

24/11/2016, 15:36 from Andrew McCormick

Not acceptable in my book to say that fulfilling a legitimate priority set by the Minister allows officials to ignore other risks. Minute doesn't say when decision was taken. That is a live issue in the incomplete PwC fact finding!

24/11/2016, 15:48 to Andrew McCormick

I've asked Alison & Julie

29/11/2016, 17:31 from Andrew McCormick

Hope your preparations have gone as well as possible. Still happy to talk in next hour or so. Best wishes!!

06/12/2016, 23:17 from Andrew McCormick

Nothing that was not covered at PAC. Hard on Fiona. Talk tomorrow.

06/12/2016, 23:21 to Andrew McCormick

Yep, lazy journalism. Reckon they had that in the can before my session last Wednesday.

07/12/2016, 16:33 to Andrew McCormick

See you in Reception at 6.00?

07/12/2016, 16:35 from Andrew McCormick

No you go ahead and I will follow. Stuff to do as Jeanette will be on Nolan in the morning.

07/12/2016, 16:36 to Andrew McCormick

OK

08/12/2016, 06:37 from Andrew McCormick

Woken by texts re Nolan so at breakfast already sorry

08/12/2016, 06:39 to Andrew McCormick

No problem. I'll just see you at ONIEB around 9.00

08/12/2016, 06:40 from Andrew McCormick

Fine many thanks

10/12/2016, 11:40 from Andrew McCormick

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10/12/2016, 12:14 from Andrew McCormick

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10/12/2016, 13:18 to Andrew McCormick

NL has Mervyn Storey's Church story. Church admitting the boilers free up £10k pa for "other mission works".....

10/12/2016, 13:19 from Andrew McCormick

Many thanks

10/12/2016, 13:26 to Andrew McCormick

Jim Allister, Sam McBride and others closing in on SB on twitter

10/12/2016, 13:33 from Andrew McCormick

Yes indeed. . .

13/12/2016, 08:10 to Andrew McCormick

Just a thought, could CEPA be persuaded to give you some pro bono advice on how best to buy out the tariff? Reparations so to speak?

13/12/2016, 08:27 from Andrew McCormick

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14/12/2016, 08:38 from Andrew McCormick

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14/12/2016, 09:34 from Andrew McCormick

Alternative is for Tim to call me

15/12/2016, 14:47 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, by way of follow up to my voicemail, Eoin Rooney is pressing me hard for the repeal plan papers this afternoon. DS

15/12/2016, 17:31 from Andrew McCormick

Problem is that DUP don't want Eoin to see it only officials|

15/12/2016, 17:34 to Andrew McCormick

Eoin told me in clear terms that Aidan had an agreement with DUP that Mairtin and Eoin would have access to the papers. If there's any retrenchment on this I'll have to advise Eoin to go back to Aidan.

16/12/2016, 12:35 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, Ines just checking in before the CEF meeting. Give na a call if needs be. DS

16/12/2016, 15:13 to Andrew McCormick

Eoin Rooney has been told by Aidan McAteer of a plan to bring DoF and DfE teams together this afternoon to discuss the remedial plans. Are you aware of this? DS

16/12/2016, 15:14 from Andrew McCormick

No and we have masses else to dd|

16/12/2016, 15:15 to Andrew McCormick

OK. Can you give me a quick call.

16/12/2016, 15:27 from Andrew McCormick

Did that work?|

16/12/2016, 15:28 to Andrew McCormick

No! Didn't get anything

16/12/2016, 15:33 from Andrew McCormick

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16/12/2016, 15:49 to Andrew McCormick

Mairtin's just arrived too

16/12/2016, 15:49 from Andrew McCormick

Okay

16/12/2016, 17:00 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, sorry about the tone of some of that but it was really, really helpful. So many thanks. Getting the AG's advice would also be much appreciated. DS

17/12/2016, 09:23 from Andrew McCormick

Penny dropped that if HMT agrees reclassification and rephrasing the closure option costs us nothing.

17/12/2016, 09:33 to Andrew McCormick

Yes. We're just not sure how they will react given we'd effectively be renegeing on our RH commitment. We can begin to explore without prejudice on Monday.

17/12/2016, 10:11 from Andrew McCormick

Maybe through NIO on a save institutions line? And if we do the closure option there is scope when the dust (and ash) settles to create a new scheme.

17/12/2016, 18:19 to Andrew McCormick

Mairtin and Eoin are looking at the options with advice from Michelle and Emer (and I think Mairtin may have spoken to the AG). They still seem keen on trying to settle on an option before Monday morning. I'm continuing to argue that we need to be careful as well as quick and that means getting good economic as well as legal advice. Could we call on Jenny in UR for help?

18/12/2016, 14:38 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, I've been locked out of my system and have only just seen your 09.55 email (thanks to IT Assist). We're considering and will reply in the morning. Need to think this through carefully. DS

18/12/2016, 14:42 from Andrew McCormick

Many thanks. I assume you have also seen the 7.32 email?

18/12/2016, 14:54 to Andrew McCormick

Yes, we'll pick up on both issues. We will of course need a commensurate business case in due course.

18/12/2016, 14:57 from Andrew McCormick

No problem! As guardians of regularity I think DoF will find its enthusiasm for this before long.

18/12/2016, 15:00 to Andrew McCormick

Don't worry, I can see multiple attractions and you heard Mairtin's political instincts on Friday. Just don't want to rush unduly and miss something.

18/12/2016, 15:01 from Andrew McCormick

Wise many thanks

18/12/2016, 18:39 to Andrew McCormick

Have you seen the text of the SF motion? To be undertaken by an independent judicial figure appointed by the AG ... and to produce a preliminary report within four weeks and full report within three months of that. Upping the ante

21/12/2016, 10:33 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, we've major concerns about the material that's gone to John Campbell. It's not going to help us with HMT who will feel we're putting a gun to their head (never mind alerting beneficiaries to our thinking). Let's have a word when you're free. DS

21/12/2016, 10:34 from Andrew McCormick

Who sent it? Simon thought it was Sinn Fein|

21/12/2016, 10:37 to Andrew McCormick

I was told they were putting it down to the DUP.

21/12/2016, 10:41 from Andrew McCormick

Maybe both complicit - all we can do is play the ball where it lies. Do we need to talk to Whitehall at senior level?

21/12/2016, 10:44 to Andrew McCormick

Mike is going to test the water at his level first. We're not sure they've seen it yet, but they will. Next step may be a word with JS in NIO.

21/12/2016, 10:45 from Andrew McCormick

Yes that was my thought and I can add some colour. Also BEIS have been getting questions.

21/12/2016, 17:36 to Andrew McCormick

Sharon's on leave until the NY. I'll speak to Des first thing in the morning. Should be able to find a way round the PWC issue. DS

21/12/2016, 17:36 from Andrew McCormick

Many thanks

22/12/2016, 08:58 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, clear advice is to go for a DAC for the £57k project. No alternative to an open OJEU procurement for the large project. CPD are ready to go on this as soon as spec etc is ready. DS

23/12/2016, 16:54 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, I've spoken to Paul Wickens and he will ensure Damian Martin gets in touch with Wendy next Thursday.

Have a good break and take care. All things must pass! DS

23/12/2016, 18:03 from Andrew McCormick

Many thanks

09/01/2017, 19:01 to Andrew McCormick

Andrew, all copies of the BC have been deleted and weren't forwarded to anyone other than Mike. Mairtin had asked where it was. He's been told a draft was received but recalled and we're not sure when we'll get the next version.

11/01/2017, 18:23 to Andrew McCormick

Sorry, I can't talk right now.