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From: █
Sent: 12 December 2017 08:57
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: FoI/17/02869

Good morning

First of all please accept my apologies as this should have been issued to you yesterday, however I was out of the office trying to thaw out after taking part in 'Sleep in the Park'. As you can see from the response letter attached we are not giving out any information for this FoI, quite simply because we do not hold it. I have however contacted both SE and HIE to ascertain an appropriate contact name to include in the response.

The request received was as followed:

"I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8."

The overall deadline for this is 27 December 2017. As the deadline date is over the Christmas leave period I am keen to issue this as soon as possible. Once again my apologies for this coming to you a day late.

Kind Regards

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<< File: FoI_17_02869 - Main Response Letter.doc >>

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3rd Floor, Atlantic Quay | 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes any further FOI request to HIE should be directed to myself at the address below.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

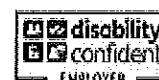
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 November 2017 11:35

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FoI request received from Ross Greer

Thanks very much [REDACTED], That's great

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 November 2017 11:18

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FoI request received from Ross Greer

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

Yes, happy for you to include my email as contact.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 November 2017 16:29

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI request received from Ross Greer

Good afternoon [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I have received another FoI request from Ross Greer MSP regarding defence sector support from both HIE and SE. The full request was received as detailed below:

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I have carried out a search on our systems to ascertain if we hold this information. As yet I have not found anything that would fit with the details of the request, although I will be carrying out a more detailed search just to be sure.

Assuming I am correct in believing my search will bring up nothing on this matter I intend to draft a response advising that Mr Greer directs any future requests of this nature directly to HIE and SE. I would like to be as helpful as possible and include contact names if I can. Would you both be content with forwarding your details in my response?

This is due to go to my Deputy Director for clearance on Monday afternoon, at the latest, and therefore I would appreciate a quick response. Apologies for the time scale.

I would be grateful if you could forward me a suitable contact name within your agency if your details cannot be used.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI request received from Ross Greer

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Good Morning

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I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.

Thank you

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] | [Redacted] Scottish
Government | Ext: [Redacted] | Tel: [Redacted] | Email: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 27 November 2017 11:21
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI request Ross Greer Arms Industry

Dear Scottish Government,

Please find attached an FOI request from Ross Greer MSP.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Researcher | Office of Ross Greer MSP (West Scotland)
Scottish Parliament
Telephone: [Redacted]

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Good morning Mr Greer

Please find attached my response to your recently submitted Freedom of Information Request.

Kind Regards



Response
Letter.pdf

[Redacted]
3rd Floor, Atlantic Quay | 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU [Redacted]

Economic Development Directorate
Innovation, Investment and Industries Division



[REDACTED]
Ross Greer
By Email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: Fol/17/02869
November 2017

Dear Mr Greer

FOISA Acknowledgment of request

Thank you for your request dated 27 November 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You issued the following request:

"I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8."

We received your request on today (27 November 2017) and will respond in accordance with FOISA by 27 December 2017.

Yours sincerely



Economic Development Directorate



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

27 November 2017

Dear Scottish Government

FoI: Companies engaged in defense sector receiving state support

I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Greer MSP

Ross Greer MSP

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Economic Development Directorate
Innovation, Investment and Industries Division



[REDACTED]

Ross Greer
By Email: ross.grier.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: Fol/17/02869
(date to be entered when letter is issued)

Dear Mr Greer

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
(FOISA)**

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Response to your request

I have searched our files and can confidently confirm that the information you have requested is not held. May I suggest that you contact Highlands and Island Enterprise (HIE) and Scottish Enterprise (SE) directly to request the information you require.

I have contacted both HIE and SE recently to ascertain the best contact details for you. Please direct your request to the following individuals:

Organisation	Contact name	Contact Details
HIE	Craig Lawrence	craig.lawrenc@hient.co.uk
SE	Gail Gibson	gail.gibson@scotent.co.uk

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Ms Mary McAllan, Director for Economic Development, Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU or by email at mary.mcallan@gov.scot

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely



Economic Development Directorate

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for such a swift response. Much appreciated.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Policy and Communications Manager | Director's Office | Economic Development
Directorate | Scottish Government | 3rd Floor | 5 Atlantic Quay | Glasgow G2 8LU | tel: [REDACTED] |
ext: [REDACTED] | mobile: [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information
Sent: 18 January 2018 14:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

[REDACTED]

I have had a look at your review response letter and have made a few tracked changes. The original response letter should have had section 17(1) Information not held applied to it so have reflected this in your review. I have also provided a link to the PQ that you mentioned along with section 25 information otherwise accessible.

