

Scottish Public Opinion Monitor - March 2017

Freedom of Information

Table 1

FOI1. Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl- -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)		All
	(x)																			
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029	
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029	
Yes, definitely	663	337	325	42	99	272	244	307	68	95	173	259	101	439	141	74	183	479	728	
		64%ci	68%x	61%	28%	63%c	77%xcdf	67%c	74%xij	67%i	46%	65%i	73%x	80%x	69%xn	57%	58%	62%	66%	71%
Yes, I think so	218	96	123	58	36	55	68	79	20	57	53	71	15	116	66	33	70	148	174	
		21%elm	19%	23%	39%xdef	23%	16%	19%	19%	19%	27%	20%	20%l	12%	18%	26%	26%	24%	20%	17%
No, I don't think so	63	21	42	24	8	8	23	16	4	20	19	19	2	29	23	5	20	42	52	
		6%eglm	4%	8%	16%xdef	5%	2%	6%	4%	4%	10%g	7%	5%	1%	5%	9%	4%	7%	6%	5%
No, definitely not	81	35	46	24	13	18	26	13	9	34	21	9	9	45	16	15	23	58	71	
		8%egk	7%	9%	16%xef	8%	5%	7%	3%	9%g	16%xgj	8%g	3%	7%k	7%	6%	12%	8%	8%	7%
Don't know/ unsure	4	3	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	4	
	*	1%	*	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	*	1%	-	-	1%	*	

Fieldwork dates : 24th February to 6th March 2017

Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	1029
Yes, definitely	663 64%	114 60%	127 68%	122 65%	130 70%	122 68%	465 66%	150 65%	728 71%
Yes, I think so	218 21%	51 27%	33 18%	41 22%	33 17%	42 23%	158 23%	41 18%	174 17%
No, I don't think so	63 6%f	9 5%	6 3%	18 9%	6 3%	6 4%	27 4%	18 8%f	52 5%
No, definitely not	81 8%	14 7%	21 11% c	7 4%	17 9%	10 6%	48 7%	20 9%	71 7%
Don't know/ unsure	4 *	2 1%	* *	* *	1 1%	- -	2 *	2 1%	4 *

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Table 3

FOI2(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities

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	Total (Weighted) (x)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total All
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Strongly agree	721 70%	356 72%	364 68%	115 78% d	95 61%	256 72%	251 69%	277 67%	80 79%	152 73%	186 70%	250 70%	82 65%	438 69%	165 67%	102 80% x	194 65%	527 72%	708 69%
Tend to agree	244 24%	108 22%	136 25%	21 14%	49 31% c	82 23%	92 25%	114 27% h	16 15%	39 19%	67 25%	87 24%	35 28%	152 24%	65 26%	22 18%	81 27%	163 22%	257 25%
Neither agree nor disagree	27 3%	11 2%	16 3%	4 3%	9 5%	9 2%	5 1%	10 3%	6 6%	3 2%	6 2%	11 3%	6 4%	17 3%	9 4%	* *	11 4%	16 2%	34 3%
Tend to disagree	19 2%	10 2%	9 2%	4 3%	3 2%	3 1%	8 2%	10 2%	- -	4 2%	4 2%	6 2%	4 3%	13 2%	5 2%	1 *	5 2%	14 2%	18 2%
Strongly disagree	8 1%	5 1%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	1 *	5 1%	- -	- -	7 3% xg	1 1%	- -	- -	5 1%	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	5 1%	5 *
Don't know	10 1%	2 *	8 1%	1 1%	- -	3 1%	5 1%	3 1%	- -	3 2%	3 1%	3 1%	- -	6 1%	2 1%	- -	4 1%	6 1%	7 1%
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	965 94%	465 94%	500 93%	136 92%	144 92%	337 95%	342 94%	391 94%	95 94%	191 92%	253 95%	337 94%	117 93%	590 94%	230 93%	124 98%	275 92%	690 94%	965 94%
Disagree	27 3%	15 3%	12 2%	6 4%	3 2%	4 1%	13 3%	10 2%	- -	10 5%	6 2%	6 2%	4 3%	18 3%	6 2%	2 2%	8 3%	19 3%	23 2%
Net Agree	938 91%	450 91%	489 91%	130 88%	141 90%	333 94%	330 90%	381 92%	95 94%	181 87%	247 92%	331 93%	114 90%	572 91%	224 91%	122 96%	267 90%	672 92%	942 92%

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FOI2(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities

