

Fwd: Meeting

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To: Timothy Johnston; Richard Bullick email redacted by the RHI Inquiry; Nigel Dodds; Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jonathan Bell <jonathanbell620@hotmail.com>

Date: 4 March 2016 at 21:00:46 GMT

To: Arlene Foster <arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Meeting

Thank you for your e mail some of which I find confusing.

In relation to the first matter of Wrightbus - I understand from Wrightbus that they issued me an invitation. Secondly the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland personally confirmed verbally to me that the Northern Ireland Office had invited me to the event.

I therefore regard it as reasonable and proportionate to ascertain why DETI received no invitation.

As regards what you refer to as an "incident" on Tuesday morning at Belfast City Airport I would appreciate it if you could forward by e mail the "correspondence" from BA and Swissport in order that I may respond appropriately to both you and if necessary them.

I have major issues with the activities of DUP personnel and the behaviour of DUP SPADS I am prepared to discuss these with you on a one to one basis at a time that is mutually agreeable to both of us - I will listen respectfully to anything you have to say and then after a period of reflection I will inform you of my decision.

Regards

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On 4 Mar 2016, at 19:32, Arlene Foster <arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk> wrote:

I asked Timothy Johnston to get you to come and see me yesterday and he left you a voice mail which I am aware you received. You however decided to go elsewhere and did not proffer a reason why you did not attend at the castle. I remained at the castle until 8pm. This is not acceptable.

I need to discuss some issues with you.

Firstly you are pushing an issue about an invitation to Wrightbus on Monday past. Neither myself or dfm received and invitation to Monday morning but because we could not attend the event on Monday night we REQUESTED if we could attend. The event was organised by the NIO and TFL and indeed that is why I had no speaking role at the event. This nonsense of an enquiry which you have insisted upon stops now as it is damaging relations between our Executive and Wrightbus, never mind TFL. I have instructed The Head of the civil service to cease the enquiry forthwith and I will try to mend fences with Wrightbus.

Secondly, I have received correspondence from BA and Swissport about the incident in the city airport on Tuesday morning past. Again we need to discuss this matter and try to resolve issues principally with BA.

I am sorry to have to raise these issues in writing but you have left me no choice as you have refused to come and see me and are now avoiding calls from my spAd.

I wait hearing from you.

Arlene.

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