I hope the changes make sense.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Freedom of Information Unit
Scottish Government | 2W St Andrews House | Regent Road Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | Tel [REDACTED]*

*See our FOI SharePoint site at: <http://sqsharepoint/sites/freedomofinformation>
Please note I work from home on a Friday*

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 12:31
To: Freedom of Information

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

Hi

Please find the draft response in respect of the review of the response to FOI/17/02869. I have issued this to the FOI SpAds this morning also. Although I did not think this response was particularly sensitive and the original response is being upheld, it is the third successive request (two Fols and a PQ) on this subject within the past four months hence issuing.

From my review I am content that the original response was appropriate.

The final deadline for response is 24 January 2018.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

European Structural Funds and State Aid Division, Economic Development Directorate, Longman House,
28 Longman Rd, Inverness, IV 1 1RY

Tel: [REDACTED]

Bby: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 December 2017 11:12

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FoI/17/02869

Hello [REDACTED]

Looking at the C Band Fol reviewers list you are up next (sorry!).

Grateful if you can take this forward. [REDACTED] will know the detail (try [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if she is not in).

You have until 18th January to complete this. I will ask [REDACTED] to send you on any Fol reviewers guidance she has.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | PA to [REDACTED]

Extension | [REDACTED]
Telephone | [REDACTED]
Email | [REDACTED]
Location | Scottish Government, 5 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8LU

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 December 2017 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FoI/17/02869

[REDACTED] can you make sure it is allocated to someone and we start looking at it to allow us to meet deadline because Christmas doesn't stop the clock. Mary

[REDACTED]
5 Atlantic Quay
150 Broomielaw
Glasgow
G2 8LU

Tel: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Greer R (Ross), MSP
Sent: 21 December 2017 09:56
To: McAllan M (Mary)
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869

Dear Mary McAllan,

I am writing to you to request a review of FoI 1702869, which I have attached above. I am dissatisfied with the response I received for the following reasons.

I requested information relating to Scottish Government funding, via the economic development agencies Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, to companies involved in the arms trade. When I requested this information for the year 2016/17, I received a response detailing seven companies having received such support totalling over £500,000. I have attached that response ('FoI_17__02598 – Main Response Letter – Amended.pdf'). However, upon requesting the same information for every year since 2007/8 I have received a response claiming that the information I have requested is "not held".

These two responses to my FoI requests stand in contradiction to one another. I find it difficult to believe that information that is available for the year 2016/17 is not available for previous years.

Kind regards,
Ross Greer MSP

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2017 10:03
To: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: FoI/17/02869

Good morning Mr Greer

Please find attached my response to your recently submitted Freedom of Information Request.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
3rd Floor, Atlantic Quay | 150 Broomielaw | Glasgow | G2 8LU | [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Greer,

Please find attached a letter acknowledging receipt of your request for a review of the FOI/17/02869 response which was received on 21 December 2017. Apologies for the delay in issuing this.

I will respond to your request by the deadline date noted on the attached letter.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]
Team Leader

[Redacted]

28 Longman Rd, Inverness, IV1 1RY

Tel: [Redacted]



FOI_17_02869 -
Request for rev...

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this.

[REDACTED] is content though has asked why he was given so little time to consider.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 January 2018 17:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

Please find attached a submission regarding the review of a FOI response raised by Mr Ross Greer MSP.

The deadline for issue is by close of play 24 January 2018. Apologies for the tight timescale.

<< File: Ministerial Submission - FOI_17_02869 - Response to request for review.doc >>

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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28 Longman Rd, Inverness, IV 1 1RY

Tel: [REDACTED]

Bby: [REDACTED]

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Annex L

Dear Mr Greer

Please find attached the response to the request for a review in respect of FOI/17/02869 raised on 21 December 2017.



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Review - Respon...

Kind Regards

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Tel: [REDACTED]

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Submission - FO...

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED] is content for the response to the review request to go for ministerial clearance.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 January 2018 14:23
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

Please find attached the updated response in respect of the above FOI review. The deadline for issue is 24 January 2018.

<< File: FOI_17_02869 - Response to request for review.docx >>

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 13:39
To: FoI SpAds PO
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

Please accept my apologies. The FOI unit has still to clear this draft although this will be done today.

