel on one night where the costs of your [redacted] meal will be charged directly to him. The other night we are being hosted at the Administrator's Residency. Marc: will you need to increase the cost of [redacted] stay at Two Boats Lodge to include dinner?

Yes - see above. [redacted] can you start setting up the meals please - esp the Obsidian which will be very full due to the RMS being in. Depending on the final programme, we may need to have lunch made for us.

For St Helena, dinner reservations have been made at various restaurants for every night we are on Island. This seemed a more sensible option than buying food/cooking which for those of us at the guest house, is impossible and also generally food shopping is challenging. Making reservations now also guarantees reservations that are easier to cancel, than arrange at last minute. The Island doesn't have restaurants that can cater for people arriving unannounced.

On St H our offices are in the centre of town, which means the panel can reconvene after dinner, or if this is not welcomed and you'd prefer people to return to your bungalow, we could see if the restaurant booked for that night can prepare a takeaway (dependent on their H&S laws). I suggest for now we stick with the dinner reservations St H are making for us.

ACCOMODATION COSTS

Private guests staying at Two Boats Lodge (AI) have been charged £60 a night single occupancy and £90 for double occupancy at Two Boats Lodge. So [redacted] could pay the difference? But this cost may increase to incorporate lunch and dinner costs. Marc to advise.

We would normally charge the partners the difference between single and double occupancy.

[redacted] Can we follow the same method to work out the costs to be charged to [redacted] for his stay at the Bungalow i.e. charge the difference between a single and double occupancy? I think there are utility costs in addition to the hire cost of the bungalow? If so, lets divide in two and charge Sasha and

Sean Burns did explain that whilst google maps shows your bungalow as being distant and isolated, the reality is very different with everything being relatively close. Having a driver allocated to you will also make travelling around the island easy.

We were thinking of driving to Brize Norton and leaving our car there for the duration. Is that possible? Do check but I think long term parking is possible and may be free

[redacted] will need to check. There may be security issues with leaving a car for a long period of time.

Marc/[redacted] One of the panel members, [redacted] doesn't eat pork - [redacted] pls note. No other dietary requirements to note. Please can we have the full list of panel members.

Marc: Visa fee to be charged to [redacted] and not waived.


Look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Sasha

Suggested Agenda for QC Sasha Wass, visit to Ascension, 12-14 March

Thursday 12 March

- 08.30 Met off plane by HH Administrator, Marc Holland
- 09.00 Transport to Two Boats Lodge, then to Court House
- 10.00 Intro meeting, HH Administrator, Marc Holland
- 10.30 
- 11.00-12.30 meetings
- 12.30-13.30 lunch
- 13.30-15.30 meetings
- 15.30 prison visit
- 16.30 Town Hall meeting, Courthouse?, Georgetown
- 18.30 Dinner at Residency (panel + AISCB). Minibus
- 22.00 Drop in at Volcano club?

Friday 13 March

- 09.00-09.30 prep time
- 09.30 -12.15 meetings
- 12.15-13.00 lunch
- 13.00-14.00 Ascension Island Safeguarding Children Board Meeting (AISCB)
- 14.00-16.30 meetings
- 16.30 Town Hall meeting, Two Boats Club
- 17.30 free time (or more meeting time)
- 19.00 Dinner, Obsidian
- 21.00 Turtle tour
- 22.00 Saints club

23.00 Two Boats club (take minibus?)

Saturday 14 March

10.00-13.00 Drop in sessions, TBL or Courthouse? Additional meeting time

13.00 lunch

14.00 check out

14.30 De-brief, HH Administrator

15.00 Check in RMS St Helena

Facilities required

- Laptop connectivity, cabling and desk space for 6 people
- Printer
- 2 phones with intl dialling
- Separate meeting room
- Access to case files