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Dear Donald Scott,

Thank you for your request dated 07 May 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked:

There have been a number of figures detailing how much finance has been allocated from the UK government to the Scottish government for handling both the economic and healthcare consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

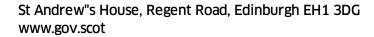
Will you specify what is the correct figure and confirm all these funds have been ring-fenced for their intended purpose.

Response to your request

To date, the Scottish Government has been allocated just over £3.5 billion of Barnett consequentials and has announced a series of measures to support the Covid response in Scotland. These include the allocation of £620 million in funding for Health and Social Care, £2.3 billion to help businesses, over £300 million of direct support to Local Government and £360 million for transport measures.

While Barnett consequentials accrue to the Scottish Government as a whole and it is for Scottish Ministers to decide how they should be allocated, the First Minister has committed to ensure that all

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Covid consequentials are used to support the Covid response in Scotland.

Further details of all funding commitments made by the Scottish Government have been provided in the Summer Budget Revision document which was published on the 27th of May. The Summer Budget Revision document can be found at the following link:

https://www.gov.scot/publications/2020-21-summer-budget-revision/

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 Gordon Wales, Chief Financial Officer, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ (email Gordon.wales@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 and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when 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.asp

Yours sincerely

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