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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 19 January 2018 18:32
To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Communications Justice; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] McFarlane J (John); Ingebrigtsen R (Ross); McAllister C (Colin)
Subject: RE: Lines to clear - knife crime in schools - the i - due Monday midday

[REDACTED]

DFM is content with this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 January 2018 18:08
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Communications Justice; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
McFarlane J (John); Ingebrigtsen R (Ross); McAllister C (Colin)
Subject: Lines to clear - knife crime in schools - the i - due Monday midday

<< File: 2017 Info.pdf >>

Hello POs,

The i news/Johnston Press are planning a piece for next week based on an FOI that they just got from Police on knife crime in schools. (I'm checking with Police on its accuracy/that it definitely came from them). I also pointed the i towards No Knives Better Lives to get an idea of the work taking place on prevention.

They are asking:

- :: Is it concerning that so many children have been caught with knives in schools?
- :: What is the Scottish government doing to tackle knife crime in schools?
- :: What support is being given to teachers/schools to protect them and their pupils?

With officials and spads, developed the following lines for Mr Matheson. Are Cab Sec and DFM content?

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said:

"It is important that these figures are seen in the overall context of a 69% reduction in offences of possession of offensive weapons in the last decade.

"We are determined to continue making progress – and the decision to specifically record offences of possession of weapons in schools was precisely in order to support efforts to make Scotland's schools safer. We continue to work with schools and local authorities on anti-violence campaigns and curriculum programmes on a range of initiatives.

"In Scotland it is already illegal to sell knives or similar products with blades or points to anyone under the age of 18, including online, and also illegal to sell cutlery and kitchen knives to those under 16.

"I wrote to the UK Government early last year raising concerns about the online sale of knives and the need for a joined-up approach to address these concerns. The UK Government has committed to working with us on these issues and we would expect to be fully involved as this important proposal is further developed."

Background:

We have been engaging closely with stakeholders as part of this process, including the Violence Reduction Unit and the Scottish Advisory Group on Relationships and Behaviour in Schools, whose members includes the Association of Directors of Education and all the teaching unions.

Since 2008, the Scottish Government has invested more than £8.7 million into the Violence Reduction Unit. The Scottish Government has also included information on managing incidents involving weapons within schools in its refreshed guidance 'Included, Engaged and Involved Part 2: A Positive Approach to Preventing and Managing School Exclusions' which was published in June 2017.

The Scottish Government consulted expert stakeholders – including Police Scotland, teaching unions and leaders, National Parent Forum of Scotland, and Medics Against Violence – on the issue of knife crime in schools, and there was no support from any of them for a new search power to be given to teachers in Scotland.

The No Knives Better Lives programme – which has received more than £3.4 million of Scottish Government funding since 2009 – has recently developed a play, *The Balisong*, which has been performed at more than 60 schools across Scotland. It promotes the reduction of knife use, and is a unique and powerful way to engage with, and open up discussions with, young people about the risks and consequences of carrying a knife and the challenge of speaking up in situations where other people might be at risk.

As of 1 April 2017 the Scottish Crime Recording Board approved the introduction of several crime codes that allow for the specific crime of possessing either an offensive weapon or an article with a blade or point in schools to be separately identified within the National Statistics on Recorded Crime in Scotland.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Communications Justice and Education | [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 23 January 2018 10:40
To: [REDACTED]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business; Robertson FMG (Fiona); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ASF Teachers - FOI Request - Clearance Required

[REDACTED]
DFM is content to clear.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | T: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 January 2018 10:12
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business; Robertson FMG (Fiona); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: ASF Teachers - FOI Request - Clearance Required

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Attached is a submission asking for clearance for a response to an FOI request. The deadline for responding to this request is 31st January.

Some of the data in this request has also been asked for by Education and Skills committee.

