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Our Reference: 202000123486

Your Reference: Compensation of employees & GDP contribution of Scotland's local government to Scotland's economic output

17 December 2020

Dear Manfred Stobartson,

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

Thank you for your request dated 11 December 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for:

England's local government 2018 contributed £144bn towards England's GDP (of which £63bn compensation of employees)?

ESA table11

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/governmentpublicsectorandtaxes/publicspending/datasets/esata>

In the same way as England's openness and transparency - Does Scotland have the same information available, and if so, please provide similar data as clearly presented in 'ESA 11' for last 5 years?

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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.

The data you highlight is for the UK as a whole including Scotland, not just England, and is produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as part of the quarterly estimates of UK government debt and deficit given to the European Commission under the Excessive Deficit Procedure protocol, as part of the Maastricht Treaty. The Scottish Government does not produce or supply data in this form. You may want to ask ONS if they can provide the Scotland figures from their UK totals.

This is a formal notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that the Scottish Government does not hold 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.

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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