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Niall maybe a word with James ?

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**Subject:** RE: LGBTI+ - Katherine Zappone

Afternoon James,

To the best of my knowledge, the LGBT+ Staff Network has not engaged with Minister Zappone, certainly not during my time on the Committee. I do know however that she was a guest speaker for our Washington Embassy on their recent event: [Out in the World: Celebrating the Extraordinary Lives of Ireland's LGBTQ+ Diaspora in the US](#)

Kind Regards,

Paul

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Colleagues

I got a message from Jerry O'Connor, former adviser to Minister Zappone and previously an adviser to MOS Power – he said that Katherine Zappone has been in contact with him on a number of issues and mentioned that she was doing some work with DFA on LGBTI issues. Just checking if you have any information on this that you can share.

Regards

James