

email: contact@biometricscommissioner.scot

Date: 28 November 2025

Sent by e-mail only.

Dear requester,

Request for Information – FOI-009

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

- However, as a public body, could you tell me, is your Christmas party funded by staff, or the organisation?
- Has this changed in the past 2 years?
- Has this been at the request of the Scottish Government?

I am not requesting a cost breakdown as part of my request, just the status of its funding.

Your request was received on 27 November 2025 date and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2022 (FOI(S)A)

Responding to your request the position is as follows:

The Scottish Biometrics Commissioner is funded by the Scottish Parliament not funded by the Scottish Government. However, any Christmas lunches attended by the team are paid for by the individual with no reimbursement.

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

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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:

Post: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner
Bridgeside House
99 McDonald Road
Edinburgh
EH7 4NS

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.

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