

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2022-671521

Date: 2 March 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.

Information which is the subject of the request	<i>-A breakdown of all foreign dignitaries hosted at the Scottish Parliament from 2016 to 2022.</i>
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Information which is otherwise accessible	Information about international delegations which have visited the Scottish Parliament.
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Exemption(s)	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
Why exemption(s) applies	Section 25 applies as information about international delegations which have visited the Scottish Parliament during the period of the request is publicly available on the Parliament website and can be accessed at the following links: For the period of Session 5 (2016-2021) International activity - About the Parliament: Scottish Parliament For the period of Session 6 (2021-) International activity Scottish Parliament Website
Public interest (where relevant)	As section 2 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.

