

Correspondence between ONS and Stonewall (4 - 19 June 2020)

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Email from ONS to Stonewall, 4 June 2020, 11:50

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)> On Behalf Of Bell, Iain
Sent: 04 June 2020 11:50
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Subject: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to a roundtable discussion on the guidance to accompany the 2021 Census sex question. As you will be aware, there are varied views across stakeholders on guidance to accompany the sex question. The aim of the roundtable is for the Office for National Statistics to hear the differing views of attendees and to hold discussions around next steps.

We have scheduled an online discussion to take place on Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am – 11.30am . Please can you indicate your wish to attend by responding to this invitation no later than COP 12 June 2020

Instructions on how to join the event will be issued to confirmed attendees closer to the discussion date.

Kind regards

Iain

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 4 June 2020, 15:05

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Sent: 04 June 2020 15:05
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Subject: RE: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well – I'm [REDACTED] and I'm [REDACTED] here at Stonewall.

Please send our thanks to Iain for inviting us to this roundtable. As [REDACTED] is now due to go on furlough, I'd be very happy to attend in her place. I was also wondering if one of my colleagues, [REDACTED], would also be able to attend – thank you very much, and no worries if not.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 4 June 2020, 15:58

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 June 2020 15:58
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank for coming back to me so promptly. We wish [REDACTED] well in her future endeavours.

More than happy for you to attend in her stead. I will get back to you around your colleague [REDACTED] attending as I was not involved with the cast list and will need to enquire.

I will send an update late next week with the attendees etc and joining details for the session.

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 15 June 2020, 10:59

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2020 10:59
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you're well and had a good weekend.

Let me know if you'd be happy to send over an attendee list for the meeting – thank you very much. If they're not already invited, I'd **strongly** recommend inviting [REDACTED], who's the [REDACTED] National LGB&T Partnership. At Stonewall, we've conducted all of our Census work in close partnership with [REDACTED] and the Partnership, and [REDACTED] is the expert on LGBT data policy (across all areas of data collection), so I think their voice will be an incredibly helpful and informative one at the roundtable, if they're not invited already – thank you very much. I'm happy to send over contact details in due course.

In addition, from a practical perspective, I'd **strongly** recommend that careful thought is applied to how the ONS can practically ensure that, depending on who is present at the roundtable, this is not a hostile environment for trans attendees. Let me know if you or your team would like to chat about this in more detail.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 15 June 2020, 15:32

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2020 15:32
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Cc: Mangles, Susan <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Hi [REDACTED]

I had a great weekend out in the garden thank you – I hope you also managed to grab some time out also.

I can confirm that [REDACTED] LGBT Foundation has been invited to attend the Round table and I will be sending out shortly the full cast list to all attendees with joining details.

I fully empathise with your words around ensuring that a hostile environment is not created and I can reassure you that ONS will consider very carefully how the meeting will be conducted – I will also arrange for a colleague to take a call with yourself ahead of this event to run through your thoughts or any concerns you may have.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 15 June 2020, 15:52

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2020 15:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mangles, Susan
Subject: RE: Invitation to round table Wednesday 24 June 2020 10.00am

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for your email – that's really helpful to know, much appreciated.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 16 June 2020, 14:48

From: Robards, James [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2020 14:48
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: Round table on Wednesday 24 June 2020

Hi [REDACTED]

It would be good to have a quick call over the next few days regarding the round table meeting next week.

What times are good tomorrow and what is the best number to reach you on?

With best wishes,

James

Dr James Robards | Topic Lead for Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#)

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 16 June 2020, 14:50

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2020 14:50
To: Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Round table on Wednesday 24 June 2020

Hi James

Thanks for your email. Sounds good – I'm free any time after midday, so let me know when works for you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 16 June 2020, 14:53

From: Robards, James <James.Robards@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2020 14:53
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Round table on Wednesday 24 June 2020

H [REDACTED]

Great – how about 1pm? What number should I reach you on?

Best wishes

James

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 16 June 2020, 14:53

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2020 14:53
To: Robards, James
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Round table on Wednesday 24 June 2020

Hi James

Sounds good. I'm on [REDACTED].

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 19 June 2020, 13:24

From: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 13:24
To: [REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: [REDACTED] Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Its nearly that time again for the weekend!

I have been asked to arrange a meeting between Iain Bell and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] next Tuesday - if possible ahead of the round table.

Would you be able to enquire when would be convenient time to arrange the call please.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Email from Stonewall to ONS, 19 June 2020, 13:26

From: [REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 13:26
To: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

H [REDACTED]

That's great, thank you very much. Just copying in [REDACTED] who's managing [REDACTED]'s diary. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 19 June 2020, 13:37

From: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 13:37
To: [REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Thank you [REDACTED] – You too.

[REDACTED] – I have had a quick look at the diary for Tuesday and its very busy but I can arrange a 30 minute slot in the following times to be made available.

08.30am – 10.00am

12.00 -13.30pm

Please let me know and I will arrange for a call to be set up.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 19 June 2020, 14:04

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:04
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies I've only just seen this, let me look at the diary and I'll get back to you asap

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 19 June 2020, 14:08

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:08
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

If it is easier we can do 17.15?

[REDACTED]

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 19 June 2020, 14:12

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk)>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:12
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

No problem, we can do the meeting from 8.30 – 9.00 next Tuesday morning

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 19 June 2020, 14:15

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:15
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Fabulous – who shall I send the invitation over to or would you prefer to send over?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk> | www.ons.gov.uk | @ONS

The latest ONS data and statistics on Covid-19 can be found here:
[ONS.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://ons.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Email from Stonewall to ONS, 19 June 2020, 14:16

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:16
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm happy to send it, do you have Microsoft teams or would you use another platform?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email from ONS to Stonewall, 19 June 2020, 14:19

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:19
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

Apologies forgot to say send invitation to

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Email from Stonewall (presumably to ONS), 19 June 2020, 14:22

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@stonewall.org.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:22
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Meeting

No problem, I've just sent that on

Have a great weekend too!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