Base : All

	Total (Weighted) (x)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	721 70%i	144 76%	128 69%	136 72%	125 67%	125 69%	496 71%	163 70%	633 72%xi	85 59%	708 69%
Tend to agree	244 24%	44 23%	40 21%	36 19%	52 28%	46 25%	160 23%	58 25%	201 23%	41 29%	257 25%
Neither agree nor disagree	27 3%	1 *	6 3%	9 5%	4 2%	5 3%	19 3%	6 3%	26 3%	1 1%	34 3%
Tend to disagree	19 2%h	-	5 2%	3 1%	2 1%	4 2%	12 2%	2 1%	9 1%	9 6%xh	18 2%
Strongly disagree	8 1%h	-	5 3%	3 2%	-	* *	8 1%	-	4 *	4 3%h	5 *
Don't know	10 1%	2 1%	3 2%	2 1%	3 1%	-	6 1%	4 2%	7 1%	3 2%	7 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	965 94%i	188 99%xbc	168 90%	172 91%	177 95%	171 95%	656 94%	220 95%	835 95%xi	126 88%	965 94%
Disagree	27 3%h	-	9 5%a	6 3%	2 1%	4 2%	20 3%	2 1%	13 2%	13 9%xh	23 2%
Net Agree	938 91%	188 99%	159 85%	166 88%	175 94%	167 92%	636 91%	219 94%	821 93%	113 79%	942 92%

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Table 5

FOI2(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Freedom of information is important in holding public bodies to account for their spending decisions

Base : All

	Total (Weighted) (x)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total All	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl- -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)		
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Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029	
Strongly agree	756	377	379	90	102	266	294	299	76	134	224	271	83	476	177	91	199	557	758	
		73% cilp	77%	71%	61%	65%	75% c	80% xcd	72%	75%	65%	84% xgi	76% l	66%	75%	71%	72%	67%	76% xp	74%
Tend to agree	205	86	119	41	42	69	52	100	14	52	31	72	31	121	51	29	75	131	208	
		20% fjq	17%	22%	28% f	27% f	19%	14%	24% xj	14%	25% j	12%	20%	25%	19%	21%	23%	25% q	18%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	30	15	15	13	9	7	2	9	6	14	1	8	7	15	5	6	9	21	29	
		3% fj	3%	3%	9% xef	6% f	2%	1%	2%	6% j	7% xj	*	2%	6% xk	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Tend to disagree	12	4	8	2	2	8	1	6	4	2	-	7	3	8	2	1	9	3	15	
		1% q	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	4% xj	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	3% xq	*	1%	
Strongly disagree	16	9	7	2	2	4	8	2	-	6	3	1	2	11	4	1	6	10	13	
		2% gk	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	3%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	*	2%	1%	1%	
Don't know	10	1	9	*	-	1	9	-	-	*	9	-	-	*	9	-	1	9	6	
		1% am	*	2%	*	-	2% xe	-	-	*	3% xg	-	-	*	4% xm	-	*	1%	1%	
Combinations - Summary																				
Agree	961	463	498	131	144	334	346	398	91	187	255	342	115	597	228	119	273	688	966	
		93%	94%	93%	89%	92%	95%	96% xhi	89%	90%	95%	96% l	91%	95%	92%	94%	92%	94%	94%	
Disagree	28	13	14	4	4	12	9	8	4	7	3	8	5	20	6	2	15	13	28	
		3% q	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	5% q	2%	3%	
Net Agree	933	450	483	127	140	323	337	390	86	179	252	335	110	577	222	118	259	674	938	
		91%	91%	90%	86%	89%	91%	94%	85%	86%	94%	94%	87%	91%	90%	93%	87%	92%	91%	

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Table 6

FOI2(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Freedom of information is important in holding public bodies to account for their spending decisions

Base : All

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		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
	(x)										
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	756 73% ⁱ	140 74%	150 81%	142 75%	136 73%	126 70%	521 74%	174 75%	689 78% ^{xi}	66 46%	758 74%
Tend to agree	205 20% ^h	38 20%	26 14%	34 18%	44 24%	44 24% ^b	138 20%	48 21%	156 18%	46 32% ^{xh}	208 20%
Neither agree nor disagree	30 3% ^h	3 2%	3 2%	8 4%	2 1%	6 3%	18 3%	4 2%	18 2%	12 9% ^{xh}	29 3%
Tend to disagree	12 1%	4 2%	-	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	8 1%	3 1%	9 1%	3 2%	15 1%
Strongly disagree	16 2% ^h	5 3%	5 3%	2 1%	1 *	1 1%	12 2%	1 1%	6 1%	10 7% ^{xh}	13 1%
Don't know	10 1% ^h	1 *	2 1%	1 *	1 *	-	4 1%	1 *	4 *	6 4% ^{xh}	6 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	961 93% ⁱ	178 93%	176 94%	176 93%	180 97%	170 94%	659 94%	222 96%	845 96% ^{xi}	112 78%	966 94%
Disagree	28 3% ^h	9 5%	5 3%	4 2%	3 1%	4 2%	20 3%	5 2%	14 2%	13 9% ^{xh}	28 3%
Net Agree	933 91%	170 89%	171 92%	172 91%	178 95%	166 92%	639 91%	217 94%	831 94%	98 68%	938 91%

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Table 7

FOI2(c). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Freedom of information is a waste of public money

