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Dear Ms Louise Woodland,

Freedom of Information Request

Information Requested

For each year from academic year 2014-2015 to 2018-2019, I would like to know the total number of fourth year pupils who were due to complete National 3, 4 or 5 qualifications but who legally left school before finishing fourth year. I am only interested in those who were in the process of undertaking these qualifications and did not complete them, not those who would not have been presented for any of these even if they had completed fourth year.

To clarify, by "legally" I mean those children who were 16 years of age by the end of February in fourth year (in accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, section 33, sub-section 2a) who were entitled to leave due to having had their entry to primary school legally deferred (they started school at age five not four -in accordance with section 32, sub-section 3 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980).

Response

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Nil

2014-15 – 0
2015-16 – 0
2016-17 – 0
2017-18 – 0
2018-19 – 0

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FOI Review
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West Dunbartonshire Council
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Email: foi@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

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The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife KY16 9DS

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Tel: (01334) 464610
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If you have any further queries about this process, please contact me at the telephone number below.

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