



Our Reference: 202500447623

Your Reference: FOI request - How much does Inspiring Scotland receive to manage/administer funding streams on behalf of the Scottish Government?

5 February 2025

Dear 

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

Thank you for your request dated 12 January 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked "How much does Inspiring Scotland receive to manage/administer funding streams on behalf of the Scottish Government? Please provide figures for each of the last five years, broken down per funding stream".

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide the information you have requested because an exemption(s) under section 33(1)(b) of FOISA applies to that information.

An exemption(s) under section 33(1)(b) of FOISA applies to the information you have requested. This exemption covers 'substantial prejudice to commercial interests'. Information is exempt under section 33(1)(b) if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person. "Person" in this sense includes a public authority, company and partnership. In this case, as a fund manager for several funds which are due to be re-tendered in short order, disclosing Inspiring Scotland's existing prices for managing those funds would substantially prejudice their commercial

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interests in those re-tenders.

This exemption is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise that there is some public interest in release because of the public money being spent. However, this is outweighed by the public interest in not compromising upcoming procurement exercises.

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 the Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights C/O FOI@gov.scot and C/O this postal address: FOI Unit 1E.10, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1 3DG. 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:

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