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10 December 2025

Dear Convener,

I am providing information to the Education, Children and Young People Committee on correspondence between the Scottish Government and Professor Alexis Jay.

It is also published on the Scottish Government's website.

Yours sincerely,

**Natalie Don-Innes MSP**  
**Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise**

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3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

**Email: Re: Follow up discussion**

From: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>  
To: Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

How about 4pm tomorrow online? I could make it a bit later if you preferred.  
Whatever , please send me an invitation to join.

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 3 Sep 2025, at 09:25 section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Morning

I am at an in person event Thursday but if we make it afternoon (later is better but I will work around you) I will find a spot to join online. What time would work?

Thanks for finding the time before you finish up – I appreciate it

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2025 17:22  
**To:** Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up discussion

Hello Angela,

Thank you for your message. section 38(1)(b). If it were possible, I could have a preliminary discussion with you in person or online on Thursday, either morning or afternoon. section 38(1)(b)

If useful, we can chat through various issues on Thursday, if you are free.

Alexis

Sent from my iPad

On 2 Sep 2025, at 14:21, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Hi Alexis

I wanted to drop you a quick email both to thank you for your time (twice over) and also to follow up on our useful discussions last week. I have had some follow up conversations with Iona and I know she will be in touch with you separately about ongoing involvement in the work Scotland takes forward.

During our discussion we touched on the ask for a Scottish Enquiry and the very important reasons that this may in fact not be what is needed, whilst balancing this with the need to demonstrate that we are not being complacent and that very real curiosity about what is happening here in Scotland. This led to your recommendation on 'sampling'. I wonder if you might have some time to discuss what might be needed in this space, how we ensure it can be undertaken, who by and what we would gain from this approach. I am keen to get something down on paper to be considered and I am conscious of some of the real challenges that may need to be overcome.

I wonder if you might have some time (either in person or online) to chat this through? Conscious also that you mentioned being able to recommend some expertise in this area? Would it be useful to include them in this conversation?

Happy to chat through

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Email: Fw: Liam Kerr's amendment**

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP [Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot)

Ministerial correspondence

section 38(1)(b)

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**From:** Alexis Jay  
**Sent:** 26 September 2025 16:51  
**To:** Constance A (Angela), MSP  
**Subject:** Liam Kerr's amendment

Sent from my iPad

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**Attachment:**

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

Dear Ms Constance,

I write with reference to your statement earlier this week in the Scottish Parliament about a proposed amendment to the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill by Liam Kerr, MSP.

You correctly quoted me as saying 'people should just get on with' action on child sexual exploitation. I made this comment on January 7 of this year in the context of the England and Wales Public Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse, which I chaired, on which little had been done at that time to progress my final recommendations. My statement followed an intervention by Elon Musk. It had nothing to do with Mr Kerr's amendment, or the position in Scotland, as could be interpreted from your statement.

I have expressed no views on Mr Kerr's amendment, but I am of the opinion that the Scottish Government should urgently take steps to establish reliable data about the nature and extent of child sexual exploitation by organised networks, of which so-called 'grooming gangs' is only one component. In the context of the national strategic group, I have had discussions with officials about how this might be achieved.

I would appreciate my position being clarified.

Yours sincerely

Alexis Jay

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Email: RE: National CSAE Group Meeting - 8 October - Meeting Papers**

From: section 38(1)(b)

To: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)

Cc: section 38(1)(b) Iona Colvin <section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b) Latta section 38(1)(b)>

Alexis

Many thanks for your reply. We look forward to your contribution to the MR discussions, and please feel free to frame as you see fit.

Thank you also for confirming you are content with our approach to putting your views on the record. I am meeting with the Co-chairs tomorrow ahead of the CSAE Group meeting and will ensure your position is clarified and captured on the record.

