

ANNEX A – EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Section 25 of FOISA

Exemptions under Section 25 of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested. This exemption applies to information relating to the names of companies awarded monies by the Scottish Industrial Energy Transformation Fund, the Emerging Energy Technologies Fund, and the Hydrogen Innovation Scheme as this information is otherwise reasonably obtainable. This exemption is not subject to the “public interest test”, so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

Links to this information are included in Annex B to this letter.

Section 38(1)(b) of FOISA

Exemptions under Section 38(1)(b) of FOISA applies to some of the information requested. This exemption applies to the names of official(s) who made appropriate arrangements within the Scottish Government to second employees of Burness Paull LLP to the Energy Industries Division. The Scottish Government has a policy of not disclosing the names of officials who are not Senior Civil Servants. Therefore, we can only disclose that it was the Energy Industries Division who made this request internally. This exemption is not subject to the public interest test, so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

ANNEX B – INFORMATION RELEASED

Secondees from Burness Paull LLP (“Burness Paull”) supported officials in their consideration of a high volume of applications to the Emerging Energies Technology Fund (EETF), the Scottish Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (SIETF), and the Hydrogen Innovation Scheme (HIS).

A list of the companies supported by the SIETF is available [here](#).

A list of the companies supported by the HIS as part of the EETF is available [here](#).

The Energy Industries Division seconded Burness Paull employees to the Scottish Government from 1 September 2022 to 28 March 2024. This request was made by the Energy Industries Division internally in May 2022.