

DIGEST OF EMAILS FROM BEIJING

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 31 March
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Cc: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: Nicola Sturgeon – speeches

[FCO OFFICIAL] is giving some thought to where Nicola Sturgeon might deliver a key note address as part of her visit in July. Would you mind coming up with some options (eg Party School, Beida, Tsinghua etc). I'm also copying to BC colleagues in case they have ideas. At the moment this would be in Beijing, but if you come up with any other exciting ideas in eg Shandong or Tianjin would could try to persuade [REDACTED] to consider.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 31 March
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Cc: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: Nicola Sturgeon – speeches

Very happy to do so. I suppose a suitable venue / audience would depend on what the Minister intends to say.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 27 May
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: HMA in Tianjin 27 May

Hi [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – just tried to call. Have left a message. [FCO OFFICIAL] – pls can you set up a meeting for [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] / Andrew and I to discuss Nicola Sturgeon visit. We want to make sure we getting things right from a First Minister but also Leader of SNP perspective. [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 4 June
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Emergency desk list, 4 June

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

I usually do a new contact list for every visit, depending on who the key people at the Embassy are, so I'm afraid I don't have a standard template. Here's a contact list I did recently for Gareth Ward's visit though:

CONTACT NUMBERS

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From mainland China to UK	00 44	
From UK to mainland China (omit 0 from area code)	00 86	
Directory enquiries	114	
To dial within mainland China		
Beijing	010	
Tri-band mobile phones	Calls within mainland China do not require the country code	
FTN	8403	
British Embassy Beijing	Switchboard	Fax
11 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang, Beijing	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Registry out of hours emergency contact		[REDACTED]
Beijing contacts	Office	Mobile
[FCO OFFICIALS]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Drivers Beijing		
[FCO OFFICIALS]		
Residence	Tel	Fax
[FCO OFFICIAL]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Medical assistance	Tel	Fax
Beijing United Family Hospital	5927 7000	

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 June
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: FW: Details of Sturgeon visit

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

I'll be working on the Oil & Gas meetings for Sturgeon's visit. Not sure how the Programme has been shaped. Let me know if things I need to do and help. We'll coordinate HMA's timing and prepare the briefings for HMA.

Thanks,

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 June
To: [SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL (SDI) OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Details of Sturgeon visit

Thanks [SDI OFFICIAL] I mentioned when we met that [FCO OFFICIAL] is starting with us this week, taking over on Oil & Gas while [FCO OFFICIAL] is on maternity leave. She starts with us today so please continue to liaise with her on arrangements for this so that we're fully joined up.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 15 June
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Details of Sturgeon visit

I flagged this with [FCO Official] earlier on the same basis, and that she has an outstanding action to meet with the new Chairmen of CNPC, CNOOC and Sinopec. So, HMA is sighted on this and as of last week was planning to join. [FCO Official] has pencilled in time in her diary accordingly [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: Barbara Woodward
Sent: 18 June
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Oil and Gas meetings - summary of issue

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

[REDACTED]

Could you discuss further with Mark AND [FCO OFFICIAL] to take forward.

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 1 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: FM's Programme,

I'm wondering if you would be able to send me the latest version of the First Minister's programme?

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 3 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Scotland's FM visit

Hi [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

I have attached our Guide to Chinese Etiquette and Security Advice.

Unfortunately, we don't have an up-to-date China political brief, so I have attached our most recent bilateral brief that provides some background on the UK-China relationship.

For the Shanghai and Hong Kong geographical briefs, I would advise contacting the Consulates directly for up-to-date info.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Sent: 6 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Subject: FW: Emergency desk list

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Please find below for the emergency contact [FCO Official] sent to me last month. I was wondering if you can have a look if we need any updates in the form?

This is for the FM's visit to Beijing, in case any delegates get injured or ill or lose passport. I don't want to add your work load, therefore if you have a list that is used for other visits, that would be great.

Thanks,

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 6 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Emergency desk list

I've just had a look through the list and all of the numbers are correct.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Sent: 6 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Subject: RE: Emergency desk list

Thank you

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 13 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: First Minister of Scotland - draft programme for Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

Thanks [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – you thought this might happen.
[REDACTED]

Re the programme –pls could a colleague from bilateral team (I'm on leave) join the Hanban and the Friendship Assoc calls. Both key on our P2P agenda. Would likely be
[FCO OFFICIAL]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 14 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: First Minister of Scotland - draft programme for Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

Thanks [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – I'm ccing [FCO OFFICIAL] so she can check Barbara's diary. But I would assume she'll come to State Council and Guo as definite. And that she or her rep will do the NoCs. Let's speak on Hanban and CFA. Am seeing the latter this pm anyway so may not be an issue for that one.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 14 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: First Minister of Scotland - draft programme for Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

Barbara's diary is free for whatever you would like her to do on Mon/Tuesday. The briefing on Sunday can be at the Residence – [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] is this ok?