With best wishes section 38(1)(b)

section 38(1)(b)

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 06 October 2025 16:53

**To:** section 38(1)(b)

**Cc:** section 38(1)(b) Iona Colvin <section 38(1)(b)> Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

**Subject:** Re: National CSAE Group Meeting - 8 October - Meeting Papers

Dear section 38(1)(b)

Apologies for the delay in replying, section 38(1)(b). I am happy to make some brief comments about the UKGov position, and the 'wicked' issues. I am reluctant to say how Scotland might address MR, as I wouldn't wish to pre-empt the group discussion and views on this issue.

Regarding the other matter concerning my letter to the Cabinet Secretary, when you refer to the next meeting, do you mean October 8? I would be content for the chairs to repeat the key points of my letter and for it to be fully recorded in the minute, as a matter of accuracy which could be accessed, as you say, in the public record on the group's website.

Please get in touch to discuss further if necessary.

Regards,

Alexis

Sent from my iPad

On 3 Oct 2025, at 14:58, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Dear Alexis

I hope you are well. I am just getting in touch ahead of the next CSAE Group meeting on 8 October with a request.

You will now have received the papers for the meeting, including for the discussion on Mandatory Reporting. CELCIS will deliver a short presentation of their paper, after which we were wondering if you would be willing to provide a short input (5/10min) on this issue.

Your expertise would be extremely valuable to help frame the subsequent discussions by the Group. For example hearing your views on the current approach to MR set out by UKG; what 'good' could look like for Scotland; and what you think are the really key issues the Group should focus on in their deliberations (the 'wicked' issues). Please let me know if you are content to contribute in this way.

Also – we are aware that you have contacted the Cabinet Secretary for Justice on how your views were portrayed in the recent Parliamentary debate on the Victims and Witnesses Bill. We were wondering if you would be content for the co-chairs of the CSAE Group to acknowledge this and clarify your position as a point of order at the next Group meeting so that it is on public record? If this is not your preference we will instead advise CabSec to come back to you via formal letter.

Many thanks for your ongoing support for our work, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,  
section 38(1)(b)

section 38(1)(b)  
**Team Leader – Child Protection Unit**  
**Scottish Government**

**From:** section 38(1)(b) **On Behalf Of** Child Protection Mailbox  
**Sent:** 01 October 2025 15:34  
**Subject:** National CSAE Group Meeting - 8 October - Meeting Papers

Dear all,

Please find attached papers for the National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Attached are the following papers:

1. Agenda
2. Framework – this is the agreed framework previously shared following the June meeting.
3. Benchmarking Paper – this will be covered as part of the action arising section of the meeting
4. Data Discussion Paper
5. Workforce Deep Dive Report
6. Mandatory Reporting Discussion Paper – MR will form the main focus of the meeting with more time

All previous minutes of the group can be found here: [National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group - gov.scot](#)

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

section 38(1)(b)  
**Policy Support Officer**  
**Child Protection Unit, Protection and Justice Division**  
Children and Families Directorate, Scottish Government

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9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Email: Re: Discussion with Alexis and section 38(1)(b) re File Sampling**

From: Angela Latta section 38(1)(b)  
To: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
Cc: section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b)  
Many thanks, you have my number so any problems just let me know.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 09 October 2025 22:05  
**To:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Cc:** section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b)  
**Subject:** Re: Discussion with Alexis and section 38(1)(b) re File Sampling

Yes, will do, on the basis that you, me and section 38(1)(b) are meeting in person, and that we might be meeting a bit later than 9.30.  
Sent from my iPad

On 9 Oct 2025, at 21:38, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Alexis are you ok to send this on to section 38(1)(b) for me?

Many thanks

Angela

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**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

### Email: FW: Thanks and draft minute

From: section 38(1)(b)

To: section 38(1)(b)

Cc: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b) section 38(1)(b)>

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Hi section 38(1)(b)

Could you make the small amendment below and then send out the updated minute to the wider group for clearance as previously discussed. I think section 38(1)(b) also had some thoughts about the cover email asks also.

