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James Trice
Via email

Your ref:
Our ref: FOI/17/00670

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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

You asked for:

Are HM Treasury figures for Scotland's Housing and community amenities correct to +/- 5%

What are the Official SNP government figures broken down by each line for last 5 years?

Response to your request

I respond to your queries in turn below.

Regarding your first query, the Scottish Government figures included in the HM Treasury figures for Scotland you refer to are consistent with those reported in the Scottish Government's provisional final outturn accounts for 2015-16.

Regarding your second query, while our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Scottish Government does not have the information you requested. The reasons why the Scottish Government does not hold this information have been set out in response to a previous FOI response available at:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/please_provide_latest_updated_fo#incoming-924177

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

You may be interested to know that the Scottish Government has committed to producing a comparison of spending estimates between GERS and the CRA, which will cover all spending lines, not just housing and community amenities. This will be presented to the Scottish Economic Statistics Consultation Group (SESCG) at their next meeting at the end of April. Minutes and presentations will be published on the SESCg website shortly after the meeting

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 appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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