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Your Reference: FOI - INVALID

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Good afternoon,

I am writing regarding your request dated the 29th November 2024 for information about:

*"All emails please for the last no. of months available in which SG employees used the racist anti-white term "white privilege " with or without a hyphen. Please consider this request to be confined to emails between racist SG employees.*

*Consider sg = Scottish government, don't try to get out that way"*

A request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 8(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), state the name of the applicant. As your request provides only your first name within the text of the request, we do not consider it to be a valid request. Accordingly, we are not obliged to respond to it.

It is therefore necessary for us to ask you to confirm your full name. In doing so, can you please resubmit your request by both providing your full name and the details of your request within the body of one email.

This is ultimately to make sure your right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner is protected, should you be dissatisfied with the response to your request. Please provide your full name (a surname and title, e.g. Mr or Ms, is sufficient). We will be able to consider your request and respond in accordance with FOISA.

If you need any further advice and assistance to submit a valid request, please contact me.

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You may also find it helpful to look at the answer to the question “Do I have to provide my real name and my full address when I ask for information?” on the Scottish Information Commissioner’s website at: [Informationrequeststhenametherequesterorapplicant.pdf \(itspublicknowledge.info\)](https://www.foi.gov.scot/informationrequeststhenametherequesterorapplicant.pdf)

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request you can ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

Andrew Bruce, Director for Communications and Ministerial Support, C/O FOI Unit, 1E.10, St Andrew’s House, Regent Road EDINBURGH EH1 3DG and/or Email C/O [FOI@gov.scot](mailto:FOI@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 in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date 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: [Appeal to the Commissioner | Scottish Information Commissioner \(foi.scot\)](https://www.foi.gov.scot/appeal-to-the-commissioner)

Yours sincerely

George Warner  
**IPED : Freedom of Information Unit**

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