

Mr Hugh Humphries
Secretary
Scottish Friends of Palestine

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Dear Mr Humphries

Thank you for your letter of 29 September 2018.

I will begin by stating that, as requested by the Deputy First Minister, Education Scotland has been working hard with a range of stakeholders with the aim of providing a balanced set of resources to support learning and teaching about Israel/Palestine.

I note your timeline of activities from September 2015 to May 2017 and have nothing to add to previous responses which Education Scotland provided to you on these matters.

As I informed you in August, I received correspondence in the early summer relating to the ownership of the resources and have been considering next steps. In the meantime, I asked my staff not to confirm any meetings with stakeholders.

In late August, the Deputy First Minister asked Education Scotland to pause all activity on the resources, and we now await his advice.

I shall update you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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HM Chief Inspector of Education/Chief Executive