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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2021-669657

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

Please could you provide me with a schedule of resettlement grants disbursed by SCPB by year and by MSP including the length of service and base financial amount used in the calculation.

Please indicate any payments made that were not directly in line with the standard formula and the reason for this.

Your request was received on 14 December 2021 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

An MSP resettlement grant is payable if an individual is an MSP immediately before the Parliament's dissolution and at the subsequent election either:

- does not stand for election as a Constituency or Regional Member; or
- stands and is not elected.

An MSP resettlement grant is not payable should the individual resign as an MSP at any other time outwith the dissolution of parliament.

Information about the calculation used to determine resettlement grants is set out in Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament Pensions Act 2009 which can be accessed here: [Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/12/schedule-2).

All payments were calculated in line with the standard formula set out under the legislation.

We are unable to provide details of the specific amounts paid by year and by individual as this is the personal data of the former Members receiving such payments and so it cannot be disclosed without their agreement. We consider this information to be exempt from disclosure in terms of section 38(1)(b) of FOI(S)A for the reasons set out in the attached a refusal notice.

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We would welcome feedback or comment on how we handled your request. Please feel free to contact the Head of Information Governance at foi.officer@parliament.scot

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

We welcome calls using the Text Relay service or in British Sign Language through [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](#).

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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