

Document 1

From: [redacted]

Sent: 15 January 2016 16:10

To: [redacted]

Cc: FOI; [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI/16/00064 - Freedom of Information Request - Duke of Rothesay correspondence

In Confidence

Dear [redacted]

The Royal Household would be broadly content with the draft response for the FOISA request from [redacted], however we would suggest some minor changes as indicated through the tracked changes in the attached version.

We would be grateful for the Scottish Government's views on our suggestions, and for sight of the final response as issued to the applicant in due course.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] Secretariat Assistant

Private Secretary's Office

Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 January 2016 14:35
To: [redacted]
Cc: FOI; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/16/00064 - Freedom of Information Request - Duke of Rothesay correspondence

[redacted],

Many thanks for forwarding the draft response. We have noted the deadline of Thursday 21 January, and we will get back to you with any comments ASAP.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Secretariat Assistant
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Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 January 2016 14:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: FOI; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/16/00064 - Freedom of Information Request - Duke of Rothesay correspondence

Dear [redacted]

Thanks for your email. Please see attached the draft reply. You'll see we are refusing the request on cost grounds given it seeks all correspondence with officials as well as Ministers. I'd be grateful for any comments by Thursday 21 January if possible.

[redacted]

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]
Freedom of Information Unit
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 January 2016 14:17
To: [redacted]
Cc: FOI; [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/16/00064 - Freedom of Information Request - Duke of Rothesay correspondence

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for letting the Household know about this new request.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
[redacted] Secretariat Assistant
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Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 14 January 2016 15:26

To: [redacted]

Cc: FOI; [redacted]

Subject: FW: FOI/16/00064 - Freedom of Information Request - Duke of Rothesay correspondence

Dear [redacted]

Happy New Year! We have received a further FOI request yesterday regarding correspondence with the Prince of Wales as follows:

- i) Copies provided digitally of all communications between the Duke of Rothesay or his private secretary and official Scottish government emails for the term of the current parliament (May 2011 until the date of submission for this request).
- ii) Copies provided digitally of all communications between the Duke of Rothesay or his private secretary and Scottish government ministers or officials in writing for the term of the current parliament (May 2011 until the date of submission for this request).

Please consider this a request under Freedom of Information laws.

This has the reference number FOI/16/00064. We will send you a copy of our draft response in due course.

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Freedom of Information Unit

Scottish Government

[redacted]

Document 2

From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 April 2016 12:51
To: [redacted]
Cc: 'FOI'; [redacted] ;[redacted]
Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Apologies, I forgot to reply to your tracked changes to the draft response.

[redacted]

In the paragraphs about the application of the section 38(1)(b) exemption, I'll take out the references to the [redacted] since the request refers only to the Duke.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **Sent:** 21 April 2016 12:18
To: [redacted]
Cc: 'FOI'; [redacted] ; [redacted] [redacted] **Subject:** RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your comments. I've added my responses in black below.

We will let you see our response again after it has been cleared by Ministers.

Kind regards

[redacted]
[redacted] Scottish Government
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]]
Sent: 15 April 2016 17:08
To: [redacted]
Cc: FOI; [redacted]
Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Please accept my apologies for our delayed response. Please find the Royal Household's views below:

[redacted]

Please also find attached the draft response with some suggested amendments indicated through tracked changes.

We would be very grateful for confirmation of your views on the above and attached draft, in due course.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Secretariat Assistant

Private Secretary's Office

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 11 April 2016 14:32

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail.

The tables below identify the letters which have been released before, and the relevant requests. As I mentioned in my earlier e-mail, we have no choice about releasing these because, once information has been released in response to an FOI/EIRs request, it is then in the public domain and must be given to anyone else who asks for it.

I hope this provides what you need.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] Scottish Government

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Doc. No	Date	Brief description	Release - wholly or in part	Exemption(s)/ Exception(s) applied	Decisions on previous requests (see attached table for details of requests)
5 [19]	16 August 2008	Letter from the Duke of Rothesay to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.	Release		FOI/15/01350 – in scope extracts released FOI/15/01111 – released FOI/15/01939 – released
6 [21]	15 September 2008	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment to the Duke of Rothesay (response to doc 5 [19]).	Release		FOI/15/01111 – released FOI/15/01939 – released
8 [25]	12 November 2008	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment to the Duke of Rothesay.	Release		FOI/15/01939 – released
9 [33]	22 September 2009	Letter from Principal Private Secretary to the Duke of Rothesay to the Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution.	Release Redact some names	Reg 11(2)/s.38(1)(b)	FOI/15/01350 – in scope extracts released. Only paragraph 1 was withheld because it was outwith the scope of that request. There is no reason to withhold it in this case.