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	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweighted Total
		Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-54	55 or more	Working (full time)	Working (part-time)	Not working	Retired	Private /Self-empl -oyed	Public	Owner occupied	Rent council Housing Assoc.	Rented private	Yes	No	
	(x)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	All
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Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Strongly agree	34	21	13	8	1	6	19	15	1	9	9	12	3	13	13	6	5	29	28
	3% m	4%	2%	5%	*	2%	5% d	4%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	5%	2%	4%	3%
Tend to agree	74	27	47	19	3	18	33	19	4	19	30	16	8	37	31	4	20	54	71
	7% dgm	5%	9%	13% de	2%	5%	9% d	5%	4%	9%	11% xg	4%	6%	6%	13% xmo	3%	7%	7%	7%
Neither agree nor disagree	72	36	35	11	19	16	24	29	7	15	17	25	8	35	19	12	35	36	61
	7% mq	7%	7%	8%	12% e	5%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	9%	12% xq	5%	6%
Tend to disagree	237	98	139	27	39	88	82	91	21	51	62	68	40	156	58	18	72	165	247
	23% n	20%	26%	18%	25%	25%	22%	22%	21%	25%	23%	19%	32% xk	25%	23%	15%	24%	23%	24%
Strongly disagree	595	307	289	82	94	221	194	257	66	111	141	234	66	382	120	85	164	431	609
	58% bn	62% xb	54%	56%	60%	63% f	53%	62%	65%	53%	53%	66% xl	52%	60% xn	48%	67% o	55%	59%	59%
Don't know	17	3	14	-	-	5	13	3	3	2	9	3	1	8	7	1	1	16	13
	2% a	1%	3%	-	-	1%	3% x	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	*	2%	1%
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	108	48	60	27	4	24	53	34	5	28	39	28	12	50	44	10	25	83	99
	11% dem	10%	11%	18% xde	3%	7%	14% xde	8%	5%	14%	15% h	8%	9%	8%	18% xm	8%	8%	11%	10%
Disagree	832	405	427	109	133	309	276	348	87	162	203	302	106	538	178	103	236	596	856
	81% fn	82%	80%	74%	85%	87% xcf	76%	84% j	86%	78%	76%	84%	84%	85% xn	72%	81%	79%	81%	83%
Net Agree	-724	-357	-368	-82	-129	-284	-223	-313	-82	-134	-164	-274	-94	-488	-134	-93	-211	-513	-757
	-70%	-72%	-69%	-56%	-83%	-80%	-61%	-76%	-81%	-64%	-61%	-77%	-75%	-77%	-54%	-73%	-71%	-70%	-74%

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Strongly agree	34 3% ^{fh}	2 1%	6 3%	6 3%	10 5%	6 3%	14 2%	15 7% ^{xt}	24 3%	10 7%	28 3%
Tend to agree	74 7% ^h	7 4%	10 5%	21 11%	13 7%	12 7%	45 6%	18 8%	55 6%	19 13% ^h	71 7%
Neither agree nor disagree	72 7%	12 6%	13 7%	13 7%	17 9%	8 4%	39 6%	23 10%	62 7%	10 7%	61 6%
Tend to disagree	237 23% ^h	54 28%	51 27%	39 21%	42 22%	33 18%	174 25%	45 19%	184 21%	51 36% ^{xh}	247 24%
Strongly disagree	595 58% ⁱ	112 59%	102 55%	109 58%	101 54%	119 66% ^x	417 59%	127 55%	544 62% ^{xi}	49 34%	609 59%
Don't know	17 2%	4 2%	4 2%	- -	3 2%	3 2%	12 2%	3 1%	12 1%	5 4%	13 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	108 11% ^{fh}	9 5%	16 8%	27 14% ^{aa}	23 12%	18 10%	59 8%	33 14% ^{ff}	80 9%	29 20% ^{xh}	99 10%
Disagree	832 81% ^{gi}	166 87%	153 82%	149 79%	143 77%	152 84%	591 84% ^{xg}	172 74%	728 83% ^{xi}	100 70%	856 83%
Net Agree	-724 -70%	-157 -82%	-138 -74%	-122 -65%	-120 -64%	-135 -75%	-533 -76%	-139 -60%	-648 -74%	-72 -50%	-757 -74%

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Table 9

FOI3. If you wanted to find out information about a public body, for example on a decision they've taken or a service they provide, how would you prefer to access that information?

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweighted Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part-time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self-empl-oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occupied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Find the information on the organisation's website	576	259	317	106	96	242	129	273	69	140	76	238	81	365	111	86	206	370	587
	56% fjnq	53%	59%	72% xf	61% f	68% xf	35%	66% xj	68% xj	67% xj	29%	67% x	64% x	58% n	45%	68% xn	69% xq	51%	57%
Send a letter or an email to the organisation	198	109	89	16	23	67	90	70	19	29	71	56	31	144	31	20	48	150	229
	19%	22%	17%	11%	15%	19%	25% xc	17%	19%	14%	26% xgi	16%	24% xk	23% xn	13%	16%	16%	21%	22%
Phone the organisation	108	55	52	12	20	18	58	34	2	23	45	29	5	51	44	10	16	91	82
	10% ehlm	11%	10%	8%	13% ee	5%	16% xe	8%	2%	11% h	17% xgh	8%	4%	8%	18% xm	8%	6%	12% xp	8%
Find the information somewhere else	61	34	26	11	7	12	31	15	3	12	25	12	4	30	24	4	12	49	60
	6% eglm	7%	5%	7%	4%	3%	8% e	4%	3%	6%	9% xg	3%	3%	5%	10%	3%	4%	7%	6%
Visit the organisation in person	59	29	30	2	11	15	30	20	8	3	25	21	5	31	22	6	14	45	51
	6% i	6%	6%	2%	7%	4%	8%	5%	8% ei	2%	9% xi	6%	4%	5%	9%	4%	5%	6%	5%
I would not want to find out information/NA	11	5	7	-	-	-	11	2	-	-	10	1	1	5	5	1	1	11	10
	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	3% xe	*	-	-	4% xg	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%
Don't know	16	1	15	-	-	*	15	*	*	1	15	1	-	5	11	-	-	16	10
	2% aegkm	*	3% xa	-	-	*	4% xe	*	*	*	5% xgi	*	-	1%	4% xm	-	-	2%	1%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 10

