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Dear James Keenan,

I refer to your e-mail of 18 March 2021 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA):

*All correspondence between Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and the Scottish Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal, both to and from both parties.*

*Dates between 10 January 2021 - 18th March 2021.*

*This to include all forms of electronic communication, email, WhatsApp, text messages, and any meetings, discussion held by both parties, and minutes of these meetings, who attended them.*

*Details of any documents required to be approved by Humza Yousaf before being issued, instructions from Humza Yousef to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal allowing publication, or instructions to proceed with issuing letters, documents, and legal documents during said period.*

On 9 February 2021 the Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) received an invitation from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice's office to attend a Justice Roundtable meeting on 1 March 2021. COPFS was represented.

A redacted copy of the request and a note of the meeting is attached to the email for this response.

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Under section 48(c) of FOISA that right of appeal might be limited as it can be subject to what information is requested. It is for the Scottish Information Commissioner to decide if he will accept your appeal on a case by case basis.

Yours sincerely

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