Thanks

section 38(1)(b)

**From:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 22 October 2025 07:58

**To:** section 38(1)(b)

**Subject:** FW: Thanks and draft minute

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2025 22:19  
**To:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks and draft minute

Dear Angela,

Re the attached, I wish to make a small amendment. ' Co-chair clarified that Professor Jay shared these views in January of this year in the context of her work on the Independent Inquiry in England and Wales, and was not related to the debate on the Victims Bill or the position in Scotland'.

Thank you.

Regards,

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 21 Oct 2025, at 21:22, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Alexis

Many thanks again for your time today. As requested I attach the draft minute of the meeting for you to consider the statement at the start. We will await your sign off on this before sharing with the group – although note we need to issue this fairly quickly.

Thanks and speak soon

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**Attachment: Co-chair clearance – DRAFT National CSAE Group – 8 October 2025- Minute.docx**

[National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group minutes: October 2025 - gov.scot](#)

9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Email: Re: Thanks and follow up**

From: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

To: Angela Latta section 38(1)(b)

Would we be meeting in the SG building we met in before ? If so, 930 or 10 would be preferable.

Sent from my iPad

On 9 Oct 2025, at 14:37, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

That is perfect – would 9am be too early? I can do a bit later if needed  
Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 09 October 2025 11:11

**To:** Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

**Subject:** Re: Thanks and follow up

Dear Angela,

section 38(1)(b) and I could meet you in the morning of Tuesday October 21 in Glasgow, at whatever time suits.

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 8 Oct 2025, at 09:36, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

That would be great – thanks Alexis. section 38(1)(b) so anytime after that would be good. I will work around you both and I am happy to host in the Glasgow office if helpful. We are under a bit of pressure to come up with options at our end but I can fill you in on that when I see you.

We will reference today that we are considering options but we will not go into any discussion on this and instead the focus today will be workforce and Mandatory Reporting.

See you later this morning

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 08 October 2025 09:03  
**To:** Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks and follow up

Hi Angela,

I know we have an online meeting this morning, but later today I am meeting with section 38(1)(b). Do you want me to ask her about a joint meeting on the sampling work we did on cse? It would need to be in Glasgow.

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 12 Sep 2025, at 13:19, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Hi Alexis

I know you said you are picking up emails but I wanted to note this is not urgent so don't feel you need to come back to me section 38(1)(b)!

Thanks again for your time last week, it was really useful and I have briefed the team on our discussions and as you know Iona is really keen to consider what options might be available to us in terms of sampling.

I wonder if I can take you up on the offer to connect with section 38(1)(b) to hear a bit more about how this was done for the Inquiry and also gain her expertise for something here in Scotland?

Finally, I wanted to give you a little heads up (if you have not already seen or been approached). We had an FMQ yesterday, calling once again for a grooming gang inquiry in Scotland and we have a Bill at stage 3 of the Scottish Parliament, Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform. Laim Kerr, MSP has lodged an amendment to the Bill which would require the newly created Victims Commissioner to carry out research into group-based child exploitation in Scotland, specifically to build a picture of prevalence and trends, assess the quality of data, demographics of victims and perpetrators and review cultural drivers within 3 years.

Our Minister will NOT support these amendments and will instead highlight the role of the National CSAE group being the best placed to consider all of these, having the relevant knowledge and expertise.

Highlighting not for any proactive response but I am mindful you may be contacted for a view.

Thanks again and speak soon

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Email: Re: Catch Up**

From: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

To: Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

Yes, that's fine.

Sent from my iPad

On 14 Nov 2025, at 13:51, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Will we go for 11 – 12?

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 14 November 2025 13:43

**To:** Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

**Subject:** Re: Catch Up

I could do Wednesday morning 10am onwards.

Alexis.

Sent from my iPhone

On 14 Nov 2025, at 12:58, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Great, I am in Glasgow on Wednesday and can manage the morning or 3pm?

Thanks  
Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 14 November 2025 12:51  
**To:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Subject:** Re: Catch Up

Hi Angela,

I'm presently on a train from London to Glasgow, so hope this message arrives. I can do an in person meeting next week on Monday or Wednesday in Glasgow. Let me know what suits.