Kind Regards

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28 Longman Rd, Inverness, IV 1 1RY

Tel: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 12:02
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

I have been asked to undertake a review of the response to FOI/17/02869. Please find the original correspondence (including the additional FOI response referred to in the request for the review below) and my draft response attached:

<< File: FoI_17_02598 - Main Response Letter - Amended.pdf >> << File: FoI1702869.pdf >> << File: FOI_17_02869 - Response to request for review.docx >>

Mr Ross Greer has requested a review on the following basis:
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From my review I am content that the original response was appropriate.

The final deadline for response is 24 January 2018.

Kind Regards

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[REDACTED]

I have had a look at your review response letter and have made a few tracked changes. The original response letter should have had section 17(1) Information not held applied to it so have reflected this in your review. I have also provided a link to the PQ that you mentioned along with section 25 information otherwise accessible.

I hope the changes make sense.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 12:31
To: Freedom of Information
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI/17/02869 Response to Request for Review

Hi

Please find the draft response in respect of the review of the response to FOI/17/02869. I have issued this to the FOI SpAds this morning also. Although I did not think this response was particularly sensitive and the original response is being upheld, it is the third successive request (two Fols and a PQ) on this subject within the past four months hence issuing.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 December 2017 11:12
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FoI/17/02869

Hello [REDACTED]

Looking at the C Band FoI reviewers list you are up next (sorry!).

Grateful if you can take this forward. [REDACTED] will know the detail (try [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if she is not in).

You have until 18th January to complete this. I will ask [REDACTED] to send you on any FoI reviewers guidance she has.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | PA to Mary McAllan, Director of Economic Development

Extension | [REDACTED]
Telephone | [REDACTED]
Email | [REDACTED]
Location | Scottish Government, 5 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8LU

From: McAllan M (Mary)
Sent: 21 December 2017 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FoI/17/02869

[REDACTED] can you make sure it is allocated to someone and we start looking at it to allow us to meet deadline because Christmas doesn't stop the clock. Mary

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Greer R (Ross), MSP
Sent: 21 December 2017 09:56
To: McAllan M (Mary)
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869

Dear Mary McAllan,

I am writing to you to request a review of FoI 1702869, which I have attached above. I am dissatisfied with the response I received for the following reasons.

I requested information relating to Scottish Government funding, via the economic development agencies Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, to companies involved in the arms trade. When I requested this information for the year 2016/17, I received a response detailing seven companies having received such support totalling over £500,000. I have attached that response ('FoI_17_02598 – Main Response Letter – Amended.pdf'). However, upon requesting the same information for every year since 2007/8 I have received a response claiming that the information I have requested is "not held".

These two responses to my FoI requests stand in contradiction to one another. I find it difficult to believe that information that is available for the year 2016/17 is not available for previous years.

Kind regards,
Ross Greer MSP

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2017 10:03
To: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: FoI/17/02869

Good morning Mr Greer

Please find attached my response to your recently submitted Freedom of Information Request.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
European Structural Funds and State Aid Division
Economic Development Directorate

22 January 2018

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

FOI/17/02869 – Mr Ross Greer MSP – Request for Review of FOI Response on SE and HIE Support for the Defence Sector

Purpose

To seek the Cabinet Secretary's agreement to the proposed response following the internal review of the above FOI request.

Priority

Urgent. The response is due by 24 January 2018 as request to review was raised on 21 December 2017.

Background

1. Mr Ross Greer MSP raised a FOI on 27 November 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA):

"I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8."

2. The original response to FOI/17/02869 is attached in Annex B and advised that the information requested was not held by Scottish Government and provided contact details for Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for further information.
3. Mr Greer requested a review of the FOI response on 21 December 2017 on the following basis:

"I requested information relating to Scottish Government funding, via the economic development agencies Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, to companies involved in the arms trade. When I requested this information for the year 2016/17, I received a response detailing seven companies having received such support totalling over £500,000. I have attached that response ('Fol_17_02598 – Main Response Letter – Amended.pdf'). However, upon requesting the same information for every year since 2007/8 I have received a response claiming that the information I have requested is "not held". These two responses to my Fol requests stand in contradiction to one another. I find it difficult to believe that information that is available for the year 2016/17 is not available for previous years."

The related FOI/17/02598 (Annex C) response, referred to above, provided a list of companies supported for the year 2016/17. During the review, it was ascertained that this detail could be provided in respect of 2016/7 as it had been gathered for a related Parliamentary Question S5W-11258 raised on 12 September 2017 and therefore was available on Scottish Government files. Information relating to previous years however was not available.

