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Your ref:

Our ref:
202300342058

Date:
21 March 2023

Dear Katy Clark MSP,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 7 February 2023 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I am making this request for myself and not on behalf of any parliamentary committee of which I am a member. Please send me a list of all the public grants awarded by the Scottish Government to Peel Group Limited and its subsidiary companies since 2003, broken down by year. Please send me the Scottish Government's stated purpose for providing each grant. Please specify which Peel Group company each of these grants was given to.

Clarification of your request was confirmed as:

I would like to specify I would like a list of all public grants awarded by the Scottish Government to the Peel Group, the infrastructure and property investment business, which owns Peel Ports Group and also operates in a number of other sectors, since 2003. To be clear, I would like a list of every single grant, regardless of the Scottish Government area, since 2003, broken down by year. Please send me the Scottish Government's stated purpose for providing each grant. Please specify which Peel Group company each of these grants was given to. I

Response to your request

We are not obliged to under the FOI Scotland Act 2002 provide information which is already within the public domain, and would therefore refer you to the following:

Freedom of Information Request: 2022/00319214 issued September 2022

Freedom of Information Request: 2022/00297832 issued July 2022.

We have conducted a search of our records and identified information within the scope of your request which is detailed in **Annex A** to this letter.

Your right to a request for a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Alison Irvine, Interim Chief Executive of Transport Scotland, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU; as to why you are dissatisfied with the response and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

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Kind Regards,
Transport Scotland

ANNEX A

INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

1. Decommissioning Challenge Fund – 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

Clydeport Operations Limited (parent company of Peel Ports Group) were grant awarded the amount of £507,915.23 as part of the Fund.

The Decommissioning Challenge Fund; was announced by the First Minister on 8 February 2017 as a means of supporting:

- ◊ infrastructure upgrades and innovation in retrieval and transportation methods at ports and harbours
- ◊ supply chain projects to strengthen Scottish decommissioning capabilities and capacities
- ◊ projects to develop high quality and comprehensive investment-grade business proposals for decommissioning
- ◊ engineering scoping work at key sites to build business cases
- ◊ feasibility studies to help to attract private investment

The DCF aligns with and supports cost reduction efforts related to retrieval and disposal activities, with the aim of improving the Scottish onshore decommissioning market.

It supports the Decommissioning Action Plan and complements past successes of the Scottish supply chain in securing contracts for certain aspects of high-value decommissioning work.


Further information on the Fund can be accessed via: [Oil and gas decommissioning - Oil and gas - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/resources/publications/2017/201702/0217020001.pdf)

1. Glasgow City Region Deal

As part of the Glasgow City Region Deal, Scottish Government provides funding to Glasgow City Council on behalf of the regional partners, rather than specific projects. The funding through the Deal is to a Joint Venture with Inverclyde Council rather than a subsidiary of Peel Group. Therefore Peel Group have not been funded directly by Scottish Government.

The Inverclyde's Inchgreen project is around £9.4m.

Yours sincerely


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[REDACTED]@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Our Reference: 202200319214

29 September 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 5th September 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), I apologise for the delay in issuing your response.

Your request

You asked to be provided with all financial payments from Transport Scotland to Peel Ports since the 7th November 2016 (itemised and dated)

Response to your request

All of the information you have requested is already available and can be found at this link to Scottish Parliament FOI: [Requesting information | Scottish Parliament Website](#). Scottish Ministers have contributed towards the design and tender stage of the project of £650,000 as confirmed in the Freedom of Information Response of [2022/00297832](#), published July 2022.

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(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

I can confirm that the Ardrossan project is currently at the tender-design stage; collating documents to inform the drafting of the Invitation to Tender document. This will take a number of months to complete prior to progressing to tender bid and evaluation, contract award and contractor mobilisation, subject to agreeing commercial terms and funding approval.

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The port owner PPG along with project partner, North Ayrshire Council are both making a significant contribution towards the project. However as commercial arrangement discussions are on-going, the details of contributions cannot currently be provided.

Harbour dues also known as berthing charges are set by the statutory harbour authority and paid by CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL) via the Clyde & Hebrides contract as outlined in the Harbour Operating Agreement. CFL holds this information and they have asked that you contact them directly regarding your request via inbox information.act@calmac.co.uk

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Ms Michelle Quinn
Interim Chief Executive
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Your review

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Our Reference: 202200297832

8 July 2022

Dear 

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 29 April 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

Your request:

1. The total financial support made available by the Scottish Government to support the upgrade of harbour infrastructure at Ardrossan Harbour since 1 January 2018?
2. The total financial support made available by the Scottish Government to support the upgrade of harbour infrastructure at Brodick Harbour since 1 January 2018?
3. The total financial support made available by the Scottish Government to support the upgrade of harbour infrastructure at Uig Harbour (Isle of Skye) since 1 January 2018?
4. The total financial support made available by the Scottish Government to support the upgrade of harbour infrastructure at Tarbert Harbour (Isle of Harris) since 1 January 2018?
5. The total financial support made available by the Scottish Government to support the upgrade of harbour infrastructure at Lochmaddy Harbour since 1 January 2018?

Response to your request

Question 1:

The Scottish Government provided a funding contribution towards agreed design costs for the Ardrossan harbour infrastructure project; paid to Peel Ports Group (PPG) as statutory harbour authority of £300,000 in June 2019; £100,000 in November 2019. In addition a funding contribution of up to £250,000 is currently available to PPG towards the completion of the procurement stage which is now underway. The level of support provided is reflective of the project stage and process.

Question 2

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The Scottish Government provided a funding contribution of £19.16million to Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) towards the Brodick Harbour Infrastructure project, completed in April 2018.

Question 3

The Scottish Government provided a funding contribution towards agreed design costs for the Uig project of £334,000 paid to the Highland Council (THC) as statutory harbour authority in January & March 2019. In addition a funding contribution of up to £38million will be made available to THC for the construction of the Uig project.

Question 4

A funding contribution of up to £19.599million will be made available to CMAL as statutory harbour authority for the Tarbert (Harris) project.

Question 5

The Scottish Government provided a funding contribution towards the Lochmaddy Infrastructure as part of the first procurement and construction contract with LM& Keating Ltd of £2.049million. This contract was terminated by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CNES) as statutory harbour authority. Payments were made during 2018/19 of £435,000; 2019/2020 of £659,781 and 2020/21 of £954,493. The level of support provided was reflective of the project stage and process.

In addition a funding contribution of up to £15.747million will be made available to CNES as part of the second procurement exercise and contract award to George Leslie Ltd for the Lochmaddy project.

It should be noted that the Uig, Tarbert and Lochmaddy projects are currently in construction. Claims received against funding contributions made available by the Scottish Government are required to meet an evidence criteria prior to release of any monetary payments.

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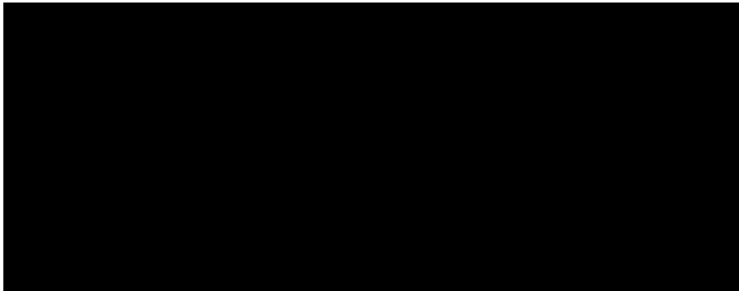
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