

# THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

## REFUSAL NOTICE

**Request Number: 2022-670443**

**Date: 21 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.

<b>Information which is the subject of the request</b>	Information about oaths sworn by Members.
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<b>Information which is otherwise accessible</b>	Official Report transcripts of the parliamentary proceedings relating to MSPs' oaths and affirmations on 13 May 2021.
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<b>Exemption(s)</b>	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
<b>Why exemption(s) applies</b>	Section 25 applies as information on MSPs' oaths and affirmations can be accessed using the Official Reports transcripts which are publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website at the following links: <a href="#">Meeting of the Parliament: 13/05/2021   Scottish Parliament Website</a> <a href="#">Official Report   Scottish Parliament Website</a>
<b>Public interest (where relevant)</b>	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.