

# **The 2024/25 audit of Historic Environment Scotland: Follow up information from Historic Environment Scotland, 5 February 2026**

We would like to issue some corrections to information provided by HES in the PAC yesterday.

In regards to data breaches:

The stats below relate to the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

<b>Data Breaches assessed by HES</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>No. Reported to the ICO</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Cases confirmed closed by ICO</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cases still in assessment by ICO</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cases reported to the ICO by a route other than HES.*</b>	<b>1</b>

\*The ICO contacted HES to advise that a member of staff had contacted them in a personal capacity to raise an issue with how they believed a case had been handled. This case has been closed by the ICO - they acknowledged that HES had correctly identified the data breach and provided the organisation with a standard advice note

In regards to tickets for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Castle Concerts, Mr Uphill would like to correct his statement regarding the receipt of Tattoo tickets they are not for "every night". From 2025, HES receives 10 tickets for 5 performances, a total of 50 tickets, to be utilised on agreed dates, the contract sets out that these tickets are to be used for the promotion of HES, REMT and the Tattoo. He would also confirm that the HES receives 20 tickets for each of the 'Esplanade Events' - also referred to as Castle concerts.

We would also like to clarify the tenure of the board members:

- Sir Mark Jones: 22 September 2025 and runs until 21 September 2029
- Andrew Davis: 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2028
- Emma Herd: 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2028
- Gemma Butterfield: 20 March 2023 to 19 March 2027
- Joe Doogan: 20 March 2023 to 19 March 2027
- Simon Hodge: 20 March 2023 to 19 March 2027
- Gary Jebb: 20 March 2023 to 19 March 2027
- Ann Leslie: 20 March 2023 to 19 March 2027
- Nkosana Mafico: 1 Nov 2024 to 31 October 2028
- Ian Baxter: 1 Nov 2024 to 31 October 2028
- David Richardson: 1 Nov 2024 to 31 October 2028
- Ray MacFarlane: 10 November 2025 to 9 November 2026
- Susan Deighan: 10 November 2025 to 9 November 2026

If you have any questions on this information, please do let us know.