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Sequence was that there was a discussion at an issues meeting on 24 August the outcome of which (ie early November change to tariff) was agreed on 2 September

Sorry I said closure but meant change to tariff

Yes that's my understanding but can we get someone to confirm that there is not an earlier draft to July sub than the one that said October 1?

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We will check

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R, go to the big file. All subs are in it.

I don't have it - but yes I have seen it - I just want to be totally certain that tc is mistaken and not that we are misusing something

Is out best reply to the spad q one around ministerial authority e.g. Policy in any department are a matter for Ministers and they are accountable to the Assembly for them

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It's in castle somewhere. I will ask A McC for it.

Submission dated 8 July. Discussed at Issues meeting on 24 August. Approved 2 September. Committee 8 Sept.

Officials Are proposing 6 or 10th January as response date for disclosure of details email to recipients.

Nolan tweeting about a big story tomorrow- we need to get a draft answer on these - can JR put AMc over AF issue so we are certain there is nothing there. On the September point we should play a straight non answer line

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Is this the right Q for A McC? I assume this is the point where SF were asking for extension.

13/12/2016, 17:44:01

Andrew, re the nolan Q. I assume there is not a shred of truth to the idea that Arlene asked for an extension to the scheme when the closure was suggested by officials?

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No I didn't. I'm on my way from Dublin today. She is a nasty untruthful empty vessel so don't worry about it.

Yes though is it not better in a conversation?

What's tj's response to?

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Sorry guys only tuning in clearly missed a lot. That last text was about fionnala O'Connor

Reading this now.

Can I call you in a conference call about 6.30.

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VSee?

Or voice if it can set up  
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Should be Ok for Simon and I.

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Is that vsee?

No do a call. VSee would kill my battery. Simon and I in Heathrow.

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14/12/2016, 07:46

Simon and I in first meeting in a few mins. Any word on Nolan big story?

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Nothing new but must be related to qs

Can we get a line from department for executive re update in cost cutting as media asking if it's being discussed and we need  
tonne able to say it is.

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Yes. I will speak to Andrew McC now.

Andrew drafting an AOB note on cost control.

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14/12/2016, 09:51

In meeting with PM at moment. How bad?

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Oh dear.

Synopsis

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Evidence?

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JB is an ass. This will be awkward.

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3 missed calls from PDR

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Ok. Can't call anyway.

Did u see IN line? DfE Spokesman?

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Enniskillen Diamond.

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From d Blevins.

Keen for short sit-down with the FM before Mon. If she's willing, it'll be Graeme and I so you know we'll be fair to you. Some softer pictures of her at a carol service or something might be useful to you right now. DB

Ofmdfm/ DUP forced scheme to be kept open

Af row with Jb in Feb over extension

Emails - don't know what - and presumably jb

14/12/2016, 11:29

I spoke to him - wanted to see about some meeting Simon was organising- I told him u in Malta so don't rush back to him

No

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15/12/2016, 10:22

He should take down terrible pic of af from sky news site

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This is what JB is pressing for. Andrew McC covering arse with latest email. Wendy Johnston being included is significant.

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15/12/2016, 22:59

Andrew McC just sent this.

Very misleading to link in time the amended sub in Feb 16 with the Aug 15 decisions. Also discussion re collective responsibility was re Ministers not SpAds. And there was no discussion on collective responsibility in 15

From Andrew McC

Difficult to understand why she said she had no idea why 1 October became 4 November when I have said I would have to tell PAC that TC (and) JB told me that others in the party wanted it kept open.

Another from Andrew McC

Chris has called with v different version of the conversation.

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A more helpful version?

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Yes and bell sought the meeting

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Folks, I've received calls and texts across the board. Some I know and some I don't. Consensus is that Bell made a fool of himself.

BBC circulated transcript of bell interview to media. Not sure they done the same for af.

Can we get one for JB - it would make fact check document easier

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Good.

Our own folk also want to be let off the leash to go for him.

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Ok. Will send to you now.

Bbc didn't circulate transcript of af to media. Another complaint.

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From ladfleg "Tim Johnson, a DUPer mentioned tonight, took a tape deck with GSTQ to graduation after QUB stopped playing it That's what we're dealing with"

Perhaps I should have!

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16/12/2016, 07:53

You'll be accused of kidnapping Shergar next

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SW v good at 15 scene setting.

Public inquiry - AF will speak on Monday

On confrontation - 2 spads were not there.

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Sammy doesn't seem to know RB and SB not there

Good DUP representation on this panel

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From Blevins.

If I were you, I'd challenge JB's citing of God - Did God send him to Nolan and not AF? Also, she needs to kill off his line about hospitals being affected. That will play with the public.

Should we feed in Bell and his travels?

Check his twitter feed. If he'd spent more time in NI and less in planes he might have got the 2015 paper resolved earlier.

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And what about quotes from other parties about how crap he was?

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16/12/2016, 10:31

SF are pressing Andrew McC for our detail on cost controls. What was agreed yesterday? Was it not that DfE officials work with DoF officials?

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Yes but in the circumstances I don't see a downside to giving it over to finance and then they can share with them

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Good stuff. Will do

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I thought the same.

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Worth speaking to Aidan

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Sunday Life would do front and four page on Michelle and / or Emma and JB attitude to females.

It was have to be fronted up. CB would do interviews tomorrow morning or this evening.

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Not sure but would be good if they gave an honest appraisal.

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Speak to af

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Yes. Called earlier but she must be still at sandy row.

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Michelle wouldn't be keen on an interview type format. She's with AF for lunch if that's any use. Could a few of them do a joint statement or anonymously confirm a set of generic questions if put to them?

Why are sf able to call for some enquiry when they are holding off on agreeing it

Will they talk?

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Not sure the editor would buy that. Would need to be fronted. A joint statement of all DUP females may be slightly different.

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16/12/2016, 15:55

Is the view still to boycott this motion of no confidence? I'm not sure that's the best move

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We have to vote against

Yes of course but there was talk of not participating

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Think we have to participate

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I agree. AF view was we walk out. I don't think that's the smartest move

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Not at all. Stand by and answer. Pull apart.

We would need to get different people to take on different elements.

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And also not just focus on RHI. If it's a motion of no confidence then let's highlight why people put their confidence in her in May. Jobs etc

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16/12/2016, 17:36

Did we know DFM was doing that?

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What's he done?

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Called for af to stand aside during investigation

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Bastards

So who will look after things when he is in hospital