FOI3. If you wanted to find out information about a public body, for example on a decision they've taken or a service they provide, how would you prefer to access that information?

Base : All

	Total (Weighted) (x)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Find the information on the organisation's website	576 56%	96 50%	94 50%	120 64%	115 62%	113 62%	399 57%	139 60%	504 57%	69 48%	587 57%
Send a letter or an email to the organisation	198 19%	26 14%	45 24%	33 18%	34 18%	39 22%	131 19%	46 20%	178 20%	20 14%	229 22%
Phone the organisation	108 10%e	36 19%xbe	15 8%	17 9%	19 10%	11 6%	78 11%	20 9%	84 10%	22 15%	82 8%
Find the information somewhere else	61 6%	12 7%	12 7%	9 5%	13 7%	5 3%	39 6%	14 6%	46 5%	15 10%	60 6%
Visit the organisation in person	59 6%	18 9% d	16 9% d	6 3%	4 2%	11 6%	44 6%	11 5%	53 6%	6 4%	51 5%
I would not want to find out information/NA	11 1% h	2 1%	4 2%	1 1%	- -	1 *	8 1%	* -	7 1%	5 3%	10 1%
Don't know	16 2% fh	1 1%	- -	1 1%	2 1%	- -	3 *	1 1%	8 1%	7 5% xh	10 1%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 11

FOI5(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information about how they spend their money

Base : All

	Total (Weight ed)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Strongly agree	766 74% ^{cdip}	365 74%	401 75%	90 61%	81 52%	277 78% ^{cd}	314 86% ^{xcd}	301 73%	83 82% ⁱ	129 62%	230 86% ^{xgi}	262 73%	94 74%	486 77% ^x	182 73%	85 67%	202 68%	564 77% ^{xp}	781 76%
Tend to agree	207 20% ^{fjq}	97 20%	110 21%	37 25% ^f	61 39% ^{xef}	69 20% ^f	38 10%	103 25% ^{xhj}	12 12%	52 25% ^{hj}	27 10%	84 24%	28 22%	121 19%	43 17%	39 31% ^{xmn}	79 27% ^{xq}	128 17%	205 20%
Neither agree nor disagree	17 2% ^{ef}	8 2%	8 2%	8 6% ^{xef}	6 4% ^{ef}	* *	1 *	3 1%	6 6% ^{xgj}	6 3%	1 *	7 2%	1 1%	8 1%	1 1%	2 2%	7 2%	10 1%	17 2%
Tend to disagree	31 3% ^{gkm}	17 4%	14 3%	8 5%	6 4%	6 2%	12 3%	6 1%	* *	17 8% ^{xgh}	8 3%	4 1%	3 2%	12 2%	19 8% ^{xmo}	- -	6 2%	25 3%	18 2%
Strongly disagree	8 1%	5 1%	3 1%	4 2%	2 1%	2 *	1 *	1 *	- -	4 2%	1 *	* *	1 1%	4 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	5 1%	8 1%
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	973 95% ^{ci}	462 94%	511 95%	128 87%	142 91%	346 98% ^{xcd}	352 96% ^c	404 97% ^{xi}	95 94%	181 87%	258 96% ⁱ	346 97%	122 97%	607 96% ^{xn}	225 91%	123 98%	282 95%	691 95%	986 96%
Disagree	39 4% ^{gkm}	23 5%	17 3%	11 8% ^e	8 5%	7 2%	12 3%	7 2%	* *	21 10% ^{xghj}	9 3%	4 1%	4 3%	16 3%	21 9% ^{xmo}	1 1%	9 3%	30 4%	26 3%
Net Agree	933 91%	439 89%	494 92%	117 79%	134 86%	339 96%	339 93%	397 96%	95 93%	161 77%	249 93%	342 96%	119 94%	590 93%	204 82%	122 97%	272 92%	661 90%	960 93%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Source : Ipsos MORI

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Table 12

FOI5(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information about how they spend their money

