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Our Ref: RFI08

Your Ref:

Neil Findlay MSP
By email

8 May 2020

Dear Mr Findlay

The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 Schedule 2 Part 6

I refer to my letter of 30 April 2020 in connection with the two information requests you made to the Commissioner on 20 April 2020.

Request 1: discussions with the Scottish Government

In my letter, I mentioned we would be publishing additional information about our contact with the Scottish Government. That information has now been published on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

My letter also referred to telephone calls I had with the Scottish Government's FOI Unit. I advised you I was planning to access the office for a short period this week to check whether a further handwritten note existed.

I did manage to get into the office, but was unable to find any further notes. When, towards the end of March, it became clear that the office was going to be closed, I cleared my desk and I suspect that any handwritten note of my contact with Mr Hendricks was destroyed at that point. (This was almost a month before you made your information request.) The key points of my telephone contact with Mr Hendricks are, however, reflected in documents 5 and 11 in the information which has now been published.

This means that request 1 has now been complied with in full.

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), you can ask the Commissioner to review the way I have handled your request. If you wish to do this, you should make your request for review to the Commissioner within 40 working days of receiving this response.

FOISA gives you the right to make your request in different formats. However, given that the office is currently closed, please email any request for review to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info.

Your request should state:

- that you are asking for a review of the way this request has been handled and
- why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

As you know, the maximum timescale for carrying out a review had been extended to 60 working days by the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020. Nevertheless, in line with our [policy](#) on responding to requests (and requests for review) during the pandemic, we will aim to issue a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of receiving it.

Request 2: changes to the Commissioner's view

In my letter of 30 April, I also asked you to clarify this particular request. The information now published may help with this. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Keyse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Keyse
Head of Enforcement