

# THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

## REFUSAL NOTICE

**Request Number: FOI/001**

**Date: 9 March 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.

<b>Information which is the subject of the request</b>	I am writing to request the following information relating to communications between the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and Hikvision <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A copy of all emails/correspondence between the Commissioner and Hikvision, or its representatives [such as marketing or PR firms] since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022</li><li>• A copy of any agenda, minutes, or attendee list for any meeting between the Commissioner and Hikvision in the last 6 months</li></ul>
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<b>Exemption(s)</b>	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
<b>Why exemption(s) applies</b>	Section 25 applies as information in the form of a list of the attendees at the meeting on 24 February 2023 and a note of the meeting are publicly available on the website of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and can be accessed at the following link: <a href="#">Commissioner meets with Hikvision in Edinburgh   Scottish Biometrics Commissioner</a>
<b>Public interest (where relevant)</b>	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test