11 [39]	30 December 2009	Letter from Principal Private Secretary to the Duke of Rothesay to the Minister for Culture and External Affairs.	Release Redact table	Reg 10(5)(f)	FOI/15/01350 – released with table redacted
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Case Ref	Requester	Summary of request
FOI/15/01939	[redacted]	[redacted]
FOI/15/01350	[redacted]	Any written correspondence from the Prince of Wales to Scottish Government Ministers, on rural affairs and the environment or culture and heritage, from 2007 to date.
FOI/15/01111	[redacted]	Correspondence sent by HRH Prince Charles to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment between January 2007 and December 2008. Please also include any responses sent by the Secretary to Prince Charles.

From: [redacted] **Sent:** 08 April 2016 17:17
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for forwarding the draft response and information in scope of this FOI request from [redacted] .

We will now review this information and will endeavour to respond by close on 13 April as requested.

To assist our review, we would be very grateful if you could please clarify which five documents have been released in previous requests. If possible, we would also be grateful for confirmation of which requests each document was released in response to.

Many thanks in advance,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Secretariat Assistant

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 07 April 2016 14:44

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Importance: High

Dear [redacted]

Further to the e-mails below, I have finished collating the relevant correspondence, prepared a schedule, and drafted my response. Copies of all of these are attached.

There are 15 letters within the scope of this request, as listed in the schedule. I propose to release 10 letters – 5 of these have been released before in response to other requesters and so we couldn't withhold them now.

In the light of paragraph 58 of the Scottish Information Commissioner's Decision 076/2016 (which I sent to you on 30 March), I have redacted the signatures of the Duke of Rothesay and his Principal Private Secretary but not the letter headings or addresses. I'm not including with this response the three letters which Decision 076 requires us to release, as these will be provided separately when we comply with the Decision.

You will recall that we withheld document 13 when we responded to previous requests from [redacted]. Having looked at this letter again, I think there is little chance that the Commissioner would agree if we decided to withhold it again this time, given the Duke's

well-known sympathy and support for the victims of the Clutha crash. Having already had one critical decision from her in relation to [redacted]' requests for the Duke's correspondence, we would want to avoid another one. However, we will continue to withhold documents 14 and 15 because they clearly relate to a private family matter and I'd be confident the Commissioner would support that decision.

I'd like to complete all of the work on this request before I finish up on 21 April for 2 weeks leave, so I'd be very grateful if you could let me have your comments on my draft response by close on 13 April.

Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss any of this.

Kind regards

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[redacted] Scottish Government
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[redacted]

From: [redacted] **Sent:** 31 March 2016 17:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted] ,

Many thanks for making the Royal Household aware of this new request from [redacted] for any remaining unpublished correspondence between The Prince of Wales and Scottish Ministers.

We look forward to sight of the information in scope and notification of your proposed approach, plus a draft response, in due course.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Secretariat Assistant

Private Secretary's Office

Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 March 2016 14:23

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: New FOI request from [redacted] - FOI/16/00536

Dear [redacted]

Following yesterday's Decision from the Scottish Information Commissioner, [redacted] has today sent in a new request for any remaining unpublished correspondence between Prince Charles and Scottish Ministers – see below.

I will need to review all of the correspondence we have but I don't think there is much which hasn't already been released. I will, of course, consult you as usual when I've collated the correspondence which falls within the scope of this request and drafted my response.

Kind regards

[redacted]
[redacted] Scottish Government
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[redacted]

From: [redacted] **Sent:** 31 March 2016 12:07
To: Central Enquiry Unit
Subject: Freedom of information request on Prince Charles letters

I wish to make a request under freedom of information legislation and environmental information regulations. I would be grateful if my request could be acknowledged.

The decision 076/2016 issued by the Scottish Information Commissioner, Rosemary Agnew, on 30 March 2016 comments on the availability of correspondence between HRH Prince Charles and Scottish ministers. It says:

In recognition of this wider interest in Prince Charles correspondence, and in line with their duty to assist, the Ministers explained that they had undertaken extensive searches which had allowed them to identify what they believed to be all such correspondence. They submitted that this should enable them to respond to any similar request in future, without invoking the cost limit.

