

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2023-690358

Date: 15 August 2023

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	Information about plans for procuring Software as a Service (SaaS)
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Information which is otherwise accessible	The Contracts Register
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Exemption(s)	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
Why exemption(s) applies	Section 25 applies as information about contracts entered into by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) including the dates when they are due for renewal are publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website at the following link: Contract register Scottish Parliament Website
Public interest (where relevant)	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.