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 14 Nov 2025, at 12:39, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Hi Alexis

Lovely to see you this week. I wondered if we could get some time in early next week or a fuller conversation on next steps? Iona is keen to also join, if you can manage, do you want to suggest some times and we can pop something in the diary – in person or online, whichever suits you.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Follow up meeting with Alexis**

From: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
To: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
Optional: Iona Colvin section 38(1)(b)

 As the meeting organiser, you do not need to respond to the meeting.

 19 November 2025 16:00-17:00  Microsoft Teams Meeting

I have added Iona as optional as she may well be travelling back from Edinburgh

See you at 4

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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: Today**

From: Angela Latta section 38(1)(b)

To: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)

Hi Alexis,

I have managed to move my afternoon commitment if you are free between now and 5.30?

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Email: Urgent Question

From: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>

To: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>

Hi,

I watched the urgent question replay. Perhaps we could have a quick chat tomorrow at some point about the further questions asked.

Alexis

Sent from my iPad

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Email: CONFIDENTIAL Proposal CSAE  
From: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
To: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
Cc: Iona Colvin section 38(1)(b)  
Hi Alexis

Thanks again for your continued support around this work. Attaching the proposal as promised. This has not gone beyond the inspectorate agencies or SG officials at this stage. Noting we plan to get this version to Ministers today/tomorrow and would welcome any significant omission and perhaps a more detailed conversation on the methodology once you have considered it.

Speak soon

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**Attachment: Crp Based CSAE Outline Proposal Amend FINAL.pdf**

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**20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: Re: Meeting**

From: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>

To: Angela Latta section 38(1)(b)

Cc: section 38(1)(b)

> Dear Angela,

> Just confirming section 38(1)(b) and I will see you on Tuesday morning at Atlantic Quay. We cannot make it before 9.45am.

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> Alexis

> Sent from my iPad

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**20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Email: Urgent FMQ

To: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b) > From: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)  
Cc: Iona Colvin < section 38(1)(b) >

Hi Alexis

I know you are travelling and have a busy morning but I wondered if you might be free for a quick call?

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: Thanks**

To: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b) >  
From: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)

Hi Alexis

Just a quick note following our conversation this AM. Noting that I advised the policy team that you were content with a statement that advised 'Officials continue to have exploratory conversations with Professor Alexis Jay, as with other members of the strategic group about how we take forward these issues in Scotland'.

The team have advised they will keep to their initial statement which is to advise of the role of the CSAE group and your place within this, sticking to the minutes of the last meeting which were published online.

Didn't want to leave this without confirming.

I will be back in touch asap on wider conversations

Thanks again for taking my call, I know it was not overly convenient.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: Re: CSAE Group extraordinary meeting – November**

From: section 38(1)(b)

To: Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>

Great, thank you so much for confirming.

Kind regards,  
section 38(1)(b)

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 09 October 2025 10:13

**To:** Jennifer Solymosi section 38(1)(b)

**Subject:** Re: CSAE Group extraordinary meeting - November

Morning, yes I can do that date.

Alexis  
Sent from my iPad

On 9 Oct 2025, at 09:40, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Good morning Alexis,

I hope you are well.

I am reaching out because we are in the process of arranging the extraordinary CSAE Group meeting for November and the proposed date would be 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10am till 12:30pm.

I wanted to double check if you would be able to make this date/time?

Many thanks,  
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**Policy Support Officer**  
**Child Protection Unit, Protection and Justice Division**  
Children and Families Directorate, Scottish Government

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**25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: RE: Scottish Parliamentary Urgent Question**

To: Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>

From: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)

Apologies, I misunderstood, I will check in with the policy team tomorrow and confirm.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 25 November 2025 22:28

**To:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>

**Subject:** Re: Scottish Parliamentary Urgent Question

Thanks, Angela, but I really meant the SG line on Ms Constance's comments today and whether they would publish my letter to her. The current position is unsatisfactory for me.