<< File: ASF Teacher Submission.doc >>

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chartered Statistician
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics

Learning Analysis
Scottish Government

Tel: [REDACTED]

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From: [redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 23 January 2018 10:39
To: [redacted] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO; McAllister C (Colin); Communications DFM & Education RE: FOI Clearance - response due 24th January 2018

Hi [redacted]

DFM is content to clear.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | T: [redacted] | E: [redacted]@gov.scot

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 January 2018 16:13
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [redacted] FoI SpAds PO; McAllister C (Colin); Communications DFM & Education
Subject: FOI Clearance - response due 24th January 2018
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

As discussed I would be grateful for the DFM's clearance of the attached FOI from [redacted]

The FOI asks for : *any documentation and communications related to the Scottish Government assessing the numbers of pupil-accessible digital devices available in schools on which the new Scottish National Standardised Assessments can be undertaken during the process which led to the decision to introduce digital-only Scottish National Standardised Assessments.*

You will see from our proposed response that we do not have any documentation he is asking for but in a bid to be helpful, we have outlined why we don't have it as well as telling [redacted] that so far over 75,000 assessments have been undertaken and there have been no concerns raised at all.

You will be aware that [REDACTED] has recently asked a PQ – S5W-13257 on 19th December - *To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the capacity of schools to carry out national standardised assessments, specifically in relation to the availability of digital devices on which the assessments must be taken.*

And was provided with the response:

It was a key requirement in the development of the Scottish National Standardised Assessments that the online system is compatible with a wide variety of technical platforms, devices and internet bandwidth connectivity available within Scottish local authorities and schools. The assessments can be accessed on Windows PCs and laptops, Apple Mac devices, Chrome books and tablet devices.

The assessments are widely compatible with the varied digital landscape available in local authorities. Care has been taken from an accessibility perspective to ensure that pupils who use assistive technology are able to use the system. The system will allow pupils to start the assessment on one device and then pick again on another should there be any problems with an individual device. As there is no fixed time for the assessments to be completed, they can be scheduled at a time that suits both the teacher and the availability of digital devices in schools.

This FOI request was lodged on 21st December after the response to the written PQ was published. [REDACTED] has demonstrated an interest in the digital side of the standardised assessments, either by FOI or PQ and following discussion with SpAds we think [REDACTED] is likely to trying to establish that in the absence of an assessment of the number of digital devices, and given the SNSA is digital only, how can we be confident that schools have the necessary IT to implement the SNSA? We have included information in the FOI response which addresses this point. Following Colin's advice we are also preparing media lines on this and will liaise with Comms.

I would be grateful for the DFM's clearance of the proposed response to allow it to be issued for the due date of 24th January.

<< File: Response to FOI request [REDACTED].doc >> << File: NIF Programme - PMO - Meetings - NSG20150812 - Slides - [REDACTED].pdf >>

thanks

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For headline facts and figures about ELL see

<http://intranet/InExec/AboutUs/Learning-Justice/briefings-stats/monthly-learning>

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 26 January 2018 18:09
To: [Redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: McAllister C (Colin); Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser; News Desk; [Redacted] Communications DFM & Education; [Redacted] News Desk; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Media Enquiry - Teacher sick leave FOI - Mail on Sunday

Hi [Redacted]

The DFM is content to clear the line.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Tel: [Redacted] | Mob: [Redacted] | Email: [Redacted]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2018 17:58
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: McAllister C (Colin); Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser; News Desk; [Redacted] Communications DFM & Education; [Redacted] News Desk; [Redacted]
Subject: PO: Media Enquiry - Teacher sick leave FOI - Mail on Sunday

Afternoon PO,

A Freedom of Information request by the Mail on Sunday has shown 12,500 teachers in Scotland took long term sick leave over the last five years.

The unions say the main reasons for stress in teachers is the increasing workload, the heavy budget cuts and the continuing staff shortages. The unions said teachers are now 'overwhelmed' and at 'crisis point'.

Spads and officials have approved the following

A Scottish Government spokesperson said;

"We have undertaken a range of actions to ensure a reduction in teacher workload, acting to clarify and simplify the curriculum framework and to remove unnecessary bureaucracy, ensuring teachers can focus on providing valuable learning experiences for young people."

Background

Education is this government's number one priority and we recognise the hard work and commitment of our teachers.

