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Dear Marsha Wells,

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

Thank you for your request dated 14/02/2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for:

"Table D: GDP and GVA: Output Approach at Current Prices, by industry section and broad industry group (onshore)"

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/gdp-quarterly-national-accounts-2021-q3/>

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"GERS 2021, Table 3.8: Total Expenditure: Scottish Government, Local Authorities, Public Corporations, 2020-21 = £58.654 billion"

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2021/08/government-expenditure-revenue-scotland-2020-21/documents/main-charts-tables/main-charts-tables/govscot%3Adocument/main-charts-tables.xlsx>

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What is the industry section & value contribution to Scottish GDP from the £59bn expenditure carried out by SNP /Scottish Gov, Local Gov & Public Corporations in Scotland?

Response to your request

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because public sector expenditure information is not held in a format which corresponds with the economic transaction categories required to calculate GDP in total or by industry. GDP in table D of the Quarterly National Accounts relates to the gross value added (GVA) of each industry. Breakdowns of these figures relating to Scottish Government, Local Authorities and Public Corporations in Scotland are not available. Furthermore, not all components of GVA are included within public sector expenditure statistics, and not all of the expenditure in GERS Table 3.8 is included within GVA.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

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:

Gary Gillespie
Chief Economist
Scottish Government
4WR St Andrews House
Regent Road Edinburgh
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Or by email at gary.gillespie@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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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