

From: "Laura Pascal" [1.1]
Sent: Fri, 21 Mar 2025 13:28:11 +0000 [1.2]
To: "Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)" [1.3]
[1.5]: [1.4] "Maya Forstater"
[1.5]: [1.4] "Murphy, Darren (DSIT)"
Subject: Re: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot
Attachments: Briefing-on-the-Sullivan-Review-and-the-Data-Bill.pdf

Hi [1.6]

I've spoken to Lord Arbuthnot and he would be very keen for the meeting to go ahead without him needing to be there.

It may actually be that Sex Matters can have a broader and more constructive conversation with the Secretary of State independently from Lord Arbuthnot, regarding the potential for different approaches to resolving the sex data issues, and responding to the Sullivan Review.

We were really pleased to see such a positive and quick response to this independent review published by DSIT earlier this week, both from the Health Secretary and more widely. Given the momentum with which the Bill is going through Parliament, if we could avoid postponing if at all possible that would be better from our perspective.

Let me know any thoughts. In the meantime, please find attached a short briefing for Parliamentarians that we published earlier this week in response to the Sullivan Review, which covers some of the ground that Lord Arbuthnot helpfully opened up in Parliament with his proposed amendments.

Best wishes
Laura

Laura Pascal
Head of Public Affairs

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On Tue, 18 Mar 2025 at 10:18, Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)
<Secretary.State@dsit.gov.uk> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Hi Laura,

We were under the impression that Lord Arbuthnot would be joining (from his initial email below).
If he can't join, could we instead postpone until he can join?

All the best,

2.1 [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

From: Laura Pascal <2.2 [REDACTED]>
Sent: 17 March 2025 16:24
To: Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) 2.3 [REDACTED]
Cc: 2.4 [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot

Hi 2.5 [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I can confirm from our end it is just Sex Matters (Maya and one or two others which I'll confirm asap for security etc), not Lord Arbuthnot also.

Best wishes

Laura

Laura Pascal
Head of Public Affairs

3.1 [REDACTED]

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On Fri, 14 Mar 2025 at 14:33, Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)

3.2 [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Hi Laura,

Could I confirm that Lord Arbuthnot is joining? For our building passes, is it you, Maya, and Lord Arbuthnot?

All the best,

3.3 [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

From: Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)

Sent: 06 March 2025 15:24

To: Laura Pascal <[REDACTED]>

3.4 [REDACTED]

Cc: [4.1]
Subject: RE: URGENT: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot

Hi Laura,

That's great, thank you – have sent over a scheduler.

Thank you

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From: Laura Pascal [4.2]
Sent: 06 March 2025 12:31
To: Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) [4.3]
Cc: [4.4]
Subject: Re: URGENT: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot

Dear [4.5]

Thanks so much for getting in touch so quickly.

1630 on Wednesday 9th April is perfect for us. Please could you send schedulers to me and my colleague, CEO Maya Forstater. [4.6]

Thanks again for this

Best wishes

Laura

Laura Pascal
Head of Public Affairs

5.1 [REDACTED]

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Wed, 5 Mar 2025 at 14:29, Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)
5.2 [REDACTED] wrote:

OFFICIAL

Hi Laura,

Hope you're well.

Following on from 5.3 [REDACTED]; would 1630 on Wednesday 9th April or wc 28th April work?

Thank you

5.4 [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

From: Secretary of State (Peter Kyle)

Sent: 04 March 2025 16:46

To: Laura Pascal 5.5 [REDACTED]

Cc: 5.6 [REDACTED] Clark,

Minister (DSIT) [6.1] Jones, Minister (DSIT)
[6.2]
[6.3] Murphy, Darren (DSIT)
Subject: RE: URGENT: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot

Dear Laura,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for the correspondence to the Secretary of State. I can confirm that the Secretary of State would like to meet.

His diary manager, [6.4] will reach out to organise the meeting soon.

Kind regards,

[6.5]

[6.6]

From: Laura Pascal [6.7]
Sent: 27 February 2025 12:53
To: Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) [6.8]
Cc: [6.9] Clark,
Minister (DSIT) [6.10] Jones, Minister (DSIT)
[6.11] Murphy, Darren (DSIT)
[6.12]
Subject: URGENT: To Rt Hon Peter Kyle sent on behalf of Lord Arbuthnot

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to you about a serious problem with your digital identities framework,

which will, as currently designed, digitise unreliable data on sex and "verify" it as true. My intention is not to wade into the somewhat fraught disagreements over sex and gender identity. What I want is to avoid a repeat of the mistakes made during the post office horizon scandal and it is in this spirit I ask you to please take 10 minutes to read the short report attached.

The mixing of true and false data will lead to real harms to individuals (including transgender individuals) including medical errors, safeguarding risk and human rights harms as well as risk of financial losses and legal failure of the system as a whole.

I have written the foreword to the paper by Sex Matters who I know have been attempting to engage in dialogue with your department but have not thus far been able to convince officials to consider the points they have tried to raise.

This report addresses the human rights questions and argues that the true breach of human rights would be ploughing ahead and creating a system that cannot reliably verify one of the most fundamental facts about every citizen, and which systematically marks false information as true.

I know how busy you are I hope you will read the paper with an open mind and consider meeting with me, and with the team from Sex Matters to hear their proposal on how to solve the problem, and avoid making a costly mistake at the design stage.

Kind regards

James

(please reply via Laura's email address. I have no office staff so Sex Matters are helping with ,my correspondence on this matter)

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Head of Public Affairs

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