

IT Services

7 September, 2015

Dear Ellie,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 177-15

I refer to your request for information received by the University on 10 August, 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") seeking information in relation to wind and solar energy.

On reviewing the information requested by you, this has been found to be of an environmental nature as defined by Regulation 2(a), (b) and (c) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ("the EIRs"). The University is therefore managing your enquiry under the provisions of the EIRs as opposed to the FOISA.

As a formality in order to meet the technical requirements of the FOISA, formal notice is given by way of this communication that the information requested is environmental and as a result is exempt from release under Section 39(2) of the FOISA, (*Health, safety and the environment*). This exemption is subject to the public interest test. Since there is a separate statutory right of access to environmental information and your rights will not be diminished in any way as a result of the University responding in line with those provisions, then the public interest in maintaining this exemption has been found to outweigh the public interest in disclosure of information under the FOISA. This is in line with the Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance on the application of this exemption which can be found on their website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Law/FOISA-EIRsGuidance/section39/Section39.aspx>.

Turning to your enquiry, a search has been carried out of our financial records and databases maintained in relation to research awards and donations received. Research projects with the words 'wind' and 'solar' in the title were identified and extracted from our electronic systems and corresponding records were then reviewed to identify information relevant to your enquiry. Please note the recording of this data was standardised in financial year 2009/10 and so data prior to then may be less reliable and incomplete.

To carry out a more extensive search for data prior to 2009/10 or research awards that are not easily identifiable through the project title search would require a significant amount of resources. Rather than refuse your request in its entirety on the grounds of excessive cost or invoking the fee provisions of the legislation, the University is supplying as much data as possible which I trust you find acceptable.

Wind Energy/

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Wind Energy

1. *Total value of successful research grants received by the university in the area of wind energy between 1 January 2001 and 31 July 2015, broken-down by year?*
2. *The value of each individual research grant received in the area of wind energy (same reporting period as above) with details the year they were received and who funded the grant?*

Our search has located only one grant for research in the area of wind energy which was an award of £14,800 in 2012/13 from Research Councils.

3. *Value of any donations or partnerships received for research in the area of wind energy (same reporting period as above) with details of the year they were received and who funded the grant?*

Having consulted the relevant sections of the University, I can confirm that no philanthropic donations in respect of research in the area of wind energy has been received by the University during the specified reporting period. There was also no evidence of any partnerships being funded in this area.

Solar Energy

4. *Total value of successful research grants received by the university in the area of solar energy, between 1 January 2001 and 31 July 2015, broken-down by year?*
5. *Value of each individual research grant received in the area of solar energy (same reporting period as above) with details of the year they were received and who funded the grant?*

The table below gives details of the individual research grants identified as having been received in the area of solar energy during the specified reporting period broken down by award year and funding source.

	Award Year					
Funding Source	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
Research Councils					£15,000	£15,000
	£373,842				£15,829	£389,671
	£293,584			£27,255		£320,839
		£23,316				£23,316
UK Charitable Bodies		£116,863				£116,863
UK Industry/Commerce/Public	£25,000					£25,000
Total	£692,426	£140,179	£0	£27,255	£30,829	

6. *The value of any donations or partnerships received for research in the area of solar energy (same reporting period as above) with details of the year they were received and who funded the grant?*

The University has not received any donations for research in the area of solar energy during the specified reporting period. There was also no evidence of any partnerships being funded in this area.

Information not held

Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs is being applied to questions 3 and 6, as the information requested is not held by the University.



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Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The time lines in which this right is available are set out in regulation 16 of the EIRs. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised no later than 40 working days following receipt of this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below.

A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's web page at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/UnhappyWithResponse.asp> or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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