

[REDACTED] FOI REQUEST (FOI 18/03162)

Question

Any correspondence (emails, letters, phone calls, handwritten notes or any other documents) between the lead official on FOI request 18/02267 and/or Scottish Government ministers and/or the SG FOI Unit and/or special advisers regarding the response to that FOI request.

Information should include: a detailed timeline (with dates) of when the lead official contacted ministers/special advisers (and vice versa); any notes or comments or suggestions offered by ministers or special advisers to the lead official; any input from the SG FOI Unit; any advice or comments from ministers/spads rejected by the lead official; any advice or comments from ministers/spads accepted by the lead official; any correspondence (as defined previously) on the use of exemptions; any correspondence (as defined previously) on material to be redacted; any information on delays to the FOI response; any information on who received the FOI to clear, when they responded and what they said; and any information on delays to the FOI response.

Response

Timeline of communication

No.	Date	Type (meeting or correspondence)
1.	18 September 2018	E-mail from the FoI lead official to special advisers office
2.	18 September 2018	Draft reply letter
3.	18 September 2018	Draft response
4.	18 September 2018	E-mail from special advisers office to the FoI lead official
5.	19 September 2018	E-mail from the FoI lead official to the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
6.	20 September 2018	E-mail from the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to the FoI lead official

Communication content

Document 1: E-mail from the FoI lead official to special advisers

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 18 September 2018 14:41

To: FoI SpAds PO

Cc: [Redacted] Rollison R (Richard); [Redacted] Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); McCaig C (Callum); [Redacted]

Subject: FoI/18/02267 in relation to FME Limited Loans - Mr [Redacted] - Draft Response

SpAds

We received request number FoI/18/02267 from [Redacted] asking for the total amount of SG funding given to Ferguson Shipyard.

Attached is the draft reply letter and question response.

I would be very grateful if you could please let me know whether you are happy for me to proceed and whether it requires Ministerial approval.

Please note this is due on Friday 21st September.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

Document 2 – Draft reply letter

Economic Development Directorate



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Sent by email to: [\[Redacted\]](#)

«Date»

Our ref: Fol/18/02267

Dear [Redacted]

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

Thank you for your request dated 24 August 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked the Scottish Government for: “The total amount of Scottish Government funding (including grants, investments and loans) provided to Ferguson Shipyard and its subsidiaries in the last three years.”

Response to your request

I enclose a response to the information you requested.

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 Mary McAllan, Director of Economic Development, 3rd Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8LU (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

Jennifer Moore

Document 3 – Draft response

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The total amount of Scottish Government funding (including grants, investments and loans) provided to Ferguson Shipyard and its subsidiaries in the last three years.

Response

The Scottish Government does not hold detailed information on all public funding provided to private companies in Scotland. The Scottish Government and all public bodies report their expenditure, including commercial transactions, in their published annual accounts.

In September 2017 the Scottish Government agreed to provide a commercial loan facility of up to £15 million to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL). This facility was fully drawn in the financial year 2017-18 and the expenditure will be recorded in the Scottish Government's Consolidated Accounts for 2017-18 when they are published in September 2018.

In June 2018 the Scottish Government agreed a further commercial loan facility for FMEL of up £30 million. Actual expenditure under this facility will be recorded in the Scottish Government's Consolidated Accounts for 2018-19.

The Consolidated Accounts of the Scottish Government for the years before 2017-18 are available from the Scottish Government's website (www.gov.scot).

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Document 4 - E-mail from special advisers office to the lead official

From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** FoI SpAds PO
Sent: 18 September 2018 17:20
To: [Redacted] FoI SpAds PO
Cc: [Redacted] Rollison R (Richard); [Redacted] Maxwell S (Stewart) (Special Adviser); McCaig C (Callum); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/02267 in relation to FME Limited Loans - Mr [Redacted] - Draft Response

[Redacted]

SpAds have considered and are content for this to go for ministerial clearance.

Thanks,
[Redacted]

Document 5: E-mail from the FoI lead official to the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2018 11:07
To: Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Rollison R (Richard); [Redacted]
Subject: For Immediate Response - FMEL FoI Request

PO
Cc: For Info

We received an FoI request from Mr [Redacted] requesting the total amount of SG funding provided to Ferguson Shipyard in the last three years.

Attached is the proposed reply letter and response [document 2 and document 3].

Please note this FoI is due on Friday 21st September. I would be grateful if this could be cleared by the Cabinet Secretary, if possible by Friday to avoid being late. Sincere apologies for the late turnaround.

Please be aware there are a further 4 requests regarding FMEL that are currently being dealt with.

Kind regards
[Redacted]

Document 6: E-mail from the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to the FOI lead official

From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Sent: 20 September 2018 15:27

To: [Redacted] Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Rollison R (Richard); [Redacted]

Subject: RE: For Immediate Response - FMEL FoI Request

Hello [Redacted]

Mr Mackay is content to clear.

Thanks

[Redacted]