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Tracy Watt

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Our reference: FOISA517

29 September 2017

Dear Ms Watt

### **Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 September 2017.

#### **Your request**

*Please supply in electronic format, copies of all correspondence, appertaining to the series of meetings that took place between May and September 2015, which involved Scottish Government officials, the funding council, the Glasgow Colleges Regional Board, Glasgow Clyde College, the then Board of Glasgow Clyde College and Angela Constance the then Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong learning, in relation to the order laid before the Parliament to remove from office the chair and members of the board of Glasgow Clyde College and to appoint a new chair and members in their place by the then The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance):*

*There has also been extensive correspondence between the funding council, the board and the Scottish Government, in which it was made clear the concerns and they sought to understand the facts. The board was given the opportunity to make its case, and Angela Constance states she considered its responses carefully.*

*To be clear I am making a request for all correspondence, that the Scottish Funding Council hold as recorded information, appertaining to the above that includes but is not limited to internal letters, emails, memos, minutes of meetings, external letters to*

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*and between the aforementioned institutions, governmental letters, opinions, telephone records or findings between the SFC/ Glasgow Clyde Board of Management/Glasgow Clyde College/Glasgow Colleges Regional Board/The Scottish Government between the dates of May and September 2015.*

### **Our response to your request**

We have searched all Document folders, Email folders and Files for any correspondence and recorded information such as letters, emails, memos, minutes of meetings, telephone logs between the SFC and relevant stakeholders in relation to the Order laid before the parliament to remove from office the Chair and Members of the Board of Glasgow Clyde College.

In response to your request, our search has produced the attached letter between the then Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance MSP) and the Chair, Glasgow Clyde College (Mr George Chalmers) as the only correspondence that falls within the scope of your request.

As indicated in the Scottish Government's letter, consideration and preparation of the Order was handled by the Scottish Government alone. SFC did not have any involvement other than the receipt of the enclosed letter and then subsequently in October when the Order was laid.

### **Responses to Information Requests**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled, in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Should you wish to do so, please contact us at the address at the bottom of this page, stating your reasons for dissatisfaction and what you require us to review.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of our review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can contact the Commissioner through the online appeal portal:

Online appeal portal: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Alternatively, you can appeal by post

Scottish Information Commissioner,  
Kinburn Castle,  
Doubledykes Road,  
St Andrews,

Fife KY16 9DS

Email: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info).

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcelyn Akun', written in a cursive style.

**Marcelyn Akun**

Interim Information Compliance Officer / Oifigear Rianachd Fiosrachaidh &  
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