

Annex: Reasons for not providing information (as referenced in paragraph 3)

The Scottish Government does not hold the information requested

In relation to **Question 1** of your request, there were no minutes or notes taken for the meetings between Scottish Government Officials and the UK Government, and the Northern Irish Government.

I have reviewed the minutes of meetings and correspondence the Scottish Government holds that are relevant to the scope of **Question 3** of your request, and can confirm that there is no material that falls within the terms of your question.

As such, I hereby provide you with formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.