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Dear Mr Murphy,

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

Thank you for your request dated 6 May 2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for information on the value of Scotland's exports by SITC Section to the European Union in 2018.

### 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. However, you may wish to contact HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) who publish this information as part of their Regional Trade Statistics. Further information can be found on their website

<https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/default.aspx>.

The reasons why we don't have the information are explained in the Annex to this letter.

### **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 the Chief Economic Adviser, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or email [economic.statistics@gov.scot](mailto:economic.statistics@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 and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when 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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### **Scottish Government Trade Statistics**

The Scottish Government publishes its own estimates of Scottish exports in its annual Export Statistics Scotland (ESS) publication, which covers both goods and services but excludes oil and gas.

<http://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Economy/Exports/ESSPublication>

The latest data is for 2017.

These ESS statistics are based on sectors and use the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) to do this. Further information on SIC can be found using the link below.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classificationsandstandards/ukstandardindustrialclassificationofeconomicactivities/uksic2007>

### **HMRC Regional Trade Statistics**

The regional trade statistics (RTS) publication is a quarterly statistical release, produced by HMRC, which covers trade in goods only. The export figures published in the RTS are grouped using the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

If you require further information on trade statistics and the different sources please feel free to contact me on the details above.