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 14 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: First Minister of Scotland - draft programme for Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – had a good meeting with CPAFC on our regional strand of P2P today (bringing leaders of provinces to uk for a one week programme and participation in p2p). They v much looking forward to NS visit particularly the women speech. Is it possible to get a copy? Would be good to share with [FCO OFFICIAL] who is doing some thinking on this re HMA work in women space. You free to meet for catch up later this week? Meeting with Min Education on P2P now pushed back to Friday.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SDI OFFICIAL]

Sent: 14 July

To: Michael Charlton, [FCO OFFICIAL] [FCO OFFICIAL]

Subject: RE: Scottish Dinner Reception Monday 27th July in Honour of Scotland's First Minister's visit to China

On the occasion of the visit to China by The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP First Minister of Scotland, we are pleased to invite you to the Scottish dinner reception on Monday 27th July. Pls see details below.

I would be much appreciated if you could pls confirm your attendance asap.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you soon,

[SDI OFFICIAL]



The official gateway to Scotland



You are invited to join us

The Scottish Government in Beijing and Scottish Development International would like to invite you to join us for an evening reception.

To mark the first official visit to China by the Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland, we are hosting a *Celebration of Scotland*.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Date - Monday 27th July

Time - 18.30-20.30

Venue - Grand Ballroom 3, Kerry Hotel Beijing, No.1 Guanghai Lu

Dress code - Business attire

RSVP by **17th July 2015**

[SDI OFFICIAL]

为欢迎苏格兰首席大臣尼古拉斯特金阁下来京访问，苏格兰政府协同苏格兰国际发展局，诚邀您出席“苏格兰庆典”晚餐招待会。

期待您的光临。

日期：2015年7月27日星期一

时间：18.30-20.30

地点：嘉里大酒店2层大宴会厅3号厅，北京市光华路1号

着装：商务正装

[SDI OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 15 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: First Minister visit

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Quick recap of our discussion today on what I think Barbara / BC will want to attend. CCing Mark and [FCO OFFICIAL] as I'm out tomorrow - I think Barbara is back in on Friday. Also to John for Shanghai.

- Flags and cars – I'm checking with Mark on this as I'm not sure of the protocol issues [REDACTED]
- Briefing Barbara – [FCO OFFICIAL] – we think it would be a good idea to put time in Barbara's diary with [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] early next week – grateful if this can happen. [REDACTED]

Sunday

- Hanban – worth checking with BC if they want to attend. Probably Barbara will be happy not to unless the Nankai President there who she has met recently in context of her honorary professor role at Nankai. [REDACTED]

Monday

- State Councillor Yang – we agreed that HMA would attend – [FCO OFFICIAL] [REDACTED] are hoping for 1000 on Tuesday 27 July. If it isn't at that time, we'll have to rework programme so good if MFA can confirm earliest. [REDACTED]
- Key note at CFA – I think Barbara may be keen to attend given women theme and if it is President of CFA. If not [FCO OFFICIAL] will hopefully attend the speech. [REDACTED]

- Guo Jinlong lunch – HMA will probably want to attend. [REDACTED]
- Business innovation showcase – we should make sure UKTI in touch with SDI - [REDACTED]
- Scotland Reception – I think HMA will want to attend or have a senior rep from Embassy / UKTI to attend to show support. [REDACTED]

Tuesday

- Education Ministry – BC / HMA to attend ([FCO OFFICIAL] to confirm)- [REDACTED]
- Culture Ministry – you checking with BC if they are able to attend given YOCE. If not HMA may want to consider. [REDACTED]
- Oil companies – you check with [FCO OFFICIAL] on position with Amber Rudd. We agreed we should push for HMA plus one from UKTI. [REDACTED]
- Shanghai – you in touch with [FCO OFFICIAL] anyway – for what it's worth I would have thought he might want to consider the Edinburgh Dundee SAHMIC Healthcare event and would probably want to attend the reception. [REDACTED]
- Back in office Friday but Mark can follow up with anything urgent. Sorry to be belts and braces but worth pinning down sooner to avoid any problems last minute. [REDACTED]

Thanks

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]

Sent: 16 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: First Minister visit

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Many thanks. I have made a note of all these events in the diary (noting that timings may change). I have sent a calendar request for a briefing with HMA on Monday at 1400 (let me know if this is not convenient).

We can go through the list with Barbara on Monday to tie down her attendance or otherwise.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 17 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: First Minister visit

[REDACTED]

Given BC not available Barbara will want to consider doing Ministry of Culture / Education / Hanban. Martyn Roper will arrive today so I guess the options if Barbara doesn't want to join are Martyn, Mark or Me (I'm not here Monday but in on Tuesday). For the call with Yang Jiechi it would be great if we could have Barbara plus one. The plus one would probably be Mark. [FCO OFFICIAL] is chasing this today (I failed to copy her into my earlier email – for which many apologies) I've already discussed this with [FCO OFFICIAL] and we've agreed an approach.

For the CFA speech could you put down [FCO OFFICIALS] if there is scope to have a few. We can confirm with Barbara if she wants to go on Monday. If we're tight on numbers you can remove from the list here in the order written down. I'll need to check numbers - should be fine.