Alexis

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Nov 2025, at 22:19, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Hi Alexis

Many thanks for your email, that is no problem, I will keep you updated once decisions are made.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Sent:** 25 November 2025 18:12  
**To:** Angela Latta < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scottish Parliamentary Urgent Question

Dear Angela,

I'm sure you are being inundated with press queries re 'grooming gangs'. I am forwarding a message received by Celcis, which you probably already know about. If you decide on your position on this, please let me know the SG response.

Alexis

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** section 38(1)(b)  
**Date:** 25 November 2025 at 17:50:05 GMT  
**To:** Alexandrina Jay < section 38(1)(b)> Alexis Jay < section 38(1)(b)>  
**Cc:** section 38(1)(b)  
**Subject:** **Scottish Parliamentary Urgent Question**

Hello Alexis

An Urgent Question was taken in the Scottish Parliament late this afternoon concerning the issue of so-called 'grooming gangs':

*Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will now hold an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland, in light of the recent reported*



*comments by the NSPCC that the country lacks a clear understanding of the scale and nature of child sexual abuse.*

During the supplementary questions asked by Pauline McNeill, Russell Findlay, Liam Kerr and Douglas Ross, concerns about the Cabinet Secretary's representation of your position on this issue, the correction noted in the NSG minutes, and the need to inform parliamentary record / make the public aware were raised. They asked if you have been contacted and if the Scottish Government will publish correspondence between you and the government.

This is the recording of the exchange:

[https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/meeting-of-the-parliament-accessible-november-25-2025?clip\\_start=16:58:14&clip\\_end=17:09:57](https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/meeting-of-the-parliament-accessible-november-25-2025?clip_start=16:58:14&clip_end=17:09:57)

Kind regards

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section 38(1)(b) Communications and Engagement Lead

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**26<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Email: Re: Meeting today with the First Minister**

From: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)> To: First Minister

[FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot)

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My mobile number : section 38(1)(b)

I also have a landline : section 38(1)(b)

Alexis Jay

Sent from my iPad

On 26 Nov 2025, at 10:25, [FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot) wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you so much for confirming your availability and for rearranging your itinerary to have this call.

We would be grateful if you could please confirm your phone number.

Many thanks,

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Diary Secretary to the First Minister

M: section 38(1)(b)

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**From:** Alexandrina Jay

**Sent:** 26 November 2025 10:18

**To:** First Minister

**Subject:** Re: Meeting today with the First Minister

Hello,

I had an appointment around that time, which I will change, so please go ahead to confirm 5.15 pm. Do you require my mobile number?

Thank you,

Alexis Jay

Sent from my iPad

On 26 Nov 2025, at 10:09, [FirstMinister@gov.scot](mailto:FirstMinister@gov.scot) wrote:

Good morning Professor,

I hope this email finds you well.

The First Minister would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a phone call with you today at 17:15 to discuss some pressing matters.

Could you kindly confirm if this time is convenient for you?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Many thanks,  
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27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Email: Re:Follow up meeting**

From: Alexandrina Jay section 38(1)(b)  
To: Angela Latta section 38(1)(b)

Ok, speak at 9.15. And I will happily come into your office for 3pm on Monday.  
Sent from my iPad

On 27 Nov 2025, at 22:48, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Thanks Alexis, I can give you a call at 9.15?

Can we go with 3pm on Monday. Iona and I will be in the Glasgow office so happy to meet there, equally if you would rather online I can set that up – just what works for you.

We can chat about it tomorrow.

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 27 November 2025 22:37

**To:** Angela Latta <section 38(1)(b)>

**Subject:** Re: Follow up meeting

Dear Angela,

I thought the meeting with the FM went quite well yesterday. Perhaps we could have a call at around 9.15 or 11 tomorrow so that you can update me on what's happening. I have a short meeting at 10.

I can do a meeting with you on Monday afternoon and can do this in person or online. I have an online meeting with section 38(1)(b) at 12, so anything after 1.30 is possible.

Thanks,

Alexis

Sent from my iPad

On 27 Nov 2025, at 21:33, section 38(1)(b) wrote:

Hi Alexis

Apologies for the late email. I hope the meeting with FM went well.

