

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

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 not longer able to attend.”

ENDS

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To:
Subject: Vietnam

Xxxx

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?
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