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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Planning casework allocation - example email text  
**Date:** 16 September 2024 11:59:00

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[REDACTED]

We have a new Cab Sec but same issues in allocating casework!

Most cases below now don't have to be reallocated but Cardiff Parkway does.  
Any progress on method for this?

Many thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2024 11:37 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Morning [REDACTED]

Just checking in to see if an answer came back from the FM office on the allocation of alternative Cabinet Secretaries in planning decision cases where CSHLGP has a prejudicial interest in the case or to avoid the perception of such an interest? Media interest continues in the cases but appreciate there's probably a lot on at the moment!

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2024 9:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Hi [REDACTED]

The main rush is for [REDACTED] which is ready now and there have been press queries about the timescale - copied in [REDACTED] as I will off for the next two weeks but if we can get a Cabinet Secretary for that one asap it would be good.

The rest can wait until I'm back so allocation can wait until 2<sup>nd</sup> September if necessary.

[REDACTED] – Can you confirm to [REDACTED] please whether we still need a substitute for Cefn Forest – I can't think why that cannot go to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2024 9:21 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED] – sorry for the delay. Whilst many of the issues listed below have fallen away with the changes in Cab Secs, I have asked FM office how the FM wants to proceed with this. How soon will the first one need to come up?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2024 3:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

With the change of First Minister, are we going to stick with the below approach or revert to us simply asking the First Minister to allocate a Cabinet Secretary?

If the former, can you let me know the nominations for the below 3 cases

[REDACTED] Cefn Forest) plus [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 4:21 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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Suggested text of template email. (Where there is only one Cabinet Secretary being allocated work the repetition can be cut out – left in in so you can see how it would work with multiple Cabinet Secretaries).

Grateful if the following routine briefing is brought to the First Minister's attention.

**Routine Briefing – Planning Casework – Allocation of Cabinet Secretary for decisions**

1. The First Minister is asked to agree the allocation of the following planning decisions to the identified Cabinet Secretaries.
2. Planning decisions are made by “the Welsh Ministers” although in the first instance they are made by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning (CSHLGP) who holds the town and country planning portfolio. However, there are some cases where the Cabinet Secretary is unable to take the decision, either because of having a prejudicial interest in the case or to avoid the perception of such an interest. These cases therefore require allocation to an alternative Cabinet Secretary.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### **Heol y Cefn, Cefn Hengoed, Caerphilly**

7. A court order, dated 30 June 2021, quashed the October 2020 decision of [REDACTED] MS, the then Minister for Housing and Local Government, to refuse permission for the Cefn Fforest recovered planning appeal. The appeal relates to an outline planning application for the proposed development of up to 300 dwellings on land at Heol y Cefn, Cefn Fforest, Caerphilly. The court order also requires the Welsh Ministers to redetermine the appeal.
8. The redetermination was previously allocated to the former Deputy Minister for Climate Change so now requires reallocation.
9. The case should be allocated to [REDACTED], Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **Decision required**

10. The First Minister is recommended to allocate the above cases to the identified Cabinet Secretary

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