

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

Section 27(1) – Information intended for future publication

An exemption under section 27(1) of FOISA applies to some of the information requested because we intend to publish that information in the Autumn of this year and within 12 weeks of the date of your request. We consider that it is reasonable to withhold the information until that date, rather than release all of this information before the planned publication date. Although an exact date of publication has yet to be set we can assure you that the information requested will be published in that time period on our Scottish Government website. [Publications - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG www.gov.scot This exemption 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 although we recognise that there is some public interest in release and this will be met by our planned publication.

In the meantime, there is a greater public interest in taking the time necessary to ensure the information has been properly collated and checked before it is published as planned. Also, we see no public interest in disrupting our programme of work to release the information ahead of the intended publication date.

I have in the meantime, provided you with the costs provided to Ferguson Marine since the start of this 2023/2024 Financial Year.