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Our Reference: 202100199666  
Your Reference: Freedom of Information request - Export Statistics 2018

14 May 2021

Dear Manfred Stobartson,

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

Thank you for your request dated 7 May 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for:

Are the values you claim for exports to rest of UK including UK VAT and other UK taxes?

[https://www.gov.scot/publications/export-stats-scotland-2018/#:~:text=Scotland's%20international%20exports%20\(excluding%20oil,%C2%A333.8%20billion%](https://www.gov.scot/publications/export-stats-scotland-2018/#:~:text=Scotland's%20international%20exports%20(excluding%20oil,%C2%A333.8%20billion%20)

### Response to your request

The answer to your question is no, the values exclude VAT and other taxes. In the Global Connections Survey, which is one of the main sources used for these figures, businesses are asked to provide relevant values excluding VAT.

The Guidance Notes for this survey can be accessed here - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/global-connections-survey-2019/>.

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## 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, Chief Economist, Scottish Government, 4WR St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or by email [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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