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James Trice
Via email

Your ref:
Our ref: FOI/17/00669

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

Dear Mr Trice

Thank you for your request dated 24 March 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

Please provide all documents, information, emails, data sets, data, sources, resources, held and used in the production of GERS 2015-16

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600. This is because an initial assessment of your request has identified 33 files containing 459 documents. This was only an initial search for information, and a wider search would likely identify a larger number of documents.

Even based on the limited number of documents from the initial search, it is estimated that reviewing and compiling information from the documents would involve 6 working days and exceed the upper cost limit. Under section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

You may, however, wish to consider reducing the scope of your request in order that the costs can be brought below £600, for example, by asking for a specific type of information. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for

requesting information under FOI and the EIRs' on her website at:
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>.

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 Economist, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG, or emailing 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 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 rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely

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