

## Appendix A

**From:** Ramsey, Robin

**Sent:** 05 March 2021 11:31

**To:** Buchanan, Keith; O'Dowd, John; Kelly, Dolores; Butler, Robbie; Blair, John

**Cc:** Hogg, Lesley; McGrath, Gareth; Burrowes, Simon; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Decisions on Requests for special lighting of Parliament Buildings

**Importance:** High

Commission Members

[REDACTED] forwarded three lighting requests to you on Wednesday morning. You have all now replied and a summary of the responses is below:

**Keith Buchanan MLA**

Content to support all requests to light the building on all three occasions.

**John Blair MLA**

I'm content for these three applications to be approved.

**Dolores Kelly MLA**

Content to support the applications for lighting.

**John O'Dowd MLA**

As the Commission has not yet agreed an inclusive lighting policy we regret that we cannot agree to these requests.

**Robbie Butler MLA**

I am content for each of the applications to be permitted.

Therefore, there is no consensus, as required by the special lighting policy, to light the building for any of these requests and accordingly they are not accepted.

**The applicants for each request will be notified by the public engagement team after 2.30pm today.**

Members will anticipate media queries on these decisions, particularly on the European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism in particular given previous coverage. If queries are received, the Communications Office will use the line: "The Assembly Commission considered the request(s) and was unable to reach a consensus decision as required by the Commission's special lighting policy". We will also include a link to the special lighting policy but we intend making no further comment than that.

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Regards

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**Subject:** Requests for special lighting of Parliament Buildings - RESPONSE REQUIRED BY 5PM  
THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021

Dear Commission Member

There are currently three requests to light Parliament Buildings which require the Commission's decision. A copy of each request together with advice provided by the Head of Public Engagement, Simon Burrowes is attached for your consideration. In summary, the requests are:

- 1) 11 March to mark European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism - Officials ask that the Commission consider this request without recommendation;

- 2)

- 3)

I would be grateful if you would advise of your decision to approve or decline each of the requests by **5pm on Thursday 4 March 2021**. **Under the terms of the policy, the approval of any request to externally light the Building requires Commission consensus. It would therefore be helpful if you copy all Commission Members in to your response.**