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Dear Anna Smith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your email request dated 16 August 2021 requesting information held by Registers of Scotland (RoS). Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

You asked for:

- '1. The number of landlords and private rented properties currently registered with the Scottish Landlord Register (if possible, broken down by local authority)
2. Any estimate you hold of the number of private rented properties in Scotland that remain unregistered
3. The revenue received by, and operating costs for, the Scottish Landlord Register for each year since its inception
4. The number of landlords in Scotland who have been prosecuted since the Scottish Landlord Register was introduced for either a) failing to register or b) other offences under Parts 1 and 2 of the Housing Act 2004 or the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014.
5. Any information available on how the Scottish Landlord Register's fees were calculated
6. And finally, please supply any evaluation you have carried out on the impact of the Scottish Landlord Register.'

Response to your request

1. Our aim is to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance, the information you have requested is not held by Registers of Scotland for the purposes of FOISA because the data contained within the Landlord Register is owned and controlled by each of the individual local authorities in Scotland. This means that, under the terms of section 3(2)(a)(i) of FOISA, we are unable to disclose it in response to your request.

2-6. In this instance the Registers of Scotland does not have the information you have requested. However, you may wish to contact the Better Homes division at Scottish Government (LandLord_Registration@gov.scot).

Review

If you require a review of our response to your request for information, please send your request, explaining your reason for requesting a review, to:
FOI.Requests@ros.gov.uk, or by post to:

FOI Requests Team
Registers of Scotland
Meadowbank House
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Edinburgh, EH8 7AU

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Yours sincerely

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