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Our ref: Fol/11/00458
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Dear Mr Hughes

I refer to my letter dated 19 March 2012 asking you to clarify your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

- Is it possible to know if any of the current Scottish Government SNP members own shares in Iberdrola or other companies involved in wind renewable energy in the UK or overseas.

In particular, I asked you to clarify whether you are requesting information on Scottish Government Employees, Scottish Government Ministers or SNP MSPs.

Under section 1(3) of FOISA, if we ask you to clarify your request so that we can identify and locate the information you are looking for, then we are not obliged to provide that information until you have given us the clarification we require. As you have not responded to my request for clarification, I am unable to proceed further with your request.

However, if you wish to submit a new request which more clearly describes the information you are looking for, we would be able to consider your request and respond in accordance with FOISA. If you need any further advice and assistance to clarify your request, please contact me.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to DG Strategy and External Affairs, Scottish Government, Area 3D South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ [Mailto: DGStrategyandExternalAffairs@scotland.gsi.gov.uk]. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved with your original request. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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