

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: FOI/003

Date: 5 May 2023

This refusal notice is provided in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

You have requested certain information which we are not providing to you as it is otherwise accessible. The accompanying letter describes where the information you seek is available.

Section 16 of FOI(S)A requires us to complete a refusal notice when we are not providing information which is otherwise accessible. The details we are required to include in this refusal notice are set out below.

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| Information which is the subject of the request | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A list of all meetings the Commissioner has taken with private companies since taking office.• Details of all hospitality received by the Commissioner since taking office, including the cost who paid for it and any itemisations• A copy of the SBC's governance handbook |
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| Information which is otherwise accessible | A copy of the SBC's Governance Handbook |
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| Exemption(s) | Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible |
| Why exemption(s) applies | Section 25 applies as information in the form of our Governance and Risk Management Handbook which is publicly available on the website of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and can be accessed at the following link: Governance and Risk Management Handbook |
| Public interest (where relevant) | As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test |