Guo Jinlong lunch / meeting. Barbara. If any plus ones available please add Mark Gooding. Still waiting for feedback from Guo.

Can come back to you with more names for Scotland reception if you want me to. Let me know if there are numbers restrictions. There are number restriction but happy to accommodate any one you think should attend

Oil companies. Got it. Sounds like from [FCO OFFICIAL] email that Barbara will attend. Thanks for sorting [FCO OFFICIAL] attendance. SDi and UKTI will meet on Monday.

I think that's it – would you mind sending through the latest programme if you can, so that I can pass onto people with times of the various calls / receptions. Can you co-ordinate this through me please as I we're co-ordinating delegation and meeting lists.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Sent: 17 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Subject: First Minister visit

[FCO OFFICIAL] – thanks [redacted]

Did you contact the MFA re the Yang meeting

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 17 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: First Minister visit

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

[REDACTED]

Point on Yang in the below now in green – we'll get onto this. We can speak culture, education and Hanban with Barbara now BC not attending.

Re coordination – no probs, you'll make sure all names mentioned below have details of updated times as and when they are fixed.
We're nearly there!

Given BC not available Barbara will want to consider doing Ministry of Culture / Education / Hanban. Martyn Roper will arrive today so I guess the options if Barbara doesn't want to join are Martyn, Mark or Me (I'm not here Monday but in on Tuesday). For the call with Yang Jiechi it would be great if we could have Barbara plus one. The plus one would probably be Mark. [FCO Official] is chasing this today (I failed to copy her into my earlier email – for which many apologies) I've already discussed this with [FCO Official] at BC and we've agreed an approach.

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 17 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: First Minister visit

I called MFA [name of third party] re Yang, and asked if there had been a decision on our request for a meeting on 27 July. He checked and said that we should follow up with the Friendship Association who are hosting the visit. I clarified that we had asked the MFA for assistance to secure this particular meeting. [name of third party] agreed to look further into our request, but also advised we check with the FA. Happy to follow up again with the MFA if there is a blockage – let me know what the FA say.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 17 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: Speech

Hi [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – Mark asked me to take a look as he is up to his eyeballs.

I agree with your points in red - needs more of a Chinese flavour.

Separately – a couple of more UK specific points:

- Odd to reference Hillary Clinton in first para rather than a Chinese, UK or UN leader.
- [REDACTED]
- DFID are held up as the best example worldwide of international development work so a bit odd not to mention all the fantastic work that they are doing, particularly as Women and Girls are one of Justine Greening's three top priorities.

Could you possibly convey these points back in whatever way will go down best.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 20 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL] [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: hong kong briefing

[FCO OFFICIAL] [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Just putting the two of you in touch on the Hong Kong stuff. I'm sure the lines HK are given you are absolutely fine, but would feel happier if [FCO OFFICIAL] has an opportunity to cast her eye over from a BJ govt perspective.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Sent: 20 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Subject: hong kong briefing

Ok - I have to copy in HK colleagues?

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 20 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: hong kong briefing

No need, but equally pls do if you would feel more comfortable that way.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 20 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: hong kong briefing

Thanks – that's the core script, so fine with me. I'm also checking with London about defensive lines in case asked about the Six Monthly Report on Hong Kong. Will send across when I get them (they're not covered in the core script yet).

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 24 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: Briefings for First Minister

Hi [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL], do you have the final versions of the NOC briefs for the First Minister?

[FCO OFFICIAL]

From: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Sent: 24 July
To: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Subject: Briefings for First Minister

We are supposed to get the final today, but I have not yet seen it up to now.

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

From: [FCO OFFICIAL]
Sent: 24 July
To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]
Subject: Briefings for First Minister

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Okay, let me know if it comes through.

On a separate note, just to confirm I am planning to join the evening reception on Monday. Hope that's okay!

[FCO OFFICIAL]

DIGEST OF EMAIL FROM SHANGHAI

From: John Edwards

Sent: 16 July

To: [SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL]

Subject: First Minister of Scotland - draft programme for Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

[SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL] – happy to do the 1-2-1 and to go on to the reception with Carma and the FM. FM welcome to come in flag car from [REDACTED] to Himalaya if that's helpful. ([FCO OFFICIAL] – can you block 1530hrs onwards out of my diary for that day).

On other stuff, the Consulate General is very interested in both healthcare and in innovation and we are doing lots in East China that might be of interest to the Scottish companies present. I don't think that we need to shoe-horn UKTI into either specific event, but happy to do all or any of: (i) pass on information about the collaborations to the UKTI leads and let them follow up directly with the companies (ii) suggest that the leads go to the reception and connect to the relevant companies there (iii) arrange separate meetings between the companies and UKTI at some other point in the schedule.

Let me know what works. Or to back off – particularly if UKTI are already all over these links. Suspect you are very busy so feel free to pass on company contact details and we can liaise directly if that's easier. Equally understand if you want to remain central point of contact.

[REDACTED]

John