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Dear Requester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2021-669605

We acknowledge your request for information seeking:

Please can you explain which Scottish Parliament Committee is responsible for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Fund, where it publishes its papers and how the relevant papers of said quarterly meetings are published? If no Committee has such responsibility please consider this a request for access to the most recent papers.

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).

The management and administration of the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme (SPPS) is the responsibility of the Fund Trustees and not a Parliamentary Committee. Information about the pension scheme together with minutes of the Trustee Meetings can be accessed on the Scottish Parliament website at the following link:

SPPS Pension Scheme - MSPs: Scottish Parliament

Trustee Meetings are normally scheduled to take place on a quarterly basis, however, during the pandemic the frequency of the meetings has reduced with trustees dealing with more matters by correspondence. The last meeting took place on 25 October 2021.

Following the Scottish Parliament election last year, we are currently seeking the nominations for 3 new Trustees and once they have been identified and formally appointed by the Parliament a further meeting will be scheduled when the minutes of the meeting on 25 October 2021 will be cleared for publication. The minutes will be published on the website and we will be happy to contact you with this information at that time.

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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,

Robin Davidson Head of Information Governance

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

How we handle FOI requests

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https://www.parliament.scot/about/information-rights/requesting-information

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

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Application to the Scottish Information Commissioner

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Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

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KY16 9DS

Email: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Telephone: 01334 464610 Fax: 01334 464611

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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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.

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