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Date:

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Dear Yvonne Gardner

Your request has been processed in accordance with Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Thank you for your request for information.

Please see your request below:

Please can you provide as much information as possible including details of the fires you have attended for the past 5 years until currently in West Lothian:

Details of fires at businesses both indoors and outdoors with full details if incorrect storage of waste/materials/chemicals etc has been a factor.

In response:

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service currently utilise the Home Office Incident Recording Systems (IRS) to record attendance at incidents. This system uses a series of predetermined categories to record data and is used by UK Fire and Rescue Services to provide consistent statistical returns to the Home Office.

In terms of your request there are no specific categories to record information relating to storage so we are unable to provide data in response to your exact question. Therefore, Section 17(1) (b) of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, notice that information not held is applicable.

However, I have attached an excel worksheet with non-domestic fires in West Lothian for the past 5 years showing the cause, item responsible for fire spread, cause of rapid fire growth and dangerous substances involved. This information is just for building fires only, if the incident happened outside and didn't affect the buildings then it won't be included as we don't have this level of information for outdoor fires.

In line with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has in place a procedure by which a review of the way in which we handle requests for information can be carried out. If you are dissatisfied by the way Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have dealt with your request or about any decision made by them in connection with your request, and wish a review to be carried out, please inform me of this by 30 July 2021. In doing so, it would be helpful if you could state the matter, which has given rise to your dissatisfaction.

Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act.

To make an online appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner –

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

To make a written appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner –

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
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Telephone: 01334 464610

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For further details, please see the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely

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