

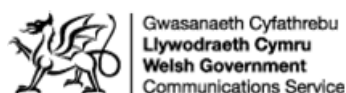
Thanks

Further to xxxx's email please see attached which includes our draft press response which has been approved by xxxxx but pending Cab Sec/SpAd clearance.

Suggest this also forms the basis of conversations with external stakeholders so we are issuing mixed messages.

Please note, we are not intending to issue this draft line proactively to media, it is our response only if asked.

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From:
Sent: 24 November 2017 11:47
To: PS Cabinet Secretary for Education;
Cc: DS Cabinet Secretary for Education; Official Car Bookings;
Subject: RE: Vietnam - Cancelled

Thanks xxx – xxx has just sent a similar email to press office colleagues. We are both in an external meeting from 12 for about 90 mins, but please call if there's anything needed.

Thanks

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All

We need pull together a handling plan, agreeing who will advise whom – we (IR) will need to put phone calls in to both FCO and British Council and follow up in writing - can I suggest that no one issues anything until we have and agreed handling plan so FCO and BC don't get wind from anyone else.

what reason are we giving? We will also need to work up a defensive line with press office.

Thanks

From:

Sent: 24 November 2017 11:34

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Thanks xxxx – for IR colleagues, what would be helpful as comms from Cab Sec to both Vietnam partners and to our own mission partners?

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From: PS Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Subject: RE: Vietnam - Cancelled

Dear all,

Apologies but I've now had confirmation that the Cabinet Secretary will be unable to undertake this Trade Mission. Not sure how this is communicated to the HEIs that will still be going.

Very sorry that all your hard work has not been utilised but hopefully we can see this as groundwork for when we do visit.

thanks

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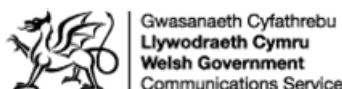
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Attachment

Thanks xxx. Noticed small typo (rogue 't') in that line so amended version below:

A Welsh Government spokesperson: “While the Welsh Government organised trade mission to Vietnam is still going ahead, owing to other commitments the Cabinet Secretary for Education is no longer able to attend.”

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From:
Sent: 24 November 2017 12:10
To: PS Cabinet Secretary for Education
Subject: RE: Vietnam

Fine by me – it's fairly neutral although if they work out why this has happened there'll be the inevitable question about cost of cancellation.

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From:
Sent: 24 November 2017 12:02
To: PS Cabinet Secretary for Education
Subject: RE: Vietnam

I've already spoken with xxxx about the fact we might get press calls on this as soon as we go external that the Cab Sec is not longer going and we are looking a comms handling / lines to take.

The message needs to be consistent with what we are going to say to external partners – Xxxx has come back on this (see attached email) seeking direction from Private Office on the reasons we are to give.

As for a draft press line can I suggest something like this. We might well be pressed for details about what the commitments are we can simply say we have nothing further to add to our response.

Have copied in Xxxxx for his thoughts as well.

Draft line

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ENDS

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From:
Sent: 24 November 2017 11:45
To:
Subject: Vietnam

We will soon be communicating to external stakeholders that the trip to Vietnam is cancelled. This can leak out and become a story, especially as BBC was running a story on Monday including info on Cab Sec making the trip.

I'm also conscious that we are having to explain to the Vietnamese (and external partners on the mission) why Can Sec isn't attending.

Can press office please start drafting lines?

Special Adviser / Ymgynghorydd Arbennig
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