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03 December 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Response to information request – full disclosure – ESS.IR.022

I am writing in response to your email of 27 November 2025, requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). The information you requested is as follows:

“as a public body, could you tell me, is your Christmas party funded by staff, or the organisation? Has this changed in the past 2 years? Has this been at the request of Scottish Government?”

I am not requesting a cost breakdown as part of my request, just the status of its funding.”

Our response

Since Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) came into existence in October 2021, all staff Christmas parties have been funded directly by staff who attend the function. This has always been the case and has never been at the request of Scottish Government.

This is a full disclosure of the information you requested.

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Right to seek a review

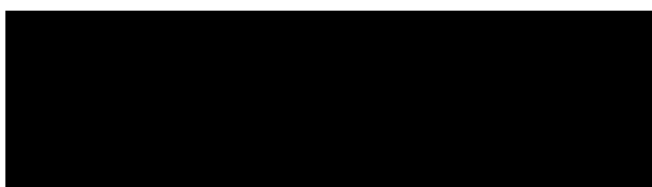
While we believe we have complied with your information request in full, if you are unhappy with this response to your request under FOISA, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response by writing to:

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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 issue a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of receiving it.

Yours sincerely,

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