We want to ensure that teaching remains an inspiring profession and invested £88 million in 2017 recruiting 543 more teachers than the previous year, the second year in a row that there has been an increase in teacher numbers.

Grateful for feedback or permission to issue



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From: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 29 January 2018 21:32
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Spads Admin; PS/Education Scotland; [Redacted]
 McAllister C (Colin)
Subject: Re: URGENT: SIC FOI Appeal Response from Education Scotland ASAP

[Redacted]

Apologies for the delay - DFM is content to issue.

Thanks

[Redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:43
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: Spads Admin; PS/Education Scotland; [Redacted]
Subject: URGENT: SIC FOI Appeal Response from Education Scotland ASAP

DFM/PO

Following my phone call this morning, I would appreciate the urgent review of a SIC appeal submission. The submission, which is due with the Commissioner today, is in connection with the FOI on numbers of schools not inspected.

DFM is aware of the submission, and it has been approved by Colin McAllister.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Corporate Briefings Manager (Interim) | [Redacted]
 [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 30 January 2018 10:10
To: [Redacted] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00095

[Redacted]

DFM is content to clear this

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [Redacted] Blackberry - [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2018 07:21
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: FoI/18/00095

DFM PO

Please find attached Freedom of Information request and response. Colin has requested ministerial clearance on this before it is issued.

The deadline for this is 09/02/18.

Regards

[Redacted]

<< File: FOI 18 00095 response.docx >> << Message: FOI - ECJ - Pupil Exclusion - [Redacted] >>

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 January 2018 13:34
To: [Redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00095

Thanks for this which Colin has considered.

Colin is now content for the response to go for ministerial clearance.

Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office
Tel [REDACTED]
Mobile [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2018 17:53
To: [REDACTED] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00095

Hi [REDACTED]

Grateful if you could pass this to Colin for him to consider.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

Hi Colin

Thanks for your email. You had requested that I look again to see if information could be provided in this case (the email chain below refers).

I have discussed this with colleagues here and also with colleagues in the Education Analytical Services team, who collected this data as part of their research into statistics for schools in Scotland that was published in December. I had previously received advice from FoI Unit which indicated that section 38(1)(b) should be applied to all aspects of this case, as partial release of information may lead to identification of the individual concerned.

I asked analytical services colleagues to consider whether any parts of the information could be released without engaging the risk of identification of the individual. The analytical services team do know the dates involved and the location (local authority and school) where the pupil has been permanently removed from the register. However, they also share the concern about the release of parts or all of this information. They believe that the data requested here is personal as it relates to an identifiable individual. This is exempt from disclosure if disclosure would contravene one or more of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 of the DPA. The exemption is absolute, so it would not be subject to the public interest test in section 2(1) of FOISA. The first data protection principle reads as follows:

"Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless – at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met."

Further, there is a need to consider the privacy notice that applies to Education statistics. This is available on the SG website <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/ESPrivacyNotices> and states:

Scottish Government will not publish or make publicly available any information that allows individual pupils to be identified, nor will data be used by Scottish Government to take any actions in respect of individuals. Data is held securely and no information on individual pupils can or would be made publicly available by Scottish Government.

The individual data about pupils in schools collected by Scottish Government through statistical surveys is used only for the statistical and research purposes for which it is collected.

Given all of this, and having considered your request, we believe the best course of action is to apply the section 38 (1)(b) exemption of the FOISA to the information and decline the request. The deadline for this case is 9 February. If you are in agreement I would be grateful if you would consider the letter which has been drafted in response to this request, which I have re-attached along with the original FOI request.

Regards

<< File: FOI 18 00095 response.docx >> << Message: FOI - ECJ - Pupil Exclusion - [REDACTED] >>

Iain Mitchell | Support and Wellbeing Unit | Learning Directorate | Area 2-C South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. EH6 6QQ | Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2018 17:35
To: [REDACTED] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00095

[REDACTED]

Colin has considered this case and has commented:

If we don't hold the information then we should state that that is the case and give formal notice under section 17(1).

If we do hold information about the exclusion then Colin suggests we should be able to at least confirm:

- when the exclusion happened,
- the local authority and
- whether there was an investigation
- if so whether there are any minutes.

