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**Subject:** RE: 'Small Boats' briefing as mentioned in ExCo update

Thanks for this. Will go thru the sub now. Have a CT policy meeting with HO this afternoon- will report back if it comes up

Thx

Gareth

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Roger – you got there just before me!

To add a bit, the most interesting new policy development is Home Office's desire to develop a Returns at Sea approach, which still has a good deal of working through by all the agencies involved. You have our sub for clearance, reattached here, which focusses on this issue of Returns at Sea. This is an enforcement activity and whilst we can be positive about MCA's role via their safety of life at sea responsibility (in terms of the Coastguard operations at sea, and the MCA's lead in operational control) overall we need to be absolutely sure we protect them from any liability. We have been working that through with DfT legal.

Otherwise, we can be positive about providing support and coordination. And we will support the Joint Maritime Security Centre as they take a leading role in monitoring and interception.

James

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This is largely about us using our convening power in our role as dept with overall responsibility for the coordination of maritime security. There might be an operational role for the Coastguard, and a bit of a link to some of the Brexit capabilities we oversaw.

We've been working very closely with them on all of this over the last few weeks. I think the HS is writing because she wants to make sure this issue isn't lost now in the noise of C19 or later as we lead maritime strands within the Integrated Review. There may also be a tiny bit of afters following the set to they had in the MIG about closing the borders a couple of weeks ago.

Roger

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**Subject:** Fwd: 'Small Boats' briefing as mentioned in ExCo update

Hi - just spoke with BK on this. Home Sec is likely to write this week on this

What are the options for what we can do on this? Is it about additional powers, more services? What do you think is needed

Gareth

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Briefing attached, Gareth! I'll ask Matt for a readout to send you as well.

Best wishes,

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