The review concluded therefore that the original response should be confirmed but with modification: the response should have referred to an exemption under section 17(1) (information not held) of FOISA.

Recommendation

The review concludes that the original decision should be confirmed with modification referring to an exemption under section 17(1) (information not held) of FOISA. The proposed response is contained in Annex A.

[Redacted]

European Structural Funds and State Aid Division, Economic Development Directorate
Ext [Redacted]

Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work			X		

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PROPOSED RESPONSE TO REVIEW OF FOI/17/02869

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European Structural Funds and State Aid Division



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E: [REDACTED]

Mr Ross Greer MSP
By email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: FoI/17/02869
January 2018

Dear Mr Greer MSP,

Further to my letter of 15 January 2018, I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for: I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8.

I have concluded that the original decision should be confirmed with modification.

I have determined that an exemption under section 17(1) (information not held) of FOISA should have been applied as the Scottish Government does not have some of the information you are looking for. The contact details for Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise to request further information have been provided in the original response.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

The information provided in response to FOI/17/02598 was available on Scottish Government files as it had been collected previously with respect to the Parliamentary Question S5W-11258 raised on 12 September 2017 which can be found at <http://www.parliament.scot/S5ChamberOffice/WA20170920.pdf> Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to

you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of this review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. Information on how to make an appeal, along with an application form, is available on the Commissioner's website at:

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Yours sincerely,


Team Leader
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ORIGINAL RESPONSE TO FOI/17/02869

Economic Development Directorate
Innovation, Investment and Industries Division



E [REDACTED]

Ross Greer
By Email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: Fol/17/02869
15 December 2017

Dear Mr Greer

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 27 November 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You issued the following request:

"I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8."

Response to your request

I have searched our files and can confidently confirm that the information you have requested is not held. May I suggest that you contact Highlands and Island Enterprise (HIE) and Scottish Enterprise (SE) directly to request the information you require.

I have contacted both HIE and SE recently to ascertain the best contact details for you. Please direct your request to the following individuals:

Organisation	Contact name	Contact Details
HIE	Craig Lawrence	craig.lawrenc@hient.co.uk

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Ms Mary McAllan, Director for Economic Development, Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU or by email at mary.mcallan@gov.scot

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

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Yours sincerely


Policy Officer
Economic Development Directorate

ORIGINAL RESPONSE TO RELATED FOI/17/02598

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By Email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: FoI/17/02598

Dear Mr Greer

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 27 October 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You requested the following:

Information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise (SE) and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE). In particular:

1. A list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for 2016-17
2. The amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for 2016-17.

Response to your request

I have enclosed the information held by the Scottish Government in relation to your request. This can be found in Annex A.

May I suggest if you require further details, other than that held by the Scottish Government, that you contact the relevant agencies direct, in this case Highlands & Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise.

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Yours sincerely


Policy Officer
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Below are two tables which show figures received recently by the Scottish Government from both HIE and SE. These figures represent the support to companies in 2016/17 that had an involvement in the defence sector.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)

Company name	Funding
Makar Technologies Ltd	£61,238

Scottish Enterprise (SE)

Company name	Funding
Helmet Integrated Systems Ltd	£145,344
Raytheon Systems Ltd	£91,009
Chemring Energetics UK Ltd	£5,400
Penman Engineering Ltd	£5,625
Selex ES Ltd	£205,000
Turner Aviation	£4,979

RESPONSE TO RELATED PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W – 11258

Wednesday 20 September 2017

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Economy

Ross Greer (West Scotland) (Scottish Green Party): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-03736 by Keith Brown on 31 October 2016, whether it will provide the information for 2016-17, and what information it can provide regarding which companies received funding, how much they received and the purpose of the award.

(S5W-11258)

Keith Brown: Neither Highlands and Islands Enterprise or Scottish Enterprise provide assistance directly to the arms trade. As part of the broad range of support provided some firms in receipt of that support may be engaged in activities such as research and development/ components or products which may be applicable to defence related use. I am unable to provide details of the individual amounts or purposes of the awards received by companies due to commercial sensitivity.

Financial support provided by SE and HIE to businesses where the activities may be applicable to defence related use in 2016-17 is shown in the table below:

Year	SE (£)	HIE (£)	Total (£)
2016-17	457,356	161,238	618,594

From: McAllan M (Mary)
Sent: 21 December 2017 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FoI/17/02869

[REDACTED] can you make sure it is allocated to someone and we start looking at it to allow us to meet deadline because Christmas doesn't stop the clock. Mary

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Greer R (Ross), MSP
Sent: 21 December 2017 09:56
To: McAllan M (Mary)
Subject: RE: FoI/17/02869

Dear Mary McAllan,

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Kind regards,
Ross Greer MSP

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2017 10:03




To: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: Fol/17/02869

Good morning Mr Greer

Please find attached my response to your recently submitted Freedom of Information Request.

