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Our Ref FOI HQ 18056

24 July 2018

Dear Ms Brunton,

Thank you for your request for a review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). I have been asked by our Chief Executive to carry out the review because I was not involved in handling your original request.

RFR1 - *You have not supplied all the information I asked for and expect me to believe that an organisation like SPS which has to uphold the upmost accountability, would risk damage to its reputation by just giving out money to the POA trade union with no accountability to the public purse.*

RFR1 Response - A review request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 20(3)(c) of FOISA, specify the reason(s) for the applicant's dissatisfaction with the way in which the public authority dealt with their request and/or reference the request for information to which the requirement for review relates. As your review request does not detail which of the decisions contained in our letter of 27 June 2018 that you are dissatisfied with, we do not consider it to be a valid review request. Accordingly, I am currently unable to carry out the review.

Under Section 20 of FOISA you have 40 working days following the expiry of the period for responding to a request for information or from the date which the SPS complied with your request to submit a request for a further review. If you need any further advice and assistance to clarify your review request, please contact me.

If you are unhappy with this response to your review request you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. You can contact the Commissioner at:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Telephone: 01334 464610

Should you then wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

RFR2 - *Can you please supply me with your financial agreement regarding travel allowance that you use to allocate this set budget every financial year*

RFR2 Response – We consider this to be a new request for information therefore we are treating this as a separate request under FOISA and will respond within 20 working days. Please note our reference in relation to this request is FOI HQ 18099.

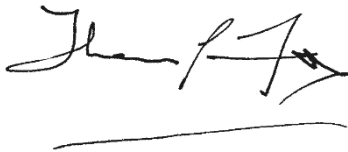
RFR3 - *And please supply me with all the information you hold which evidences the POA travel expenses*

RFR3 Response – We consider this to be a new request for information therefore we are treating this as a separate request under FOISA and will respond within 20 working days. Please note our reference in relation to this request is FOI HQ 18099.

RFR4 - *Please also supply me with all and any communication electronic or otherwise or copies of any agreement which may exist with audit Scotland to enable payment of public money to POA for the same travel expenses year on year*

RFR4 Response – We consider this to be a new request for information therefore we are treating this as a separate request under FOISA and will respond within 20 working days. Please note our reference in relation to this request is FOI HQ 18099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Fox', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Tom Fox
Head of Corporate Affairs