Grateful if you could reconsider and provide a revised response.

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary
Special Advisers' Office
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2018 12:55
To: FoI SpAds PO
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI/18/00095

Colleagues

Please find attached draft response to the above FOI, raised by a journalist at Deadline News. This is due to be cleared by 09/02/2018.

Regards

[REDACTED]

<< File: FOI 18 00095 response.docx >>

[REDACTED] Support and Wellbeing Unit | Learning Directorate | Area 2-C South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. EH6 6QQ | Tel: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 30 January 2018 10:12
To: [REDACTED] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; FoI SpAds PO; Higgins K (Kate); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE; URGENT - FoI/18/00012 - FOISA Response - [REDACTED] due 31/01/2018

[REDACTED]

DFM is content to clear this

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [REDACTED] / Blackberry - [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 January 2018 11:41
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; FoI SpAds PO; Higgins K (Kate); [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT - FoI/18/00012 - FOISA Response - [REDACTED] due 31/01/2018
Importance: High

<< File: FOISA Response - [REDACTED] - 4 Jan 2018 (2).doc >>

Re the attached FOI response grateful if you were able confirm this is OK to release. Please accept my apologies for the short notice and note the due date of 31 January 2018.

The above response has been cleared by SpAds and Comms.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 31 January 2018 14:50
To: [redacted] Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Robertson FMG (Fiona); [redacted]; [redacted] McAllister C (Colin); FoI SpAds PO; Freedom of Information; Communications DFM & Education
Subject: RE: FOI/18/00053

Hi [redacted]

DFM is content to clear.

Thanks
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | T: [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 10:57
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Cc: DG Education, Communities & Justice; Robertson FMG (Fiona); [redacted]; [redacted] McAllister C (Colin); FoI SpAds PO; Freedom of Information; Communications DFM & Education
Subject: FOI/18/00053

Please find attached a submission for clearance for FOI/18/00053 as well as the original and redacted versions of the necessary documents.

The attachments have been reviewed and cleared by SpAds.

The response date for this case is 31 January.

Submission	<< File: Draft FOI submission.docx >>
Request	<< Message: RE: FOI - ECJ - Education Workforce Council for Scotland - [redacted] >>
Non-redacted documents	<< File: non-redacted papers.pdf >>
Redacted documents	<< File: redacted papers v2.pdf >>

Thanks
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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 31 January 2018 15:02
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Subject: FW; Disclosure Scotland FOI/18/00092 -- A Eastwood to Minister for Childcare and Early Years -- 26 January 2018
Attachments: Submission to Minister -- [Redacted] Fol -- January 2018.docx; FOI request; Draft Response Updated.docx

[Redacted]

The DFM has indicated he is content for this to be issued. If Ms Todd is.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | The Scottish Government | Web: www.gov.scot | Tel: [Redacted] | Mob: [Redacted] | Email: [Redacted]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2018 15:46
To: Minister for Childcare and Early Years
Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Director for Children and Families; DSCOT Senior Leadership Team; [Redacted]
Subject: Disclosure Scotland FOI/18/00092 -- A Eastwood to Minister for Childcare and Early Years -- 26 January 2018

[Redacted]

I attach a minute to Ms Todd from [Redacted] seeking agreement for an Fol response to be issued. The deadline for reply is 12 February 2018.

The proposed reply and the incoming Fol request are attached.

Special advisers have cleared.

Thank you

[Redacted]
 26 January 2018

Ext [Redacted]

Minister for Childcare and Early Years

**DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND: FOI ENQUIRY MADE BY MR [REDACTED] -
FOI/18/00092**

Purpose

1. This minute seeks your agreement to the FOI response attached with the email covering this minute being issued to [REDACTED] a Policy Officer from the Scottish Refugee Council.

Priority

2. **Routine.** The FOI response should be issued by Monday 12 February 2018.

Background

3. [REDACTED] has asked Disclosure Scotland to provide a monthly breakdown of applications received from Serco Limited, for the period 1st April to 31st December 2017. This request is one of 3 repeat requests (17/01241 & 17/01778) received from [REDACTED], of which the Home Office have been notified of.

