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Our Reference: 202200300923

Your Reference: Freedom of Information request - A full industry breakdown gross value added from £62bn spend as provided in FOI request (link provided)

2 June 2022

Dear Marsha Wells,

## **REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 19 May 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for:

Please provide :

A full industry breakdown gross value added from £62bn spend as provided in FOI request

Link to SNP Gov £62bn spend claims:

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/true\\_or\\_false\\_claims\\_made\\_by\\_snp#incoming-1983214](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/true_or_false_claims_made_by_snp#incoming-1983214)

### Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested. As explained in previous correspondence, the public sector expenditure information in GERS is not held in a format which corresponds with the economic transaction categories required to calculate GDP or gross value added in total or by industry. Furthermore, as explained in previous correspondence, not all of the public expenditure reported in GERS makes a direct contribution to GDP or gross value added, and not all of the components of GDP

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or gross value added which relate to the public sector are included in public expenditure statistics.

You will recall that the estimates for gross value added provided in previous correspondence for the central government sector included both reserved and devolved institutions operating in Scotland, which differs in concept from the statistics in GERS which relate to public services provided for (rather than in) Scotland. The non-government sectors included public corporations, which are part of the public sector but not part of the government sector. There are no breakdowns in the national accounts statistics which identify public corporations separately from other corporations, households or non-profit institutions service households, or which split out reserved and devolved government sectors.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

#### Your right to request a review

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

Gary Gillespie  
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Or by email at [gary.gillespie@gov.scot](mailto:gary.gillespie@gov.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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date 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: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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