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	766 74% ^{di}	147 77%	153 82% ^d	143 76%	125 67%	137 76%	533 76%	172 74%	698 79% ^{xi}	66 46%	781 76%
Tend to agree	207 20% ^h	40 21%	26 14%	38 20%	47 25% ^b	34 19%	139 20%	46 20%	159 18%	46 32% ^{xh}	205 20%
Neither agree nor disagree	17 2% ^h	1 1%	-	2 1%	5 3%	4 2%	11 2%	2 1%	9 1%	8 5% ^{xh}	17 2%
Tend to disagree	31 3% ^h	1 *	7 4%	4 2%	9 5%	4 2%	15 2%	10 4%	12 1%	20 14% ^{xh}	18 2%
Strongly disagree	8 1% ^{fh}	2 1%	-	2 1%	1 *	1 1%	2 *	3 1%	4 *	5 3% ^{xh}	8 1%
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	973 95% ⁱ	187 98%	179 96%	181 96%	171 92%	171 95%	672 96% ^x	217 94%	857 97% ^{xi}	112 78%	986 96%
Disagree	39 4% ^{fh}	2 1%	7 4%	6 3%	10 5%	5 3%	17 2%	13 6%	15 2%	24 17% ^{xh}	26 3%
Net Agree	933 91%	185 97%	172 92%	175 93%	162 87%	166 92%	655 94%	205 88%	842 96%	88 61%	960 93%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b/c/d/e - x/f/g - x/h/i

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Table 13

FOI5(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish the reasons for the decisions they make

Base : All

	Total (Weight ed)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl- oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup- ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)		
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029	
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029	
Strongly agree	620 60% bdp	319 65% xb	301 56%	86 58%	67 43%	213 60% d	252 69% xd	237 57%	63 63%	112 54%	186 69% xgi	206 58%	71 56%	377 60%	153 62%	78 62%	159 53%	462 63% xp	615 60%	
Tend to agree	312 30% fj	143 29%	169 32%	40 27%	69 44% xcf	122 34% f	79 22%	147 36% xj	29 28%	65 31%	57 21%	129 36% x	41 32%	199 31%	73 30%	33 26%	107 36%	204 28%	316 31%	
Neither agree nor disagree	36 4% q	12 2%	24 4%	9 6%	10 6% f	10 3%	7 2%	15 4%	2 2%	14 7% j	4 1%	9 3%	8 6% x	27 4%	2 1%	5 4%	20 7% xq	16 2%	45 4%	
Tend to disagree	39 4% e	15 3%	24 4%	10 7%	9 6%	7 2%	14 4%	10 2%	6 6%	13 6%	10 4%	10 3%	6 5%	19 3%	13 5%	6 5%	8 3%	31 4%	33 3%	
Strongly disagree	10 1%	3 1%	7 1%	2 1%	-	1 *	6 2%	3 1%	*	1 *	6 2%	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	6 2%	-	1 *	8 1%	8 1%	
Don't know	12 1% a	* *	12 2% xa	* *	2 1%	1 *	8 2%	3 1%	1 1%	3 2%	5 2%	1 *	* *	6 1%	1 *	4 3%	2 1%	10 1%	12 1%	
Combinations - Summary																				
Agree	932 91% b	462 94% xb	470 88%	126 86%	135 87%	335 95% xcd	331 91%	385 93% i	92 91%	177 85%	243 91%	335 94% l	112 88%	576 91%	226 91%	111 88%	266 85%	666 91%	931 90%	
Disagree	49 5% em	18 4%	31 6%	12 8% e	9 6%	8 2%	20 5%	12 3%	6 6%	13 6%	16 6%	12 3%	7 5%	22 4%	18 7%	6 5%	10 3%	39 5%	41 4%	
Net Agree	883 86%	443 90%	440 82%	114 77%	127 81%	327 92%	311 85%	372 90%	86 85%	164 79%	227 85%	324 91%	105 83%	553 88%	208 84%	105 83%	257 86%	627 86%	890 86%	

Fieldwork dates : 24th February to 6th March 2017

Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

J17-011478-01 Weighted.

Source : Ipsos MORI

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b - x/c/d/e/f - x/g/h/i/j - x/k/l - x/m/n/o - x/p/q

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Table 14

FOI5(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish the reasons for the decisions they make

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
	(x)										
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	620 60%i	113 59%	107 57%	123 65%	108 58%	109 60%	418 60%	142 61%	549 62%xi	69 48%	615 60%
Tend to agree	312 30%	66 35%	64 35%	55 29%	56 30%	53 29%	232 33%	63 27%	268 30%	41 29%	316 31%
Neither agree nor disagree	36 4%f	3 2%	5 3%	6 3%	10 6%	4 2%	16 2%	13 6%	30 3%	6 4%	45 4%
Tend to disagree	39 4%fh	3 1%	5 3%	3 2%	8 4%	10 6%	19 3%	11 5%	18 2%	21 15%xh	33 3%
Strongly disagree	10 1%	6 3%	-	1 *	2 1%	* *	8 1%	1 *	9 1%	* *	8 1%
Don't know	12 1%h	-	4 2%	-	2 1%	4 2%	7 1%	3 1%	7 1%	5 3%h	12 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	932 91%i	179 94%	172 92%	178 95%	163 88%	162 90%	650 93%x	205 88%	817 93%xi	111 77%	931 90%
Disagree	49 5%h	8 4%	5 3%	4 2%	10 6%	10 6%	27 4%	11 5%	27 3%	22 15%xh	41 4%
Net Agree	883 86%	171 89%	167 89%	174 92%	153 82%	152 84%	623 89%	193 83%	790 90%	89 62%	890 86%

Fieldwork dates : 24th February to 6th March 2017

Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

J17-011478-01 Weighted.

