

Freedom of Information Officer  
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31 December 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

**Information request – excessive cost – ESS.IR.023**

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2025, requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). The information you requested is as follows:

All correspondence (since 1 January 2024) sent to, and received from the:

- Deputy Director of the Future Environment Division, Scottish Government
- Future Environment Division, Scottish Government
- Director of Environment and Forestry, Scottish Government
- Sponsorship Hub, Scottish Government

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600, as set out in section 12 of FOISA.

The reason for this is the significant volume of documents which would require to be located, retrieved and appropriately redacted. Public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed this upper cost limit.

**Environmental Standards Scotland Enquiries**

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## Options for reducing the cost

You may wish to consider reducing the scope of your request in order that the costs can be brought below £600. For example, you could restrict your request to a specific piece of work carried out by ESS, as this would allow us to limit the searches that would require to be conducted. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for requesting information under FOI and the EIRs' which can be found here:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>.

## Right to seek a review

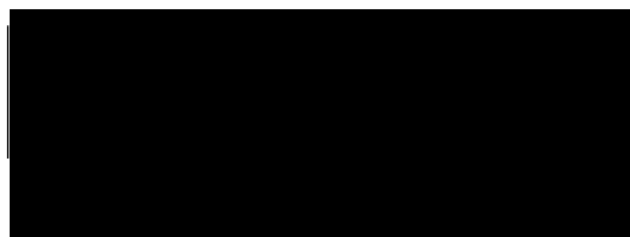
If you are unhappy with this response to your request under FOISA you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response by writing to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Environmental Standards Scotland  
Thistle House  
91 Haymarket Terrace Edinburgh  
EH12 5HD  
Email [foi@environmentalstandards.scot](mailto: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 tell you 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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