Kind Regards




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Mr Ross Greer
By email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: Fol/17/02869

15 January 2018

Dear Mr Greer

Thank you for your request of 21 December 2017 for a review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for information relating to companies in the defence sector that have received financial support and specialised advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8.

I have been asked by Mary McAllan, Director of Economic Development, to carry out the review because I was not involved in handling your original request. I will be looking at the case afresh to establish whether the original response should be confirmed, with or without modifications as appropriate, or a fresh decision should be substituted.

We received your review request on 21 December 2017 so I will respond in accordance with FOISA by 24 January 2018.

If you have any queries, please contact me quoting case number FOI 17/02869.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Team Leader
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Mr Ross Greer MSP
By email: ross.greer.msp@parliament.scot

Our ref: Fol/17/02869

23 January 2018

Dear Mr Greer MSP,

Further to my letter of 15 January 2018, I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for: I would like to request information relating to companies that receive state support in the form of financial support, graduate placements, summer placements, and specialist advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In particular, I request (a) a list of every company engaged in the defence sector having received the aforementioned support for every year since 2007/8, (b) the amount of financial support to each individual company engaged in the defence sector provided by both Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8.

I have concluded that the original decision should be confirmed with modification.

I have determined that an exemption under section 17(1) (information not held) of FOISA should have been applied as the Scottish Government does not have some of the information you are looking for. The contact details for Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise to request further information have been provided in the original response.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

The information provided in response to FOI/17/02598 was available on Scottish Government files as it had been collected previously with respect to the Parliamentary Question S5W-11258 raised on 12 September 2017 which can be found at <http://www.parliament.scot/S5ChamberOffice/WA20170920.pdf>. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to

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Mr Ross Greer
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Our ref: Fol/17/02869

17 January 2018

Dear Mr Greer

Further to my letter of 15 January 2018, I have now completed my review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for information relating to companies in the defence sector that have received financial support and specialised advice services from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise for every year since 2007/8.

I have concluded that the original decision should be confirmed without modification. The information provided in response to FOI/17/02598 was available on Scottish Government files as it had been collected previously with respect to the Parliamentary Question S5W-11258 raised on 12 September 2017, whereas the information requested for FOI/17/02869 was not on file. The contact details for Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise to request further information have been provided in the original response.

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FOI REQUEST – SEARCHES CARRIED OUT

FOI Tracker case reference number: **Fol/17/02869**

Please complete the table below where applicable and add any other relevant information regarding searches or other work carried out to locate information within the scope of the request. Save a copy of this in the request's eRDM casefile.

eRDM searches (including searches carried out for you by other teams)

Keywords searched (individual keywords or combinations)	Comments on findings – e.g. number of documents found, if reading through showed none/some of these documents were in scope
eRDM files searched*	Comments on findings
<p>I carried out the following searches on ERDM using 'set object metadata' search option and setting the 'find' field to 'documents'</p> <p><i>Defence – HIE – 2007</i></p> <p><i>Defence – SE – 2007</i></p> <p><i>Defence – Highland – Island – 2007</i></p> <p><i>Defence – Scottish – Enterprise – 2007</i></p> <p><i>Defence - HIE – 2008</i></p> <p><i>Defence – SE – 2008</i></p> <p><i>Defence – Highland – Island - 2008</i></p> <p><i>Defence – Scottish – Enterprise – 2008</i></p>	<p>I found nothing on ERDM using the searches I have lifted opposite that fell within the scope of the FoI request.</p>

* - if individual files were reviewed in full as well as or instead of keyword searches

Inbox searches

Names of staff/teams asked to carry out searches	Date you asked them to search	Comments on feedback from them (e.g. nothing found, no response, provided docs x and y)
Not required		

Details of keywords used in your own/your team's inbox searches

Keywords searched (individual keywords or combinations)	Comments on findings – e.g. number of documents found, if reading through showed none/some of these documents were in scope
Not required	

Details of any other searches carried out (including by other teams)

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REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATIONAn exemption applies

An exemption under **Section 38(1)(b) – applicant has asked for personal data of a third party**

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to a small amount of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party, ie names/contact details of individuals, and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.