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REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

An exemption applies

An exemption under section 12 of FOISA applies to some the information you have requested. Under Section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit in conducting a search of all of the records of the Scottish Government, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

You may, however, wish to consider reducing the scope of your request in order that the costs can be brought below £600. For example, you could specify the subject matter of the correspondence you are interested in or restrict your request to a specific business area of the Scottish Government, as this would allow us to limit the searches that would require to be conducted. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for requesting information under FOI and the EIRs' on his website at: <http://www.itpublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

The Scottish Government does not have the information

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because the Scottish Government is not responsible for the appointments to public authorities such as the Scottish Public Pensions Agency.

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