

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2021-669605

Date: 11 January 2022

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.

Information which is the subject of the request	Who is responsible for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme.
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Information which is otherwise accessible	Information about the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme including the Trustees who are responsible for managing and administering the fund, the Scheme Rules (with explanatory notes) and Minutes of the Trustee Meetings.
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Exemption(s)	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
Why exemption(s) applies	Section 25 applies as information about the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme and the Trustees who are responsible for managing and administering the fund in terms of the scheme rules is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website and can be accessed here: SPPS Pension Scheme - MSPs : Scottish Parliament
Public interest (where relevant)	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.