Source : Ipsos MORI

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b/c/d/e - x/f/g - x/h/i

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Table 15

FOI5(c). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information on how they deliver their services and functions

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweighted Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part-time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self-empl -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Strongly agree	657 64%cdi	318 65%	339 63%	70 47%	77 49%	255 72%xcd	253 69%xcd	272 66%li	75 74%li	100 48%	188 70%li	237 66%	83 65%	419 66%x	140 57%	84 66%	175 59%	482 66%	666 65%
Tend to agree	304 30%fj	151 31%	153 28%	55 37%f	71 46%xef	91 26%	84 23%	128 31%	22 22%	82 40%xhj	60 22%	108 30%	39 31%	177 28%	88 36%	32 26%	102 34%	201 28%	298 29%
Neither agree nor disagree	34 3%e	13 3%	20 4%	17 12%xef	6 4%	4 1%	6 2%	10 2%	2 2%	18 9%xgj	3 1%	10 3%	2 2%	19 3%	3 1%	10 8%xn	14 5%	19 3%	35 3%
Tend to disagree	17 2%	9 2%	7 1%	5 3%	2 1%	3 1%	5 1%	4 1%	1 1%	5 2%	3 1%	3 1%	3 2%	10 2%	6 2%	1 *	5 2%	12 2%	16 2%
Strongly disagree	1 *	* *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	3 *
Don't know	17 2%aegkm*	1 *	16 3%xa	1 *	- -	1 *	15 4%xe	- -	1 1%	2 1%	13 5%yg	* *	* *	6 1%	10 4%lm	- -	1 *	16 2%	11 1%
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	961 93%ci	469 95%	492 92%	124 84%	148 95%c	346 98%xcf	338 92%	400 97%xi	97 96%	183 88%	248 93%	345 96%x	121 96%	596 94%	229 92%	116 92%	278 93%	683 93%	964 94%
Disagree	18 2%	10 2%	8 2%	5 3%	2 1%	3 1%	7 2%	4 1%	1 1%	5 2%	4 2%	3 1%	3 2%	11 2%	6 2%	1 *	5 2%	13 2%	19 2%
Net Agree	943 92%	459 93%	483 90%	119 81%	146 93%	342 97%	331 91%	396 96%	96 95%	178 85%	243 91%	342 96%	119 94%	586 93%	222 90%	116 92%	273 92%	670 92%	945 92%

Fieldwork dates : 24th February to 6th March 2017

Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

J17-011478-01 Weighted.

Source : Ipsos MORI

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b - x/c/d/e/f - x/g/h/i/j - x/k/l - x/m/n/o - x/p/q

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Table 16

FOI5(c). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information on how they deliver their services and functions

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
	(x)										
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	657 64%i	129 68%	115 62%	116 61%	122 66%	120 67%	454 65%	149 64%	602 68%xi	54 38%	666 65%
Tend to agree	304 30%h	47 24%	63 34%	65 35%	48 26%	54 30%	215 31%	62 27%	237 27%	65 45%xh	298 29%
Neither agree nor disagree	34 3%	8 4%	3 2%	6 3%	7 3%	3 2%	18 3%	9 4%	29 3%	5 3%	35 3%
Tend to disagree	17 2%h	4 2%	3 2%	1 *	7 4%	2 1%	7 1%	9 4%xf	6 1%	9 6%xh	16 2%
Strongly disagree	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- 1%	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	* *	3 *
Don't know	17 2%fh	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	* *	5 1%	3 1%	7 1%	10 7%xh	11 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	961 93%i	176 92%	178 96%	181 96%	171 92%	174 97%x	669 96%yg	211 91%	839 95%xi	119 83%	964 94%
Disagree	18 2%h	4 2%	3 2%	1 *	7 4%	3 1%	8 1%	9 4%xf	7 1%	9 7%xh	19 2%
Net Agree	943 92%	171 90%	175 94%	181 96%	164 88%	172 95%	662 94%	201 87%	831 94%	110 76%	945 92%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b/c/d/e - x/f/g - x/h/i

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Table 17

FOI5(d). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information on their contracts with other organisations

