

ANNEX A

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Exemptions applied to part two of the request

We have withheld a number of documents in scope of the request under sections s.30(b)(i) (free and frank provision of advice) and s.30(b)(ii) (free and frank exchange of views) because release may substantially inhibit further development of the policy and fundamentally damage relations with key stakeholders.

An exemption under section s.38(1)(b) (personal information) applies to part of Document 4 in relation to the names of Scottish Government officials and third party representatives. This is because disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR and in section 34(1) of the DPA 2018.

With reference to Document 1, this formed part of a wider briefing sent to Ministers on 26 September 2023 and so we have redacted information that is not in scope of the request.

Exemptions applied to part three of the request

Exemptions under sections s.29(1)(a) (formulation or development of Scottish Administration policy), s.30(b)(i) (free and frank provision of advice), and s.30(b)(ii) (free and frank exchange of views) apply to the information contained in a number of the documents. This is because the information relates to the development of Scottish Government policy and release may substantially inhibit the free and frank provision of advice and exchange of views and fundamentally damage relations with key stakeholders.

An exemption under section s.38(1)(b) (personal information) applies to a number of the documents in relation to the names and other identifying information of Scottish Government officials. This is because disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR and in section 34(1) of the DPA 2018.

We have withheld one document, a letter from the Cabinet Secretary to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee under section s.25(1) (information otherwise accessible). The letter provides further information about the Parental Transition Fund for the Committee's Inquiry into Child Poverty and Parental Employment. This letter is available from [Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice \(parliament.scot\)](https://www.parliament.scot/CabinetSecretaryforSocialJustice). 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 listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.