Could the Scottish Government please supply copies of any remaining unpublished correspondence between Prince Charles and Scottish ministers, including all First Ministers and any other ministers?

I would prefer the information in an electronic format if possible. If the information is voluminous, or otherwise difficult to extract, I would be happy to discuss ways of reducing the cost.

Thank you for your help.

[redacted] --

[redacted] --

From: [redacted]

Sent: 30 March 2016 17:22

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Decision 076/2016 issued by the Scottish Information Commissioner - [redacted]- FOI/15/01059

Dear [redacted]

We have just received the attached Decision from the Scottish Information Commissioner in relation to [redacted]request for correspondence between the Prince of Wales and the former FM about devolution, the independence referendum, wildlife, climate change, food, agriculture and historic buildings.

<< File: Decision 076-2016.pdf >>

Disappointingly, she requires us to release the three letters we had withheld about the grant for Dumfries House (copies attached). We have until 16 May 2016 to comply with the Decision. She has agreed that we can redact personal data (see paragraph 58 of the Decision).

<< File: Document 3.pdf >> << File: Document 4.pdf >> << File: Document 5.pdf >>

We have not yet considered the Decision in detail but I wanted to let you see it as soon as possible. I will be in touch again about our arrangements for complying with the Decision.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]S

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[redacted]

Document 3

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 May 2016 17:05
To: [redacted] **Subject:** FOI/16/00536 - [redacted] - Prince Charles correspondence

Importance: High

Dear [redacted]

As discussed, here is the FOI response which we will be issuing to [redacted] tomorrow.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] Head of FOI Casework

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[redacted]



Document 1.pdf



Response to FOI
request - redacted.pdf



Document 5.pdf



Document 7.pdf



Document 9 --
redacted.pdf



Document 8.pdf



Document 6.pdf



Document 11 -- Document 13.pdf Document 12.pdf Document 10.pdf
redacted.pdf

Document 4

From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 February 2018 14:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/00371

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE

Dear [redacted],

Many apologies for missing your phone call. Thank you very much for providing me with an update.

Please do keep us informed of any future developments with the case.

Best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Secretariat Assistant | Secretariat
Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 09 February 2018 14:24

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI/18/00371

[redacted]

I did try to call you back. It looks like we will be handling this request by responding that we cannot answer on grounds of exceeding the cost limit.

[redacted]

Learning Directorate

Scottish Government

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[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 February 2018 16:08

To: [redacted] **Subject:** RE: FOI/18/00371

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email and for alerting us to this FOI request. My manager[redacted], Head of Secretariat, gave you a call this afternoon and left a message with your colleague. We would like to find out if there is any information in scope for this request, in order for us to respond with our views.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Secretariat Assistant | Secretariat

Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 February 2018 15:35

To: FOI

Subject: FOI/18/00371

Please find attached a letter from the Scottish Government.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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Document 5

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 February 2018 11:50
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI/18/00586

In Confidence

Dear [redacted],

Thank you very much for sending this FOISA request through to us.

I have had a look at the request, and it appears to be identical to the request you sent us on 8th February (except for the additional list of charities to be included in the request). I just wanted to confirm that this is the reason why the request has gone ahead, as previously I was under the impression that the request was going to exceed cost limits.

Furthermore, I was wondering whether you could send us any information that may be in scope of the request, so that we can respond with our views accordingly.

Best wishes and many thanks,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Secretariat Assistant | Secretariat

Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 February 2018 10:12

To: FOI

Subject: FOI/18/00586

Please find attached a letter from the Scottish Government regarding an FOI request.

[redacted]

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Scottish Government*

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[redacted]

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Document 6

From: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 March 2018 13:36

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for alerting us to this FOI request.

We look forward to receiving the draft response in due course.

Best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Secretariat Assistant | Secretariat

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[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 22 March 2018 12:05

To: FOI

Subject: FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

This is notification that we have received a request under FOISA for:

All communication between the Scottish Government and the Prince of Wales (including his representatives) discussing FOI requests received by the Scottish Government related to the Royal household / Royal family.

The response is due 19 April. We will share our draft response once it is ready.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] *Freedom of Information Unit*

Scottish Government | 2W St Andrews House | Regent Road Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted]

See our FOI SharePoint site at: ****://****/****/****

[redacted]

Document 7

From: [redacted]

Sent: 16 April 2018 09:51

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI Request

OFFICIAL

Dear [redacted],

Thank you very much for your patience on this case.

