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Dear J MacIver,

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

Thank you for your request dated 27 March 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for all correspondence between the Scottish Government and the Equality Network and Scottish Trans Alliance about the consultation on the Gender Recognition Reform Bill since 17 March 2020.

Response to your request

Some of the information you have requested is available from our website at: [Gender Recognition Act progression: FOI release - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#). In particular, this published information includes a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, to LGBT organisations, dated 1 April 2020.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

I enclose further information held by the Scottish Government falling within the scope of your request.

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An exemption under section 38(1)(b) (personal data of a third party) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested because it consists of the names and email addresses of Scottish Government officials, and the contact details and signatures of individuals, and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

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 Neil Rennick, Director of Justice, Room GW-02, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or by email to Neil.Rennick@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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