

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

Thank you for your request dated 01/03/2023 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for

Please provide all correspondence sent by Scottish Government Special Advisers, and mentioning “Humza Yousaf” or just “Humza”, between 15th February 2023 and 1st March 2023.

Response to your request

I enclose a copy of some of the information you requested.

Some of the information you have requested is available in a link provided in the attachment.

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(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

An exemption(s) under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA applies to some the information you have requested.

Section s.38(1)(b) (personal information and of FOISA applies to that information - the personal data of a third party.

The exemptions in section 38 are mostly absolute, which means that they are not subject to the public interest test.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

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 Andrew Bruce, Director for Communications, Ministerial Support And Workplace, St. Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG or email Andrew.Bruce@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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date 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>.