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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 20 June 2018 12:44

To: Central Enquiry Unit <ceu@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI request

I sent an FOI request two days ago (18.06.18). I also asked for confirmation it had been received.

Can you acknowledge it has been received?

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 18 June 2018 15:38

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI request

Would like to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation.

1) Any information relating to complaints about the conduct of Alex Salmond while he was first minister.

Thank you.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this FOI request.

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Doc 2

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk> >
Sent: 13 April 2018 16:46
To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: FOI request

I would like to request the following information under FOI legislation:

- 1) Details of how long the first minister spent in a hotel before moving into temporary accommodation after Bute House was found to have faults that needed to be repaired. How many days did the first minister stay in a hotel, which days were these.
- 2) Details of the cost of the first minister's hotel accommodation for this period: the overall cost and/or the daily rate. Plus: any additional bills from that period.
- 3) Details of which hotel was used to accommodate the first minister during this time.

Thank you, can you please acknowledge receipt of this FOI request.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 April 2018 08:44
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>
Subject: FOISA Acknowledgment of request. Our reference: FoI/18/01140

Dear [REDACTED],

Please see attached letter regarding your Freedom of Information request.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Sent: 14 May 2018 15:46
To: [REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk
Subject: FOI: First Minister and temporary accommodation use

Hi [REDACTED],

Following your recent Freedom of Information request, please find a response letter attached.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Senior Media Manager

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Our reference: Fol/18/01140

17th April 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

FOISA Acknowledgment of request

Thank you for your request dated 13 April under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

“1) Details of how long the first minister spent in a hotel before moving into temporary accommodation after Bute House was found to have faults that needed to be repaired.

How many days did the first minister stay in a hotel, which days were these. 2) Details of the cost of the first minister's hotel accommodation for this period: the overall cost and/or the daily rate. Plus: any additional bills from that period. 3) Details of which hotel was used to accommodate the first minister during this time.”

We received your request on 13 April and will respond in accordance with FOISA by 14 April.

If you have any queries, please contact me quoting case number Fol/18/01140.

Yours Sincerely

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Our reference: Fol/18/01140

14th May 2018

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA) Thank you for your request dated 13 April under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

“1) Details of how long the first minister spent in a hotel before moving into temporary accommodation after Bute House was found to have faults that needed to be repaired.

How many days did the first minister stay in a hotel, which days were these.

2) Details of the cost of the first minister's hotel accommodation for this period: the overall cost and/or the daily rate. Plus: any additional bills from that period.

3) Details of which hotel was used to accommodate the first minister during this time.”

Response to your request

The information you have requested is available from <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/foi-1702674/> . Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website listed, please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

You also asked which days the First Minister stayed in a hotel. The First Minister spent a total of six nights in a hotel over two separate weeks, comprising Monday to Wednesday night inclusive.

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 Head of FOI Unit, 2W, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or email foi@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

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Doc 3

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 17 October 2018 11:49

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Subject: Fwd: FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED WITH SCOTTISH SPCA AS INVESTIGATION REVEALS BLATANT ABUSE OF SHEEP

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Contact:

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FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED WITH SCOTTISH SPCA AS INVESTIGATION REVEALS BLATANT ABUSE OF SHEEP

Workers Caught on Video Punching, Stamping on, and Beating Sheep With Clippers on 24 Farms

Fife – This morning, PETA Asia submitted a 12-page formal complaint and evidence to the Scottish SPCA after an eyewitness documented wool workers in Scotland striking terrified sheep in the face with electric clippers, slamming their heads into the floor, beating and kicking them, and throwing them off shearing trailers.

The [video](#) footage obtained by the eyewitness highlights just some of the cruelty observed at 24 sheep farms toured by shearers from a shearing contractor earlier this year. Shearers are paid by volume, not by the hour, which encourages fast, violent handling that leads to gaping wounds on the animals' bodies, which shearers stitched up using a needle and thread but no pain relief. One of the sheep was suffering from mastitis and couldn't stand up, and a worker explained that she was going to be shot.

PETA Asia has asked the Scottish SPCA to launch an investigation and, if

appropriate, file criminal charges against the workers for apparent violations of laws prohibiting cruelty to animals.

In August, PETA Asia released the first-ever [video exposé](#) of cruelty within the English wool industry, showing similar abuse.

"After exposing cruelty within the English wool industry, we've found the same horrifying abuse of sheep at farms in Scotland," says PETA Asia Senior Vice President Jason Baker. "Everywhere that eyewitnesses from PETA Asia and its affiliates go – from Australia and the US to South America and now the United Kingdom – they see the same disturbing behaviour. The production of all wool – no matter where it originated or what "ethical" or "responsibly sourced" claims are made on its label – spells extreme suffering and death for millions of gentle sheep and lambs."

