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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2021-669595

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

Please consider this a request made under Freedom of Information and for public interest grounds. If you do not hold this information in the exact format request please suggest alternative questions and answer those, if they are related to the subject of interest.

Since the opening of the Scottish Parliament, please provide a list of those who have served as MSPs including their date of appointment, their date of leaving office, their current age or age at date of leaving office and the reason for leaving office where it is not the result of losing an election.

Your request was received on 13 December 2021 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

Information about current and former MSPs together with details of the years of their appointment and when they left office is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament website and can be accessed at the following link: [Current Members of the Scottish Parliament \(MSPs\) | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

We have attached fact sheets giving an alphabetical list of all MSPs who served during each Session of the Scottish Parliament. The fact sheets note MSPs who left office during that session, for what reason, who replaced them and when.

We have also attached fact sheets listing MSPs who stood down or were not re-elected in each of the 2003, 2007, 2011, 2016 and 2021 elections.

Once an MSP leaves office, we delete their dates of birth as we have no reason to hold this information. As we do not hold information about the ages of former Members, we have provided a notice in terms of the technical requirements under FOI(S)A. We do compile a list of age ranges of Members at the start and end of each Session and to assist you with this part of the request we have attached spreadsheets listing this information for each Parliamentary Session.

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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,

Robin Davidson
Head of Information Governance

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

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Post: Head of Information Governance
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Telephone: 0131 348 6913

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E-mail: foi.officer@parliament.scot

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Post: The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Email: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Telephone: 01334 464610

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Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we dealt with your enquiry, then you may wish to raise the matter with Public Information and Resources.

How to contact us

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