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Dear Requester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2024-021501

We acknowledge your request for information seeking:

I write to make a FOI request for all data usage of all 129 MSPs for the period between December 2022-December 2023 for all of their parliamentary issued devices, including any charges they incurred on those devices.

So all data usage for all MSP parliamentary issued devices between December 2022-December 2023, including any charges they incurred.

Your request was received on 15 February 2024 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

Responding to each part of your request in turn, the position is as follows.

Data usage for all MSP Parliamentary devices between December 2022 and December 2023.

The Scottish Parliament recently responded to 3 FOI requests seeking information about the data usage for all 129 MSPs in relation to their parliamentary devices. This information was sought for the period from December 2022 to October 2023. The replies to these requests with accompanying spreadsheets providing information about the monthly data usage for each device used by the Members referred to are publicly available in the FOI Disclosure Log on the Scottish Parliament website at the following links: [2023-694360](#), [2023-694464](#) and [2023-122203](#)

As information about the monthly data usage for MSPs for the period from December 2022 to October 2023 is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website we have attached a notice in terms of section 25 of FOI(S)A – in respect of information which is otherwise available.

As this information does not cover the full period of your request, we have attached a spreadsheet listing the monthly data usage for each device used by all 129 MSPs for the months of November and December 2023.

The figures provided reflect data usage on devices used by Members for parliamentary duties.

No information is held in relation to the monthly data usage and additional charges for Alexander Burnett MSP, Humza Yousaf MSP and Ivan McKee MSP as they have not been issued with parliamentary devices.

In line with the technical requirements under FOI(S)A, we have attached a notice advising that information about data usage for these members is not held by the Scottish Parliament.

Charges incurred for all MSP Parliamentary devices between December 2022 and December 2023.

We are interpreting this part of your request to mean a request for information about additional charges that have been incurred by Members when using their parliamentary devices.

The following Members incurred additional charges as follows:

Lorna Slater MSP incurred a total of £3.50 in additional charges in October 2023.

Paul McLennan MSP incurred a total of £90 in additional charges in October 2023.

These sums have been reimbursed by the Members with no additional costs to the taxpayer.

Information about the charges incurred by Michael Matheson MSP in December 2022 and January 2023, including confirmation that charges have been reimbursed, has also been published on the FOI Disclosure Log at the following links: [2023-694207](#) and [2023-695164](#)

As this information is publicly available, we have provided a notice in terms of section 25 of FOI(S)A – in respect of information that is otherwise accessible.

Data figures provided in respect of all remaining MSPs between December 2022 and December 2023 were within standing charges for the agreed voice

and data limits, meaning that there have been no additional costs to the taxpayer or to Members personally.

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:

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Ann Marie Partridge
Information Compliance Officer

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

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