



## Disclosure and Publication of Confidential Messages from Sir Kim Darroch QSD on 25 July 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Quin to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the leaking of confidential messages from Sir Kim Darroch and their subsequent publication.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### Key Information

- [Statement by the Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN, Lord Ahmed of Wimbledon, on the 'UK's Ambassador to the USA'](#), HL Hansard, 8 July 2019, cols 1684–7

*Repetition of answer given in the House of Commons by the Minister of State for Europe and the Americas, Sir Alan Duncan, to an urgent question on what steps he is taking to ensure that the apparent unauthorised disclosure of communications from the UK's Ambassador to the USA are fully investigated by all relevant agencies, and subsequent remarks by Members.*

- [Statement by Baroness in Waiting \(Government Whip\) Baroness Goldie on the 'UK's Ambassador to the USA: Resignation'](#), HL Hansard, 11 July 2019, cols 1887–90

*Repetition of answer given in the House of Commons by the Minister of State for Europe and the Americas, Sir Alan Duncan, to an urgent question on the resignation on the UK's ambassador to the USA.*

- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, [Oral Evidence: FCO Secure Communications and Handling of Classified Information, HC 2541](#), 16 July 2019

*Evidence given by Sir Ivan Rogers, former UK Permanent Representative to the EU; Sir Adam Thomson, former UK Permanent Representative to NATO and Director of the European Leadership Network; and Sir Peter Westmacott, former UK Ambassador to the US, France and Turkey.*

- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, [Oral Evidence: FCO Secure Communications and Handling of Classified Information, HC 2541](#), 10 July 2019

*Evidence given by Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Edward Hobart, Director Estates and Security, Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and Paul Williams, Chief Information Officer, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.*

- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, '[Letter to the Foreign Secretary from the Chair](#)', '[Letter to the Prime Minister from the Chair](#)' and '[Letter to Cressida Dick, CBE QPM, Commissioner Metropolitan Police Service, from the Chair](#)', 9 July 2019

*Letters from the Chair of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, Tom Tugendhat, requesting that a criminal investigation into the unauthorised disclosure of communications be instigated, and requesting further information.*

## Press Articles and Comment

- Lord Ricketts, '[The Embassy Leak Will Damage Far More Than the Special Relationship](#)', *Guardian*, 8 July 2019
- Camilla Tominey, '[How “Dysfunctional” No 10 Allowed the Special Relationship to Turn Sour](#)', *Telegraph* (£), 13 July 2019
- Financial Times Editorial Board, '[The Darroch Leaks Show the UK, Too, Is Dysfunctional](#)', *Financial Times* (£), 9 July 2019
- BBC News, '[Ambassador Row: Met Police Criticised for Warning Off Press](#)', 13 July 2019
- David Wemer, '[Strain on the Special Relationship as British Ambassador Resigns Over Leak](#)', Atlantic Council, 10 July 2019
- Thomas Wright, '[Trump Brings Relations with the United Kingdom to a New Low](#)', Brookings, 11 July 2019

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