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Your ref: FOI Request: 2011 Spending Review & The Equalities Act  
Our ref: Fol/18/01253

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Dear Mr Gallacher,

I write to you regarding your information request of 30 April 2018, Fol/18/01253, in which you requested the following, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA):

“I now request to be directed to recorded information that shows since the spending review in 2011 equal and parallel opportunities for all regardless of background, age or barriers into participation & achievement have not been removed.

Please supply in electronic format recorded information and/unambiguous links to this request elsewhere in the public domain”.

### **Response to your request**

Whilst our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance your request was very broad and the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested for material regarding the ' 2011 Spending Review & The Equalities Act ' would exceed the upper cost limit of £600 due to the volume of searches required across a number of areas of Scottish Government. Under section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

In order for us to identify and locate the information that you have asked for you may wish to consider reducing the scope of your request by specifying the particular subject of the material you are requesting and/or narrowing the timeframe in order that the costs may be brought below £600.



As I am unable to continue without this, I will put your request on hold until I hear back from you.

When we receive this further information from you we will be able to respond to your request, in accordance with FOISA, within 20 working days of when we receive that information.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for requesting information under Freedom of Information and the Environmental Information Regulations' on the following website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>.

Kind regards



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