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15 June 2022

Dear Brian Sorrell,

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

Thank you for your request dated 16/05/22 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for:

- Please provide copies of any supporting documentation which captures any SFC advice provided to the Scottish Government in response to this statement by the First Minister.
- Please provide copies of any supporting documentation which captures any advice provided to Scottish Ministers in response to this statement by the First Minister, as well as a copy of any communication(s) provided to the MSP, Graham Simpson.

### Response to your request

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because

- no advice was provided by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) to the Scottish Government regarding the First Ministers statement on 21/04/22.
- no advice was provided to Scottish Ministers in response to the statement made by the First Minister on 21/04/22.

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This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have 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 Director of Advanced Learning and Science ([DirectorofAdvancedLearningandScience@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofAdvancedLearningandScience@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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