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl- -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup- ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Strongly agree	527	260	267	45	51	206	224	201	54	81	165	175	61	320	129	69	127	400	533
		51% cdip	53%	30%	32%	58% xcd	61% xcd	49%	54%	39%	62% xgi	49%	48%	51%	52%	55%	43%	55% xp	52%
Tend to agree	344	158	186	63	69	111	99	157	32	69	77	131	49	217	88	29	110	233	348
		33% fo	32%	43% f	44% xef	31%	27%	38% x	32%	33%	29%	37%	39%	34%	36%	23%	37%	32%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	82	35	47	28	17	15	20	24	5	34	16	22	6	51	13	15	38	44	76
		8% eq	7%	19% xef	11% e	4%	5%	6%	5%	16% xghj	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%	12%	13% xq	6%	7%
Tend to disagree	57	34	23	9	20	19	6	29	4	21	2	23	9	32	11	12	21	35	51
		5% fj	7%	6%	13% xef	5% f	2%	7% j	4%	10% j	1%	6%	7%	5%	4%	10%	7%	5%	5%
Strongly disagree	3	3	*	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	*	3	-	-	-	3	4
		*	1%	1%	-	-	*	1%	-	-	*	1%	*	*	-	-	-	*	*
Don't know	17	3	14	1	-	2	15	1	6	4	7	5	*	8	6	1	1	17	17
		2% agp	1%	*	-	1%	4% xe	*	6% xg	2%	2% g	1%	*	1%	3%	1%	*	2%	2%
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	871	418	453	108	120	318	324	358	87	150	242	307	110	537	218	98	237	633	881
		85% cdip	85%	73%	76%	90% xcd	89% xcd	86% i	86% i	72%	90% xi	86%	87%	85%	88%	77%	80%	87% xp	86%
Disagree	59	36	23	11	20	19	7	31	4	21	3	24	10	34	11	12	21	38	55
		6% fj	7%	8% f	13% xef	5%	2%	8% j	4%	10% j	1%	7%	8%	5%	4%	10%	7%	5%	5%
Net Agree	811	382	429	97	99	298	316	327	83	129	239	282	101	503	207	86	216	595	826
		79%	77%	66%	64%	84%	87%	79%	82%	62%	90%	79%	79%	80%	83%	68%	72%	81%	80%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 18

FOI5(d). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish information on their contracts with other organisations

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
	(x)										
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	527 51% ⁱ	106 56%	93 50%	94 50%	94 50%	91 50%	363 52%	116 50%	493 56% ^{xi}	34 24%	533 52%
Tend to agree	344 33% ^h	52 27%	55 29%	71 38%	66 35%	64 35%	229 33%	78 34%	263 30%	76 53% ^{xh}	348 34%
Neither agree nor disagree	82 8%	23 12%	12 7%	14 7%	14 8%	10 6%	56 8%	17 7%	70 8%	12 8%	76 7%
Tend to disagree	57 5% ^h	9 5%	22 12% ^{xcd}	7 4%	7 4%	11 6%	41 6%	15 6%	40 5%	17 12% ^{xh}	51 5%
Strongly disagree	3 *	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	* *	3 *	- -	2 *	1 *	4 *
Don't know	17 2%	1 *	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	5 3%	9 1%	6 2%	13 1%	4 3%	17 2%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	871 85%	158 83%	148 79%	166 88%	160 86%	154 86%	592 84%	194 84%	756 86% ^x	110 77%	881 86%
Disagree	59 6% ^h	9 5%	22 12% ^{xc}	7 4%	10 5%	11 6%	44 6%	15 6%	42 5%	17 12% ^{xh}	55 5%
Net Agree	811 79%	149 78%	126 68%	159 84%	150 81%	143 80%	548 78%	179 77%	714 81%	93 65%	826 80%

Fieldwork dates : 24th February to 6th March 2017

Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 19

FOI5(e). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish data and statistics about their performance

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweighted Total
	(x)	Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part-time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self-empl-oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occupied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	All
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
Strongly agree	613	300	312	72	74	230	234	254	68	94	178	220	81	377	139	84	152	461	625
	60% dip	61%	58%	49%	48%	65% xcd	64% cd	61% li	67% li	45%	67% xi	61%	64%	60%	56%	67%	51%	63% xp	61%
Tend to agree	338	160	178	58	68	106	103	146	25	80	71	124	38	211	87	34	120	217	330
	33% q	32%	33%	39%	43% xef	30%	28%	35%	24%	39%	27%	35%	30%	33%	35%	27%	40% xq	30%	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	36	12	24	9	5	13	10	10	4	15	6	8	4	27	5	2	14	22	37
	4%	2%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	7% xg	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	4%
Tend to disagree	27	11	17	8	7	2	9	4	5	11	8	6	3	7	13	6	6	21	20
	3% egm	2%	3%	5% e	5% e	1%	3%	1%	5% g	5% g	3%	2%	2%	1%	5% m	5% m	2%	3%	2%
Strongly disagree	7	6	1	-	2	1	5	*	*	4	1	-	1	5	2	-	2	5	7
	1%	1%	*	-	1%	*	1%	*	*	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	8	4	4	1	1	2	5	*	*	4	2	*	*	4	1	-	3	4	10
	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%	*	*	2%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Combinations - Summary																			
Agree	950	460	490	130	142	337	337	399	92	174	250	343	119	588	226	118	272	678	955
	92% i	93%	91%	88%	91%	95% x	92%	96% xi	91%	84%	93% li	96% x	94%	93%	91%	93%	91%	93%	93%
Disagree	35	17	18	8	9	3	14	4	5	14	9	6	4	13	15	6	8	27	27
	3% egm	3%	3%	5% e	6% e	1%	4% e	1%	5% g	7% g	3%	2%	3%	2%	6% m	5%	3%	4%	3%
Net Agree	916	444	472	122	133	334	322	395	87	160	241	337	115	575	211	111	264	651	928
	89%	90%	88%	83%	85%	94%	88%	95%	86%	77%	90%	94%	91%	91%	85%	88%	89%	89%	90%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 20

