

FOI CASE REFERENCE: 2020/00035632

ANNEX 3: FOI: FORESTRY CREATION SCHEMES IN SCOTLAND/ABERDEENSHIRE

	Question	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
1	How much publicly-funded money is available in this financial year for forestry creation schemes in Scotland? How much of this comes from the EU or EU funds?	N/A	N/A	<p>Information otherwise accessible</p> <p>This information is published in the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) budget category spreadsheet and SRDP plan</p> <p>FGS Briefing Note 29: https://forestry.gov.scot/publications/783-covid-response-fgs-april/download Currently EU funding contributes 52.89%</p>	N/A	N/A
2	How much public funding is available each year over the next two years for forestry creation schemes in Scotland? Is any of this from the EU or EU funds? If so, how much?	N/A	N/A	<p>N/A</p> <p>Note: The 2020/20 Scottish Budget (and previous years), including the forestry budget is available to few at: https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-budget-2020-21/pages/13/</p>	Information not held	Information not held
3	How many forestry creation schemes have been submitted in Scotland this year and for each of the previous two years?	383	370	<p>Information otherwise accessible</p> <p>From our publish Forestry Grant Scheme Statistics – The number Woodland Creation options submitted in FY. No figure available for 2020 as only 6 weeks into year.</p> <p>https://forestry.gov.scot/publications/standards-regulations-and-incentives/forestry-grant-scheme/forestry-grant-scheme-statistics?start=0</p>	N/A	N/A

4	How many submissions/objections have been raised to forestry creation schemes across Scotland during the consultation period this year and during the consultation period in each of the previous two years? And how many specifically in Aberdeenshire?	N/A	N/A	Information not held	N/A	N/A
5	How many of those submissions/objections have resulted in amendments to the forestry creation schemes across Scotland? And how many specifically in Aberdeenshire?	N/A	N/A	Information not held	N/A	N/A
6	What particular points did the submissions/objections refer to/ what were the contents of the submissions/objections? Please also break this information down specifically into Aberdeenshire?	N/A	N/A	Information not held	N/A	N/A
7	What is the total area of Sitka Spruce contained in forestry creation schemes submitted this year in Scotland? And in each of the previous two years? Please also break this information down specifically into Aberdeenshire?	N/A	N/A	Information not held Note: Information is recorded at the claim stage and known what was planted in each year. This is only by Conservancy boundary and not in Aberdeenshire.	N/A	N/A

8	What is the total area of Sitka Spruce given the go-ahead in forestry creation schemes in Scotland this year? And in each of the previous two years? Please also break this information down specifically into Aberdeenshire?	3,428 hectares in Scotland and 44 hectares in Grampian	Information not held Not known at this time until all claims are processed.	Information not held Note: Information is recorded at the claim stage and known what was planted in each year. This is only by Conservancy boundary and not in Aberdeenshire.	N/A	N/A
9	How many appeals have been made to amend or overturn the whole or part of forestry creation schemes approved this year in Scotland? And in each of the previous two years? Please also break this information down specifically into Aberdeenshire?			Information not held A high proportion of forestry schemes are amended as a result of the comments from third parties. However, there isn't a third party appeal process under FGS. Third parties can challenge decisions made under Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017; none have been made in the last 2 years.	N/A	N/A
10	How many have of these appeals have succeeded in amending or overturning the whole or part of forestry creation schemes approved this year in Scotland? And in each of the previous two years? Please also break this information down specifically into Aberdeenshire?			Information not held As above for question 10	N/A	N/A