

Message

From: Patrick Bourke [GRO]
Sent: 11/03/2015 12:52:21
To: Mark R Davies [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]
CC: Melanie Corfield [GRO]; Belinda Crowe [GRO]
Subject: RE: heads up PMQs

As to the report, I am not persuaded we should – they are not entitled to it and, while it may play well on a transparency point, the downstream consequences for endless correspondence about the report's detail and the decision we've taken to be robust I think outweighs what benefit there may be in doing so.

JA said we'd sacked second sight and ordered them to destroy their documents – Belinda is following up on the second of those but it is certainly not as dramatic as that. On the first, however, I think we can't get away from the fact that we did end SS' contract but to call it a sacking is to wildly overplay what has in fact happened – we have already agreed with them in principle that we are going to collaborate on both the PII and the Applicant's cases and we're meeting on Friday to agree the detail.

It's a good PMQ soundbite from JA but, as ever, the reality is a great deal more prosaic.

Patrick

From: Mark R Davies
Sent: 11 March 2015 12:42
To: Tom Wechsler
Cc: Patrick Bourke; Melanie Corfield; Belinda Crowe
Subject: Re: heads up PMQs

We will have to answer the question: will you make the part 2 report available to the select committee and I think we should say yes we will.

Views?

Mark Davies
Communications and Corporate Affairs Director
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Sent from my iPad

On 11 Mar 2015, at 12:35, "Tom Wechsler" [GRO] wrote:

Supplementary to Q1 - can ask anything.

Speaker will have done a deal on the UQ. Never liked him

From: Patrick Bourke
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Melanie Corfield; Tom Wechsler; Belinda Crowe
Cc: Mark R Davies

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How is he doing that ? He's not on the list ?

From: Melanie Corfield
Sent: 11 March 2015 12:08
To: Tom Wechsler; Patrick Bourke; Belinda Crowe
Cc: Mark R Davies
Subject: heads up PMQs

Jane just got word Arbuthnot raising at PMQs – getting info asap.

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