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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2021-669987

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

Can you advice if any members of MSP staff have contacted the Parliament HR department with concerns of bullying by any MSPs since 6th May 2021? If so can details be provided?

Your request was received on 22 December 2021 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

The People and Culture Office provides informal guidance and information to staff employed by MSPs, including in respect of Dignity at Work issues. As these contacts are confidential and informal, records are not kept. In such circumstances staff are provided with information about the complaints procedures and how to make a formal complaint. This is published on the MSP staff intranet pages.

In line with the technical requirements of FOI(S)A we have provided a notice advising that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Parliament.

In keeping with our FOI procedures, this information may also be posted on the Parliament's disclosure log (usually within 24 hours). For further details on the Parliament's Disclosure Log and the information released under FOI, visit:

https://archive2021.parliament.scot/abouttheparliament/17700.aspx

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We would welcome feedback or comment on how we handled your request. Please feel free to contact the Head of Information Governance at <u>foi.officer@parliament.scot</u>

Please find below Annex A, which explains how we handle FOI requests and reviews.

We are currently working remotely and so would ask you to contact us by email at <u>foi.officer@parliament.scot</u>

Yours sincerely,

Robin Davidson Head of Information Governance

REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

How we handle FOI requests

Information on how we handle FOI requests is available on the Parliament's website at:

https://www.parliament.scot/about/information-rights/requesting-information

Alternatively, please contact the Public Information & Resources Team to request a copy. https://www.parliament.scot/contact-us

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 Head of Information Governance:

Post: Head of Information Governance The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP Telephone: 0131 348 6913

We welcome calls using the Text Relay service or in British Sign Language through <u>contactSCOTLAND-BSL</u>.

E-mail: <u>foi.officer@parliament.scot</u>

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: Fax:	01334 464610 01334 464611

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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Feedback or comment

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Data Protection

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Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we dealt with your enquiry, then you may wish to raise the matter with Public Information and Resources.

How to contact us

- Post: The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
- Telephone: 0131 348 5000 0800 092 7500 (Public Enquiries) 0131 348 5395 (Gàidhlig)

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