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Dear Tess White MSP,

Response to information request – Information not held – ESS.IR.025

I am writing in response to your email of 14 January 2026, requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). The information you requested is as follows:

- 1) Actions that you have carried out for women (as defined by the supreme court ruling in the case of For Women Scotland v Scottish Ministers)¹ in the calendar years 2015 to 2019? (please break that down by each calendar year ideally or fiscal year, and only if achievable within cost limit, the action taken and the amount spent on each action).
- 2) Actions you have carried out for (each and separately) lesbian, gay and bisexual people (each term as defined by the supreme court ruling in the case of For Women Scotland v Scottish Ministers) broken down in the calendar years 2015 to 2019? (please break that down by each year, for these years) and only if achievable within cost limit, the action and the amount spent on each action.
- 3) Copies of any funding agreements, or contracts, or other documents held by your organisation in this time period (2015-2019) with any LGBT organisation or organisation that has LGBT+ issues as its main focus, specifying the purpose of the funding.

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- 4) The total amount of spend in this time period (2015-2019) for grants, funding, donations, contracts, or any other financial support, membership fees or subscriptions to LGBT diversity schemes or programmes provided by your authority to organisations that work with lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, ace, pan or intersex people or any other related or associated equality issues.
- 5) A breakdown, where held, of this spend for each year from 2015/2016 to 2018/2019 that you have on file. Ideally, please provide this broken down by calendar year. Please provide by fiscal year if you do not have it in calendar format.
- 6) A breakdown, where held, of this funding by recipient organisation, including their name, amount provided per year and a brief description of what it was for (including, but not limited to: mental health support, equality training and education, awareness raising initiatives, youth projects, sport or health services).

Our response

Your request covers the period 2015 to 2019. Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) did not come into existence until October 2021, therefore ESS does not hold the information you have asked for. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.

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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