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Dear Requester,

# **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2023-690633**

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

A copy of Angus Robertson, MSP for Edinburgh Central, expenses claim entries incurred in the period 20/03/2023 to 19/04/2023.

Your request was received on 26 July 2023 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

Members travel and expenses information is published on a quarterly basis and can be found using the search tool: <u>MSPs Travel and Expenses | Scottish Parliament Website</u>

As the information relating to any claims or invoices paid to or on behalf of Angus Robertson MSP, where the costs were incurred in the period 20/03/2023 to 19/04/2023, has not yet been published, we have provided the information which would be published as an attachment with this letter. Please note we have provided the information based on the claim date column which shows the date costs were incurred rather than when they were claimed and covers all claims received for the period requested. Members must claim reimbursement of costs incurred in carrying out their parliamentary duties within 4 months of incurring the cost. All costs are in GBP. This does not include information we would not normally publish because it is personal data, such as the names of staff members, or relates to the safety and security of MSPs and their staff.

Within the period of your request the expenses include information about a claim which relates to the Member and their staff's safety and security. This information is exempt from disclosure in terms of section 39(1) of FOI(S)A – where disclosure would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of an individual. The reasons for this are set out in the attached refusal notice.

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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 foi.officer@parliament.scot

Yours sincerely,

Linda Forrest Information Compliance Officer

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

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<u>Privacy notice: Information rights: Freedom of Information request handling | Scottish Parliament Website</u>

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https://www.parliament.scot/contact-us

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Post: Head of Information Governance

The Scottish Parliament

Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Telephone: 0131 348 5281

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

E-mail: foi.officer@parliament.scot

# **Application to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

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Post: The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

Fife

**KY16 9DS** 

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Telephone: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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