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Subject: FW: Email correspondence about GDP and BOP FW: GDP lockup

From: James Weir
Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2018 12:36 PM
To: 9(2)(a) <9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: GDP lockup

Sure, I'll send out the usual invite later this week.
See you then,
James

From: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2018 11:20 AM
To: James Weir <James.Weir@stats.govt.nz>
Subject: GDP lockup

Hey James,

Am I able to come along to the GDP lockup next week?

Regards

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From: James Weir
Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2018 11:52 AM
To: 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a) @anz.com>
Subject: RE: Media conference notice GDP and BOP next week, from Stats NZ

Hi [REDACTED],
Yes, we will format the tables to print as big as possible for both GDP and BOP.
See you next week.

James

From: 9(2)(a) @anz.com>
Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2018 11:44 AM
To: James Weir <James.Weir@stats.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Media conference notice GDP and BOP next week, from Stats NZ

Hi James,

Thanks for the reminder. If possible, it would be great to have the option of large tables again.

I hope that's ok. See you next week.

Best,
[REDACTED]

From: James Weir [<mailto:James.Weir@stats.govt.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2018 11:35 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]@bloomberg.net; [REDACTED]@bloomberg.net; [REDACTED]@thomsonreuters.com; djnews.wellington@dowjones.com; editor@businessdesk.co.nz; [REDACTED]@businessdesk.co.nz; [REDACTED]@selerityfinancial.com; [REDACTED]@paradise.net.nz; [REDACTED]@nzherald.co.nz; [REDACTED]@radionz.co.nz; news@radiolive.co.nz; [REDACTED]@fairfaxmedia.co.nz; [REDACTED]@nzherald.co.nz; [REDACTED]@businessdesk.co.nz; [REDACTED]@bnz.co.nz; [REDACTED]@bnz.co.nz; [REDACTED]@asb.co.nz; [REDACTED]@asb.co.nz; [REDACTED]@asb.co.nz; [REDACTED]@westpac.co.nz; economics@westpac.co.nz; [REDACTED]@westpac.co.nz; [REDACTED]@westpac.co.nz; [REDACTED]@asb.co.nz; [REDACTED]@kiwibank.co.nz; [REDACTED]@businessdesk.co.nz; Economics NZ; [REDACTED]@kiwibank.co.nz; [REDACTED]@newsroom.co.nz; [REDACTED]@newsroom.co.nz; [REDACTED]@interest.co.nz; [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz; [REDACTED]@thomsonreuters.com; [REDACTED]@nbr.co.nz
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Sent: Monday, 30 July 2018 9:03 AM

To: [@treasury.govt.nz;](mailto:) [@rbnz.govt.nz;](mailto:) [rbnz.govt.nz>;](mailto:) [@rbnz.govt.nz>;](mailto:) [@rbnz.govt.nz>;](mailto:) [@mbie.govt.nz;](mailto:) [@treasury.govt.nz;](mailto:) [@rbnz.govt.nz](mailto:)

Subject: Media conference reminder for : Labour Market statistics, Wednesday, 1 August

Media conference reminder for:

Labour Market Statistics: June 2018 quarter

Releases 1 August, 2018 10:45:00

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Cc: Blake Crayton-Brown <Blake.Crayton-Brown@stats.govt.nz>

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From: James Weir

Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2018 2:46 PM

To: 9(2)(a) (Reuters)' @thomsonreuters.com>; (Reuters) @thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: RE: Media conference reminder for: Labour Market statistics, at 9.45am on Wednesday, 1 August

Hi 9(2)(a)

Thanks for the email.

See you later in the year.

James

From: 9(2)(a) (Reuters) @thomsonreuters.com>

Sent: Thursday, 13 September 2018 2:11 PM

To: James Weir <James.Weir@stats.govt.nz>; (Reuters) @thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: RE: Media conference reminder for: Labour Market statistics, at 9.45am on Wednesday, 1 August

Hi James,

Thanks for the invite. We wont be attending this. I'm not in NZ yet but hope to get there in Oct and we can catch up then.

Cheers,

From: James Weir <James.Weir@stats.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 7:39 AM

To: 9(2)(a) (Reuters) @thomsonreuters.com>

Cc: (Reuters) @thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: RE: Media conference reminder for: Labour Market statistics, at 9.45am on Wednesday, 1 August

Hi 9(2)(a),

I have sent you an invite to Balance of Payments and Gross Domestic Product lock-up briefings next week.

Can you please let me know if you want to attend?

And please acknowledge that you have read our strict security rules, as below.

In short- leave your phone at the door and no contact with the outside world till the embargo is lifted at 10.45am.

In detail:

The briefing typically starts at 10am. Media are asked to arrive a few minutes early, so they can sign in for building security.

*** Mobile phones need to be placed on the table at the entrance of the briefing room and stakeholders must sign in before they receive their copy of the documents. Phones should be turned off or put on airplane mode.**

* If media bring a laptop, we can provide a USB data stick with a copy of the release and data tables. Please ask.

