

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2021-669655

Date: 11 January 2022

This refusal notice is provided in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

You have requested certain information which we are not providing to you as it is otherwise accessible. The accompanying letter describes where the information you seek is available.

Section 16 of FOI(S)A requires us to complete a refusal notice when we are not providing information which is otherwise accessible. The details we are required to include in this refusal notice are set out below.

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| Information which is the subject of the request | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Please provide the funding levels (it would be helpful if you could link to the published financial reports containing their disclosure and notes on the underlying assumptions.</i>• <i>Please a) obtain and disclose the TOTAL fees (including amounts paid to the Investment Manager in respect of underlying holdings) for all periods back to contract commencement.</i> |
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| Information which is otherwise accessible | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Annual Accounts and Reports for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme provides information about funding levels.• The Annual Accounts and Reports for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme provide information of the fees charged by the Investment Manager. |
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| Exemption(s) | Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible |
| Why exemption(s) applies | <p>Section 25 applies as information about finding levels and the underlying assumptions is publicly available in the SPPS Annual Accounts and Reports on the Scottish Parliament website and can be accessed here: Scottish Parliament accounts Scottish Parliament Website</p> <p>Section 25 applies as information about the fees charged by Baillie Gifford are set out in the SPPS</p> |

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| | Annual Accounts and Reports which can be accessed here: Scottish Parliament accounts Scottish Parliament Website |
| Public interest (where relevant) | As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test. |