Decisions and next steps are moving at pace on our end. It is likely that the commitment to a Ministerial Statement will come next week. As we prepare for this I wondered if you might have time for a follow up meeting on Monday afternoon?

In addition to his, I have a request from Ms Constance's office for a private call with yourself. Are you content for this to be arranged?

I wanted to note a collective thank you, there are numerous asks of you at the moment,

Happy to chat this over via a quick call ahead of next week if that would be helpful also

Angela

**Angela Latta**

Deputy Chief Social Work Advisor, Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government

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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Email: RE: Phone call with Ms Constance**

From: section 38(1)(b)  
on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024  
<CabSecforJHA@gov.scot>  
To: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>  
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024  
[CabSecforJHA@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforJHA@gov.scot)

Thanks Alexis, Ms Constance will call you on the number provided at 6.30.

Kind regards,  
Kate

section 38(1)(b)  
- Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs – Angela  
Constance MSP  
Scottish Government | 1W.11, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG |  
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**From:** Alexandrina Jay  
**Sent:** 01 December 2025 10:08  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024  
**Subject:** Re: Phone call with Ms Constance

Yes, 6.30 would be fine. My mobile number is section 38(1)(b)

AJ  
Sent from my iPad

On 1 Dec 2025, at 09:55, [CabSecforJHA@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforJHA@gov.scot) wrote:

Hi Alexis

Would 6.30pm itself work for you? Ms Constance has another call at 6.45pm – or at 7.15pm if you prefer?

Many thanks.

section 38(1)(b)

Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs : Angela Constance MSP

M: section 38(1)(b)

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**From:** Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b)>

**Sent:** 01 December 2025 08:21

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs 2024 <[CabSecforJHA@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforJHA@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** Re: Phone call with Ms Constance

Dear Mr section 38(1)(b)

Apologies for the delay in replying. I could do a call around 1.30 today or after 6.30. Please let me know if any good.

Alexis Jay  
Sent from my iPad

On 28 Nov 2025, at 15:00, [CabSecforJHA@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecforJHA@gov.scot) wrote:

Hi Professor Jay

I am getting in touch to try fix up a time for yourself and Ms Constance to speak on the phone.

When would be good for you in terms of next few days? Ms Constance is, I think, driving for nex hour or two but eould be free later, over the weekend or on Monday.

Let me know and I will then confirm with Ms Constance.

Many thanks.

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PS/Cab Sec for Justice & Home Affairs

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**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**

**Email: RE: Urgent Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
- Jenny Gilruth**

From: section 38(1)(b) on behalf of; Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024  
<CabSecES2024@gov.scot>



To: Alexandrina Jay <section 38(1)(b) Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024  
<CabSecES2024@gov.scot>

Hi Alexis,

Thank you so much for being available for this call. This will be via teams – pls see link below:

## Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

### [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 336 995 278 337 67

Passcode: Hy7p2eh2

Best wishes

section 38(1)(b)

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**Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills – Jenny Gilruth MSP**

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| Email: [CabSecES2024@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecES2024@gov.scot) | Mob: section 38(1)(b)

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**From:** Alexandrina Jay

**Sent:** 02 December 2025 11:31

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills 2024

**Subject:** Re: Urgent Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills - Jenny Gilruth

Good morning,

Sorry for the delay in replying, but I was juggling other things to be able to make the 1.30 meeting, for 30 mins.

My mobile number is section 38(1)(b) Please advise if this is a phone call or Teams meeting.

Thank you,

Alexis Jay

Sent from my iPad

On 2 Dec 2025, at 10:40, [CabSecES2024@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecES2024@gov.scot) wrote:

Good morning,

Hope you are well, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills would welcome an urgent call with yourself today. I would be grateful to know if you if you would have availability for 30 mins during 13:30 – 14:50?

I would be grateful to know if there is a time that suits and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

section 38(1)(b)

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**Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills – Jenny Gilruth MSP**

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