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Dear Sir/Madam

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

Thank you for your request dated 03/04/2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for "What published research literature, NGO reports, expert panels and other sources of information were used by the Scottish Government to allocate the funding for Scottish Government's training provision for the Domestic Abuse Bill/Act?"

Response to your request

The answer to your question is that as part of the Scottish Government's response to the Justice Committee's Stage 1 Report of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice agreed with the Justice Committee recommendation: 116. The Committee recognises the importance of all those involved in the process of implementing the new offence, if and when it becomes law, receiving appropriate training, including the judiciary. Link to Justice Committee Stage 1 Report below:

[https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdnep.azureedge.net/published/J/2017/9/21/Stage-1-Report-on-the-Domestic-Abuse--Scotland--Bill/Stage_1_Report_on_the_Domestic_Abuse_\(Scotland\)_Bill.pdf](https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdnep.azureedge.net/published/J/2017/9/21/Stage-1-Report-on-the-Domestic-Abuse--Scotland--Bill/Stage_1_Report_on_the_Domestic_Abuse_(Scotland)_Bill.pdf)

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 Neil Rennick, Director of Justice, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or emailing DirectorofJustice@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.

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Yours sincerely



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