[redacted]

I hope this is all clear and apologies it is quite a convoluted response. Please do let me know if you require any further clarification.

We would request a copy of the draft response so we can make any final comments, before the final response is issued to the requester.

Many thanks,

[redacted]



[redacted] | **Research and Government Liaison Assistant** | **Secretariat**

Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 April 2018 11:55

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOI Request

Hi [redacted],

Thanks very much for the update.

Kind regards,

[redacted] Programme and Policy Support Officer | Creating Positive Futures | Early Learning and Childcare

From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 April 2018 11:36

To: [redacted] **Subject:** FOI Request

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your patience regarding the FOI request concerning The Prince of Wales. I am still waiting to hear back from my colleagues concerning how we respond to the request, however, I will have a response by Monday. I will then send you our views by COP on Monday in anticipation of the deadline on 19th.

Best wishes and thanks,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Research and Government Liaison Assistant | Secretariat

Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

[redacted]

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Document 8

From: [redacted]

Sent: 18 April 2018 13:58

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: For Information: FOI Response Issuing today

Dear [redacted],

Thank you very much for sending this through to us.

We are content with the draft response. We would request a copy of the final response for our records, as issued to the requester, in due course.

Many thanks,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Research and Government Liaison Assistant | Secretariat

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 April 2018 11:09
To: DFMCSE@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; MinisterCEY@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: For Information: FOI Response Issuing today

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a copy of the response to an FOI that covers 4 requests. We plan on issuing the response later today.
Kind regards,

[redacted]Programme and Policy Support Officer | Creating Positive Futures | Early Learning and Childcare | Victoria Quay, 2B South, EH6 6QQ

Document 9

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 April 2018 11:25
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: For Information: FOI Response Issuing today

Hi [redacted]

Thank you very much for sending through the draft response to us.

I should be able to get back to you with any comments after lunchtime.

Best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | **Research and Government Liaison Assistant** | **Secretariat**

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[redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 18 April 2018 11:09

To: DFMCSE@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; MinisterCFY@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: For Information: FOI Response Issuing today

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a copy of the response to an FOI that covers 4 requests. We plan on issuing the response later today.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Programme and Policy Support Officer | Creating Positive Futures | Early Learning and Childcare | Victoria Quay, 2B South, EH6 6QQ

Document 10

From: [redacted]

Sent: 03 May 2018 09:58

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

Hi [redacted],

Thank you very much for sending this through and sorry for the delay in my reply.

We are content with the draft response and please do keep us updated with any further developments.

Many thanks and best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | **Research and Government Liaison Assistant** | **Secretariat**

Buckingham Palace | London | SW1A 1AA

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 01 May 2018 10:38

To: [redacted]

Cc: FOI; foi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Freedom of Information request - FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

Hi [redacted][redacted]

Thank you for your email below.

I have attached our proposed draft response for awareness. As you will see I am proposing to respond under section 12 of FOISA to advise that we consider the upper cost limit applies in this case.

The approach and draft response are still being considered as part of our internal clearance process. I will let you know should this require any further amendments, in the meantime, it would be helpful if you could provide any comments on the attached draft by 4 May 2018.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] | Lead Caseworker | Freedom of Information Unit | Scottish Government | 2W | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted].

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 18 April 2018 13:55

To: Freedom of Information

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

Dear [redacted],

Thank you very much for alerting us to this case.

We look forward to hearing from you with any information in scope.

Best wishes,

[redacted]



[redacted] | Research and Government Liaison Assistant | Secretariat

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[redacted]

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From: [redacted] On Behalf Of foi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 18 April 2018 07:59

To: FOI

Cc: foi@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Freedom of Information request - FOI/18/00863 - Correspondence with Royal Household

Hi

For awareness, we have received a request under FOI for:

- All communication between the Scottish Government and the Prince of Wales (including his representatives) discussing FOI requests received by the Scottish Government related to the Royal household / Royal family. The timeframe for this request is April 2015 - present.

The request is from a freelance journalist. We are currently collating the information we hold and will share a draft response with you for comment in due course.

Happy to discuss further as required.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted] | Lead Caseworker | Freedom of Information Unit | Scottish Government | 2W | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted].

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