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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to information request – partial disclosure

ESS Reference: ESS.IR.015

I am writing in response to your email of 9 September 2025, requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). The information you requested is as follows:

‘I’d like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity’s transactions over £25,000 for April 2024 onwards. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it’.

Our response

Please find our response to your request below. Some of the information you asked for cannot be provided because it is exempt from disclosure.

Environmental Standards Scotland Enquiries

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Transactions over £25,000 in financial year 2024/25

FOISA allows a Scottish public authority to withhold information in response to a request, where one or more exemptions apply. While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because the exemption under section 27(1) applies to that information.

Section 27(1) exempts information from disclosure if an authority plans to publish the information no later than 12 weeks after the date the request is made. ESS intends to publish its Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year 2024/25 and Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 Report 2024/25 by **31 October 2025**. These reports will be accessible on our website at <https://environmentalstandards.scot/our-work/our-corporate-and-governance-reports/> and will contain the information you have requested.

Given the proximity of the planned date of publication, and the need to ensure the information is complete and accurate, we consider that it is reasonable to withhold the information until that date.

This exemption is subject to the public interest test. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing this information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise that there is public interest in the release of this information and this will be met by our planned publication. In the meantime, there is a greater public interest in taking the time necessary to ensure the information has been properly collated and checked before it is published via the normal route of publication.

Transactions over £25,000 in financial year 2025/26

At the time of receipt of your request, ESS has posted no transactions in excess of £25,000 through its accounts.

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Right to seek a review

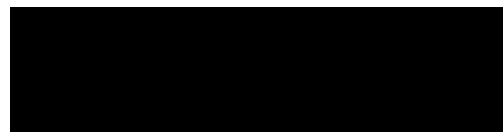
If you are unhappy with this response to your request under FOISA, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response by writing to:

Chief Executive Officer
Environmental Standards Scotland
Thistle House
91 Haymarket Terrace Edinburgh
EH12 5HD
Email foi@environmentalstandards.scot

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and inform you of the result within 20 working days from the date when 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:

<https://www.foi.scot/appeal>

Yours sincerely



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