PETA Asia – whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to wear" – encourages consumers to choose materials that are not produced through appalling abuse.

Photographs from the investigation are available [here](#). Broadcast-quality video footage from the investigation is available [here](#). For more information, please visit PETAAsia.com.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 09 February 2018 10:10

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Letter

Letter to the editor from Miles Briggs MSP, Scottish Conservative Health Spokesperson, Anas Sarwar MSP, Scottish Labour Spokesman, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrat Health Spokesman and Alison Johnstone MSP, Scottish Greens Health Spokesman

Dear Sir,

Last week the Scottish Government's consultation on a new diet and obesity strategy for Scotland came to a close. The final strategy, expected in the summer, is much needed.

When it's more common for Scottish adults to be overweight than a healthy weight, you know it's time to act. Especially when obesity and poor diet are linked to harms ranging from heart disease and stroke, to cancer and type 2 diabetes.

All parties in Scotland must unite around the need for the Government to be bold and brave in its new plan for tackling the nation's weight problem. After all, the public's support is clear.

In the latest Scottish Social Attitudes Survey, the majority of people were in favour of a wide range of actions being taken to help tackle obesity.

That's why we're calling on Ministers to take forward proposals likely to have the most impact, including restricting junk food price promotions in supermarkets, and exploring how to strengthen current labelling arrangements and improve the way important nutrition information is communicated to shoppers.

The burden excess weight is placing on the health of our nation – and indeed the strain it's placing on the NHS – merits an ambitious approach. All of our parties are committed to supporting a radical new approach. The Scottish Government must not shy away from the challenge.

Yours,

Miles Briggs MSP, Scottish Conservative Health Spokesperson, Anas Sarwar MSP, Scottish Labour Spokesman, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrat Health Spokesman and Alison Johnstone MSP, Scottish Greens Health Spokesman.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 26 June 2018 11:56

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Richard Leonard quotes

Richard Leonard on GMS: "There have been a number of instances where the commercial sector providing care for the elderly has collapsed."

"We don't think that system, dependent on commercial values or even charitable values, is the right way forward. We think the time has come for a much more radical approach to the provision of care for our elderly.

"We think the principles that underpin the National Health Service, which we are celebrating today in the parliament, are the very kind of principles we should examine and see how they might apply to a situation we now face with an ageing population.

"There needs to be a fundamental review in how we provide care for the elderly.

"We need to do what that 1945 generation did which is to think big and act radical.

"We have seen over the last couple of decades the withdrawal of local authority provision and the encroachment of private sector provision but often its not been sustainable, that private sector provision and I think therefore that, for the longer term, we need to look at the different ways that might be provided."

By local authorities, not by the private sector?

"Absolutely, I don't think, given the size of the ageing population – which is something we welcome as a great thing – but given the scale of the challenge we will face as a society that we can simply leave it to commercial principles, the market or indeed the third sector to provide it.

"The principle of the NHS, which was based on free provision based on general taxation is one I think we need to examine in care for the elderly and that means that looking at levels of taxation in society."

"There is now an opportunity for us to look at whether the balance of taxation is right between income and wealth."

"As a Labour Party, we want to see a more progressive form of taxation, fairer taxation and we do think the time has come to think a bit more longer term and think about the increasing demands there will be on the National Health Service and also on local authorities' care."

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 28 February 2018 16:29

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Councils

[REDACTED] Hi,

We are planning a fairly big number on council tax and council cuts in the next few days. There will be two pieces, one on council tax (all councils to put up council tax by 3% - I know we haven't got them all yet but all seem to be heading in that direction) and the other piece on council cuts: which services which councils are going to be looking to cut over the next year to cope with the squeeze on their finances.

Can you get me two lines, one for each piece?

The first should be about the council tax rise and the Scot Govt's reaction to councils all raising the tax by the maximum and the second on the cuts.

Then, what's the Scot Govt response to cuts across the country (jobs, mobile libraries, arts funding etc) even though tax is going up?

Is that ok?

Let me know if you'll be able to get these. tomorrow fine.

many thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@the-times.co.uk>

Sent: 12 February 2018 10:35

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Link

<https://www.nfus.org.uk/news/news/seasonal-worker-survey-highlights-horticultural-industry-concern-over-future>

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Doc 8

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: 01 November 2017 16:45

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: Fol request

To whom it may concern:

I would like to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation.

- 1) All correspondence from the Catalan regional government in Spain, members of the Catalan administration and the Catalan delegation in the United Kingdom to the Scottish government, its ministers and its officials, from Jan 1 2013 to Dec 31 2014.
- 2) All correspondence from the Scottish government, its ministers and officials to the Catalan administration, its ministers, officials or representatives and to the delegation from Catalonia in the United Kingdom during the same period, Jan 1 2013 to Dec 31 2014.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this request.

Thank you,

[REDACTED].