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Dear Marsha Wells,

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

Thank you for your request dated 26 March 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for:

Total day-to-day devolved spending and spending on the state pension and universal credit was £61.7 billion

- 1 Please provide itemized breakdown of said £61.7 billion?
- 2 Please confirm letter contents are indeed 100% true?

### Response to your request

The table below sets out the information you have requested. This provides a breakdown of the total devolved day-to-day spending shown in Table 3.2 of the Government Expenditure & Revenue Scotland (GERS) publication, as well as expenditure on the state pension and universal credit, which is taken from Box 3.2 of GERS.

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### Selected spending lines (£ million)

	2020-21
Scottish Government and Local Government current expenditure	
General public services	
- Public and common services	£1,421
- International services	£1
- Public sector debt interest	£0
Defence	£4
Public order and safety	£2,841
Economic Affairs	
- Enterprise and economic development	£811
- Science and technology	£1
- Employment policies	£0
- Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	£758
- Transport	£2,017
Environment protection	£862
Housing and community amenities	£363
Health	£16,515
Recreation, culture and religion	£972
Education and training	£8,367
Social protection	£8,783
EU Transactions	£0
Accounting adjustment	£6,317
Total current Scottish Government & Local Government (Table 3.2)	£50,031
State pension (Box 3.2)	£8,517
Universal credit (Box 3.2)	£3,170
Total	£61,718

## 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:

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Or by email at: <a href="mailto:gary.gillespie@gov.scot">gary.gillespie@gov.scot</a>.

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: <a href="http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse">http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse</a>

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/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx.

Yours sincerely

Iain Pearce

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