

1. Information relating to all meetings held in which Ross Greer MSP and Kate Forbes MSP were present since January 1, 2022

29/03/2022, 14:30, Video Conference, Meeting/with MSPs, Ross Greer MSP and Maggie Chapman MSP, Resource Spending Review

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Decision not to release information

Exemptions under section 29(1)(a) (formulation or development of government policy) and section 30(1)(b)(ii) (free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation) of FOISA apply to the following items of information held relating to the above meeting:

- A note which records discussions at the meeting; and
- Presentation slides displayed during the meeting.

Other presentation slides have not been released as they are outside the scope of your request since they are not related to “Scottish Ministers pay talks”.

2. Information relating to all meetings held in which Ross Greer MSP and John Swinney MSP were present since January 1, 2022

03/08/2022, 11:00, Meeting, St Andrew's House, Ross Greer MSP – Budget

Email from Director of Budget and Spending to Deputy First Minister (with attachments), 2 August 2022, relating to meeting held on 3 August 2022

From: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Sent: 02 August 2022 16:17

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Cc: Chief Financial Officer <cfo@gov.scot>; Black E (Elise) <Elise.Black@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>

Subject: Meeting with Ross Greer MSP - 11am tomorrow - briefing

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DFM is meeting Mr Greer tomorrow to discuss the 2022-23 budget position, public sector pay and planning for Budget 2023-24.

I enclose two papers by way of background briefing.

- the first is the recent advice DFM has received on Budget 2022-23
- the second is the draft update paper that will be provided for tomorrow's Strategic Pay Co-ordination Group (*some portfolio updates still need to be received ahead of the final paper issuing in the morning*)

As discussed with Callum, should DFM wish to use aide memoires during the meeting, I attach:

- an extract from the Budget 2022-23 paper showing the latest position and RAG options
- a high level timeline for Budget 2023-24

I will provide official support at the meeting and am happy to talk to these points if helpful.

Andrew

Andrew Watson | Director of Budget and Public Spending | The Scottish Government

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Decision not to release information

The decision has been taken not to release the attachments to the above email. The fourth attachment, "a high level timeline for Budget 2023-24", is outside the scope of your request as it is not directly relevant to "Scottish Ministers pay talks".

Exemptions under section 29(1)(a) (formulation or development of government policy) and section 30(1)(b)(i) (free and frank provision of advice) of FOISA apply to the entirety of the other three attachments referred to in the above email.

Email from the Deputy First Minister to Ross Greer – Cost of Living Crisis, 20 June 2022

Sent: Mon 20/06/2022 17:09

From: [Redacted] on behalf of; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: Note from the Deputy First Minister

To: 'Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot'

CC: Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>; Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterGSCEB@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum)

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Dear Mr Greer,

In advance of your meeting at 1730, and with apologies for the delay, please find attached a note from the Deputy First Minister. I should be grateful if this note can be treated with the strictest of confidence and not shared beyond the copy list of this email.

Best wishes,

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

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Decision not to release information

Exemptions under section 29(1)(a) (formulation or development of government policy), section 29(1)(b) (Ministerial communications) and section 30(1)(b)(ii) (free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation) of FOISA apply to information held in the form of the note referred to in the above email.

3. Information relating to all meetings held in which Ross Greer MSP and Ben Macpherson MSP were present since January 1, 2022

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because, for the period concerned, our records show that no meetings were held between Mr Greer and Mr Macpherson concerning “pay talks”.

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