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Dear Mr Temple ,

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

Thank you for your request dated 29 January under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

#### Your request

You asked for the following information:-

*Please provide all correspondence between ministers, civil servants, SPAD's, Scotrail, Scotland's Railway, Transport Scotland and Network Rail discussing any plans to introduce free train travel for under 22 year old.*

*Also provide,*

- 1. The name or names of who initiated the proposal to allow free train travel for that age group.*
- 2. The costs associated with loss of revenue to Scotrail/Scotland's Railway.*
- 3. Who will fund the loss of revenue.*

#### Response to your request

I can confirm that the topic of free rail travel for under 22 year olds has not been discussed or explored by the Scottish Government including those listed above therefore an exemption under section 17 of FOISA (Information not held) held applies to the information you have requested.

I can confirm however, that there has been a review on concessionary fares for those under the age of 26 undertaken which includes consideration of rail concessionary travel which may be of interest to you.

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This review has been commissioned to identify and explore options for extending concessionary travel across all public transport modes to those under the age of 26. The options considered were by mode and by targeted group and therefore included considering a rail only option of the provision of free rail travel for those under the age of 26.

An exemption under section 27 (1) of FOISA (Future publication : 12 weeks) applies to this information. This exemption has been applied to the "Under 26 Concessionary Fares Review" document as it is Transport Scotland's intention to publish this document within the next 12 weeks.

I have asked colleagues responsible for this work to provide you with a link to the information once published.

I hope that this is helpful.

#### 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: Chief Executive, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0H, [ceo@transport.gov.scot](mailto:ceo@transport.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 rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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