

## **Annex**

Exemptions under sections s.29(1)(a) (policy formulation), s.38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested.

Section 29(1)(a) (policy formulation) has been applied for the following reasons: we are not able to release information that relates to the formulation or development of government policy. This means information has been redacted as it has not yet been published and remains under a process of development.

Section 38(1)(b) (personal information) has been applied. The personal information of Scottish Government officials has been redacted as they are not Senior Civil Servants.

### Public interest test

The exemption s.29 (1) (a) is subject to the public interest test. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption.

The exemption s.38 (1) (b), 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.