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Sent by e-mail only

Dear Requester,

Request for Information - Ref FOI/001

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information relating to communications between the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and Hikvision

- *A copy of all emails/correspondence between the Commissioner and Hikvision, or its representatives [such as marketing or PR firms] since 1st October 2022*
- *A copy of any agenda, minutes, or attendee list for any meeting between the Commissioner and Hikvision in the last 6 months*

Your request was received on 21 February 2023 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2022 (FOI(S)A)

Responding to each part of your request in turn the position is as follows:

A copy of all emails/correspondence between the Commissioner and Hikvision, or its representatives [such as marketing or PR firms] since 1st October 2022

Please find attached the correspondence that we hold which is within the scope of your request which consists of emails between the Commissioner and Hikvision.

We have withheld information which consists of third party personal data as we consider this information to be exempt from disclosure under section 38(1)(b) of FOI(S)A – third part personal data. The reasons for the use of this exemption are set out in the attached refusal notice.

A copy of any agenda, minutes, or attendee list for any meeting between the Commissioner and Hikvision in the last 6 months

A meeting between the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and Hikvision took place on 24 February 2023. This is the only meeting the Commissioner has had with Hikvision. The information we hold in relation to the meeting consisting of the invitation letter to the Commissioner; the Commissioner's response; and notes of the meeting are publicly available on the website for the Scottish Information Commissioner and can be accessed at the following link:

[Commissioner meets with Hikvision in Edinburgh | Scottish Biometrics Commissioner](#)

As this information is publicly available on our website, we have attached a section 25 notice in respect of information which is otherwise available.

There was no agenda provided for this meeting therefore we do not hold this information.

The Commissioner has had no similar meeting requests or correspondence from any other Chinese based or owned technology company.

In keeping with our FOI procedures, this information may also be posted on the Scottish Biometric Commissioner's disclosure log.

Annex A

REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

How we handle FOI requests

Information on how we handle FOI requests is available on the Scottish Biometric Commissioners website at: [Scottish Biometrics Commissioner | Privacy Notice | Scottish Biometrics Commissioner](#)

Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have dealt with your request for information, you can ask us to review our decision and actions. You must do this in writing (or other permanent form) within 40 working days of the date of this letter, stating the reasons for your dissatisfaction, and we will respond within 20 working days of receipt. A request for a review should be made to the Commissioner:

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E-mail: contact@biometricscommissioner.scot

Application to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If, on the outcome of any review, you are still dissatisfied, or if we are unable to resolve any other complaint, then you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner:

Post: The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Email: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Telephone: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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We would welcome feedback or comment on how we handled your request. Please contact the Business Support Officer at contact@biometricscommissioner.scot.

Data Protection

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