

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked because while there is a general consensus on the definition for green jobs as set out in main the answer, there is currently no agreed statistical definition which can be used to produce official estimates of green jobs.

This statistical definition would be required to produce official estimates in response to

- b) Per the Scottish Government's definition of green jobs, how many green jobs are there in Scotland as of August 2022?
- c) What is the average annual salary for green jobs in Scotland in 2022?
- d) What percent of workers who are employed in green jobs in Scotland are currently employed by companies that are headquartered in Scotland?

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

Please see additional information below, on developments related to a statistical definition of green jobs, which may be of interest in Annex B

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Definition of green jobs to produce statistics on jobs and earnings and HQ of company

There is currently no agreed statistical definition of green jobs which can be used to produce official estimates, including number of jobs, earnings and HQ of company for the period August 2022

However the Scottish Government are keen to progress the development of a statistical definition which will allow for future reporting of official statistics on green jobs and work is ongoing with other UK government departments and agencies in Scotland.

To support the implementation of the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan, Skills Development Scotland have commissioned external academics to produce estimates of number of green jobs in Scotland. This work has involved considering green jobs based on an occupation basis, industry basis and also based on jobs online vacancies analysis.

Scottish Government has also been engaging with Office for National Statistics and liaising with UK wide departments. There is currently no agreed definition the ONS can use to produce statistics on green jobs. Various UK and international organisations use a range of definitions, which is explored in [The challenges of defining a "green job"](#).

ONS have recently published the survey *Defining and measuring Green Jobs*, this survey closes on the 6th of October 2022 [consultations website](#). You may be interested in responding to this consultation individually. For information the Scottish Government will also respond to this.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) was named in the UK government's [Net Zero Strategy](#) (October 2021), it states "The Office for National Statistics will seek to refine our understanding and measurement of the green economy as the UK transitions to net zero, including looking at such issues as quality of work and diversity within the green economy."

The ONS' "[Green jobs", current and upcoming work: March 2022](#) explained why green jobs are important for the UK and that they have been funded by HM Treasury's Economy Data Innovation Fund to undertake a dedicated project on defining green jobs and producing statistical and analytical outputs.

Existing published official sources related to Green jobs

ONS currently produce two sets of related official estimates, [Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Economy](#). Which produces estimates for employment in Scotland. Also the [Environmental Goods and Services Sector](#) which only produces estimates for UK wide. However, these are not consistent with the general understanding of what is a green job as set out in the response to these questions.

[1] [Green Jobs : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(bls.gov\)](#)

[2] [climate-emergency-skills-action-plan-2020-2025.pdf \(skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk\)](#)

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