* Some people use **wireless cards to transmit data from laptops. These should be treated in the same way as cell phones and can't be inserted into laptops until 10.45am** when the embargo will be lifted. These should be left at the door.

* **No-one may leave the room after the door is closed.** If a reporter needs to leave for an emergency then they must be escorted.

* If the building has to be evacuated all documents and cell phones will be placed in a brief case. People will be escorted out of the building and reminded of their obligation of not breaching the embargo.

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Subject: Media conference notice GDP and BOP next week, from Stats NZ

Media conferences notice

Stats NZ will hold a media lock-up for GDP and BOP next week;

Balance of payments and international investment position: June 2018 quarter

Media conference on 19 September 2018

Lock up starts: 10.00am

And

Gross domestic product: June 2018 quarter

Media conference on **20 September 2018**

Lock up starts: 10.00am

The lock-ups will be held on the ground floor of 8 Gilmer Terrace, Wellington. A lock-up will also be held at our Auckland office for bank economists.

The embargo will be lifted at the usual time of **10.45am**.

Cell phones will need to be handed in as attendees arrive, as usual, but will be made available for people to pick up and dial with at 10.45am, when the embargo is lifted.

Media conference venue details:

Wellington:

Ground floor conference room

(The media conference room is beyond our reception area at 8 Gilmer Tce. Please go past the lifts and through the double-doors on the north side of the building to reach the reception area.)

8 Gilmer Terrace, Wellington

Map below:

<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/8+Gilmer+Terrace,+Wellington,+6011/@-41.2851422,174.7755503,17.94z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d38afd50bce3da7:0x8b34826aa4ba43ed!8m2!3d-41.2853117!4d174.7749198>

AUCKLAND VENUE:

Stats NZ offices, level 6 reception area

48 Greys Avenue

New Zealand Mint Ltd Building, (Corner of Greys Avenue and Mayoral Drive)

See location map below:

<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/48+Greys+Ave,+Auckland,+1010/@-36.8539609,174.7596009,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d0d47ef4110bf5b:0x9d4fd2fe06751c8a!8m2!3d-36.8539652!4d174.7617949>

Read [Information releases, embargoes, and sanctions](#) to understand why media conferences are held and the special conditions under which they are run.

Regards,
James

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thanks

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Thanks 9(2)
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Details below, officials' briefing in same room from 10.15-10.30, meeting at Beehive at 10.10. I will still send on actual invites so our private sec has details of attendance at our end. If you need to get hold of me on the day, my number is 9(2)(a).

Hi all,

On Thursday 20 September at 10.45am, Stats NZ will release *Gross domestic product: June 2018 quarter*. To ensure the integrity and independence of official statistics, they are embargoed until 10:45am on the day of release.

For this release, Stats NZ are offering a pre-release briefing at parliament for relevant Minister's offices. The pre-release briefing will take place from **10.30-10.45am on 20 September 2018**.

Stats NZ's embargo conditions apply at the pre-release briefings. All attendees are to remain in the meeting room until 10.45am. No-one attending the briefing may use devices with a transmitting function until 10.45am. Laptops and tablets must be turned off, or on flight mode – meaning wireless, Bluetooth, and cellular communications must be turned off. These restrictions ensure equal access to information for all. This is, everyone gets the same information at the same time.

Please note that this briefing will take place in the Meeting room 2.025 – the door will close for the briefing to comment at 10.30 Please ensure attendees arrive before then.

Please let me know if you would like this invitation sent to anyone else.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi na
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Cheers

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Yep – thanks. If you can just email me the details as our system wouldn't open the invite

Cheers

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Hi [REDACTED]

Are you attending the pre-release briefing this quarter? Thursday 20 Sept.

I will follow up to ensure the booking gets through this time and apologies for last quarter.

Cheers

Daniel Griffiths

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Subject: RE: Today's oral questions

Hi Nat,

Here's the statement we are going to put out on our website and send direct to media, for your information and sharing as appropriate:

Government Statistician Liz MacPherson says there are "absolutely not" any hints to anyone, including the Prime Minister, before the release of economic growth figures from Stats NZ.

"Stats NZ has strict embargo rules about tier one statistics such as gross domestic product. These figures are market sensitive and are never given to anyone in advance of the release day."

"There is a short formal briefing for relevant government ministers in the hour before the release time of 10.45am on the day, but that is under strict embargo lock-up conditions," Ms MacPherson says. "Even then ministers are not allowed to communicate the information to anyone else before 10.45am".

Cheers, Judith

From: Matthew Bloomer

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Subject: RE: Today's oral questions

Thanks – comms is putting together a very short statement about GDP figures too, which we will share with you for your info when its signed off.

I'd suggest you/Mark could then pass that on to PMO and MoF's office, for their info too (given the PM's open question, and MoF's one about GDP performance).

Thanks

Matt

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