

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

ANNEX A

The Scottish Government does not have the information

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because the adjudication process used to determine the successful applications for the 2024/2025 round of the Scottish Connections Fund is not documented in writing.

The Scottish Government does not hold a list of organisations that were consulted to provide additional input or advice during assessment of applications to the Scottish Connections Fund.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

An exemption applies

An exemption under section s.38(1) of FOISA applies to all of the information you have requested.

This information is exempt from disclosure as it relates to the personal data of a third party. Disclosing personal data of a third party would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR (“the first condition”). The names of individuals cannot be released.

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.