Discussion

4. We are able answer most of the questions, however, are unable to provide information asking if the applications are related to Compass contracts for asylum seeker support services in Scotland. This is because Disclosure Scotland does not hold this information. Special advisers have seen and confirmed they are content with the draft of the proposed response.

Recommendation

5. You are invited to agree that the FOI reply to [REDACTED] can be issued as drafted.

[REDACTED]
26 January 2018

Director of Corporate Services
Disclosure Scotland
Pacific Quay, Glasgow
Ext. [REDACTED]

Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills					X

DG, Education, Communities and Justice
 Director Children and Families
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 [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED]
 Colin McAllister
 Kate Higgins

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>
Sent: 15 January 2018 11:43
To: Disclosure Scotland FOI Request Mailbox
Subject: FOI request

Dear FOI team @ Disclosure Scotland,

I request the following information:

Please provide a monthly breakdown of applications received from Serco Limited, for the period 1st April to 31st December 2017, for (a) basic, (b) standard, (c) enhanced and (d) for PVG levels of disclosure; specifying only if known, whether these related to its Compass contracts for asylum seeker support services in Scotland?

Thanks a lot,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Policy Officer
Scottish Refugee Council



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Thank you for your request dated 15/01/2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for a monthly breakdown of applications received from Serco Limited, for the period 1st April to 31st December 2017, for (a) basic, (b) standard, (c) enhanced and (d) for PVG levels of disclosure; specifying only if known, whether these related to its Compass contracts for asylum seeker support services in Scotland.

Response to your request

I enclose a copy of most of the information you requested.

The answer to your question is shown in the below table:

Organisation Name	Application Type	Year	Month	Number of Applications
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Apr-17	20
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	May-17	*
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Jun-17	*
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Aug-17	10
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Sep-17	15
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Oct-17	*
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Nov-17	*
SERCO LIMITED	Enhanced Disclosure	2017	Dec-17	*
Sub-Total	Enhanced Disclosure			55
SERCO LIMITED	PVG Application	2017	Mar-17	*
SERCO LIMITED	PVG Application	2017	May-17	*
Sub-Total	PVG Application			5
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Apr-17	30
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	May-17	50
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Jun-17	60
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Jul-17	40
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Aug-17	40
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Sep-17	85
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Oct-17	40
SERCO	Basic Disclosure	2017	Nov-17	10
Sub-Total	Basic Disclosure			350

Note: Figures rounded to nearest 5.

Totals may not equal sum of parts due to rounding

* - Results less than 5 are suppressed as they may allow individuals to be identified.

1 – Data is based on the Start Date of applications.

Not all applications will have been completed/issued within the same month (either due to application being made close to end of month or extended time being required to complete)

Please note that based on the information Disclosure Scotland holds, it is not possible for us to say what proportion (if any) of the above applications relate to Serco's Compass contracts for asylum seeker support services in Scotland.

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 Lorna Gibbs, Chief Executive, Disclosure Scotland, PO Box 250, Glasgow G51 1YU. Or by email to lorna.gibbs@disclosurescotland.gsi.gov.uk.

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>.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sent: 31 January 2018 15:10
To: Director of Advanced Learning and Science; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
Cc: Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] McAllister C (Colin); Higgins K (Kate)
Subject: RE: EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY - FOI ON PRINCIPAL'S SALARY

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this. DFM has noted

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [REDACTED] / Blackberry - [REDACTED]

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Sent: 31 January 2018 13:13
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 [REDACTED] McAllister C (Colin); Higgins K (Kate)
Subject: EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY - FOI ON PRINCIPAL'S SALARY

[REDACTED]

Ministers will wish to be aware that UoE has today at noon responded to an FOI request from [REDACTED] on the salary package, bonuses and relocation costs for its incoming principal; and has published the salary details (£342k) on its Remuneration Committee webpage.

The FOI response is attached below, as is the link to the RC webpage:

<< File: FOI response - anonymised.docx >>

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/human-resources/pay-reward/remuneration-committee/principal-remuneration>

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