FOI5(e). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about information that public bodies make available for the public to see?
Public bodies should publish data and statistics about their performance

Base : All

	Total (Weighted)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
Strongly agree	613 60%i	110 58%	109 58%	111 59%	121 65%	114 63%	429 61%	136 59%	552 63%xi	60 42%	625 61%
Tend to agree	338 33%	68 36%	61 33%	65 34%	51 27%	54 30%	225 32%	74 32%	285 32%	51 35%	330 32%
Neither agree nor disagree	36 4%	9 5%	4 2%	9 5%	5 3%	7 4%	27 4%	7 3%	31 3%	6 4%	37 4%
Tend to disagree	27 3%fh	1 *	6 3%	3 2%	8 4%	3 2%	11 2%	11 5%fl	8 1%	18 13%xh	20 2%
Strongly disagree	7 1%h	2 1%	4 2%	- -	* *	1 1%	7 1%	* *	3 *	4 3%h	7 1%
Don't know	8 1%h	1 1%	3 2%	1 *	1 1%	1 *	2 *	4 2%	3 *	5 3%xh	10 1%
Combinations - Summary											
Agree	950 92%i	178 93%	170 91%	176 93%	172 92%	168 93%	654 93%	210 91%	837 95%xi	111 77%	955 93%
Disagree	35 3%h	2 1%	10 5%	3 2%	8 4%	5 3%	17 2%	11 5%	11 1%	22 16%xh	27 3%
Net Agree	916 89%	176 92%	160 86%	173 92%	163 88%	163 91%	636 91%	199 86%	826 94%	88 61%	928 90%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 21

FOINEW4. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Base : All

	Total (Weighted) (x)	Gender		AGE				Employment status of respondent				Work Sector		Tenure			Children in household (DEM5)		Unweigh ted Total All
		Male (a)	Female (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-54 (e)	55 or more (f)	Working (full time) (g)	Working (part- time) (h)	Not working (i)	Retired (j)	Private /Self- empl- -oyed (k)	Public (l)	Owner occup ied (m)	Rent council Housing Assoc. (n)	Rented private (o)	Yes (p)	No (q)	
Unweighted Total	1029	502	527	117	139	370	397	437	128	156	269	302	237	716	134	99	287	742	1029
Weighted Total	1029	493	536	147*	156*	354	365	415	101*	208*	267	358	127	631	248*	126*	298	731	1029
I would be more likely to trust an authority that publishes a lot of information about its work	797 77%in	372 76%	424 79%	107 73%	123 79%	285 81%	277 76%	338 82%xi	88 87%xi	138 66%	204 76%	297 83%x	102 81%	506 80%xn	168 68%	108 85%n	228 77%	569 78%	828 80%
I would be less likely to trust an authority that publishes a lot of information about its work	39 4%b	27 5%b	12 2%	5 3%	11 7%e	7 2%	16 4%	17 4%	1 1%	8 4%	14 5%	15 4%	3 2%	28 4%	12 5%	- -	9 3%	31 4%	30 3%
It would make no difference to me	170 17%km	85 17%	85 16%	33 22%	21 13%	56 16%	60 17%	57 14%	12 12%	53 25%xgh	42 16%	43 12%	20 16%	89 14%	56 23% m	17 13%	58 19%	113 15%	154 15%
Don't know	22 2%gkm	8 2%	14 3%	3 2%	2 1%	5 2%	12 3%	2 1%	1 1%	10 5%g	8 3%g	2 *	1 1%	9 1%	11 5%	1 1%	4 1%	19 3%	17 2%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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Table 22

FOINEW4. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Base : All

	Total (Weighted) (x)	Affluence of area 20% zones					Urban/rural		Heard of the Freedom of Information Act? (FOI1)		Unweighted Total
		1 Most deprived (a)	2 (b)	3 (c)	4 (d)	5 Least deprived (e)	Urban (f)	Rural (g)	Yes (h)	No (i)	
Unweighted Total	1029	126	156	193	219	240	678	256	902	123	1029
Weighted Total	1029	191*	186*	189	186	180	701	232	881	144*	1029
I would be more likely to trust an authority that publishes a lot of information about its work	797 77% ⁱⁱ	147 77%	142 76%	151 80%	143 77%	143 79%	540 77%	187 80%	708 80% ^{xi}	87 60%	828 80%
I would be less likely to trust an authority that publishes a lot of information about its work	39 4%	12 6%	6 3%	4 2%	9 5%	9 5%	31 4%	9 4%	33 4%	7 5%	30 3%
It would make no difference to me	170 17% ^h	23 12%	32 17%	32 17%	33 18%	28 15%	115 16%	32 14%	128 15%	43 30% ^{xh}	154 15%
Don't know	22 2% ^{eh}	9 5% ^{ee}	6 3%	2 1%	2 1%	1 *	15 2%	4 2%	13 1%	7 5% ^h	17 2%

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Respondent Type : General public aged 16+

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