

## Annex A – Information released

The table below summarises the information released:

Item number	Description
1	Email from Chief Statistician notifying ministers of the publication of GERS 2017-18, as one of a number of publications in August and September 2018
2	Extract of excel spreadsheet attached to Item 1
3	Email providing pre-release access to GERS 2017-18
4	Copy of GERS 2017-18 attached to Item 3
5	Meeting request from Communications Economy

These Items are provided below.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because an exemption under section 30(b) (i) (free and frank provision of advice) of FOISA applies to that information. The reasons why that exemption applies is that release would have harmful effect on effective conduct of public affairs within the Scottish Government, and would have an effect on the content of future briefing on this subject.

In addition, the names and contact details of some officials have been redacted under section 38(1)(b) (third party data)

## Item 1 – Email from Chief Statistician’s Office notifying ministers of the publication of GERS 2017-18

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 01 August 2018 09:55

To: Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; Cabinet Secretary for Justice; Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People; Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy; Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills; Minister for Children and Young People; Minister for Community Safety; Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands; Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development; Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science; Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning; Minister for Mental Health; Minister for Older People and Equalities; Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy; Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing; Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; DG Health & Social Care; DG Education, Communities & Justice; DG Constitution and External Affairs; Campbell AM (Angela); Fuller S (Simon); Gillespie G (Gary); Halliday R (Roger); Head of Justice Analytical Services; [redacted]; Khan U (Uzma); MacDougall A (Audrey); Pooley L (Linda) Dr; Signorini D (David); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Signorini D (David); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Head of Census, Statistics & Registration; [redacted]; [redacted]; Halliday R (Roger); [redacted]; [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; DG Organisational Development & Operations; DG Economy; Permanent Secretary; Communications CSSE; Communications ICC; Communications Healthier; Communications Justice; Communications Rural Economy & Environment; Communications DFM & Education; Communications Economy

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: Forthcoming Publications - Official Statistics - August and September 2018

Hi All,

Please see the attached Forthcoming Publications for August and September 2018 from Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician and Data Officer.

Regards,

## Item 2 – Extract of Excel table accompanying Item 1

Title of File: Ministerial Report - August and September 2018.xlsx

# Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Government Expenditure and Revenues Scotland (GERS), 2017-18	22-Aug-18	Annual	Annual release of public sector finance statistics for Scotland.	Of significant media interest.
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### Item 3 – Email to ministers providing pre-release access to GERS 2017-18

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 21 August 2018 09:33

**To:** First Minister; Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy

**Cc:** Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills; Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation; Permanent Secretary; DG Economy; DG Scottish Exchequer Mailbox; Gillespie G (Gary); Halliday R (Roger); Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); Ingebrigtsen R (Ross); Lloyd E (Elizabeth); McAllister C (Colin); [redacted]; [redacted]; Fuller S (Simon); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

**Subject:** PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE & REVENUE SCOTLAND (GERS) - OFFICIAL SENSITIVE until 09:30 on 22 August 2018

First Minister

Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy & Fair Work

Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy

Copy as above

### **Government Expenditure & Revenue Scotland 2017-18 - OFFICIAL SENSITIVE until 09:30 on 22 August 2018**

Please find attached a submission relating to tomorrow's publication of the above statistics.

Please note that these statistics (and any conclusions or lines drawn from the statistics) are restricted to Ministers and officials on the copy list until publication at 09.30 on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

Many thanks

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St Andrews House  
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## Item 5 – Meeting request from Communications Economy

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**Subject:** FW: GERS chat  
**Location:** tbc - our admin hub is checking what is available

**Start:** Tue 21/08/2018 09:30  
**End:** Tue 21/08/2018 10:00

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Communications Economy

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Communications Economy

**Sent:** 20 August 2018 14:31

**To:** Communications Economy; Fuller S (Simon); Ingebrigtsen R (Ross)

**Subject:** GERS chat

**When:** 21 August 2018 09:30-10:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** tbc - our admin hub is checking what is available