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Dear Requester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-682040

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

“I wish to know what the final cost to the taxpayer was for the Scottish Government to take to the Supreme Court a decision regarding the legality of holding a second referendum on Scottish Independence.”

Your request was received on 24 November 2022 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

The information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Parliament and therefore we cannot provide it to you. For information about the costs of the case before the Supreme Court you will need to contact the Scottish Government. The reason for this is that the Scottish Government drafted but did not introduce a Bill to hold a second referendum on Scottish Independence and the Lord Advocate (the Scottish Government’s senior law officer) referred the matter to the Supreme Court for a decision.

The Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government are two separate organisations. The following webpage includes information about how to request information from the Scottish Government:

<https://www.gov.scot/about/contact-information/how-to-request-information/>

Further information about the roles of the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government together with how laws are made by the Scottish Parliament are available in several online leaflets here: [Information resources - Visit & Learn : Scottish Parliament](#)

In line with the technical requirements of FOI(S)A we have provided a notice advising that the information you have requested is not held by the Scottish Parliament.

In keeping with our FOI procedures, this information may also be posted on the Parliament's disclosure log (usually within 24 hours). For further details on the Parliament's Disclosure Log and the information released under FOI, visit: [FOI Request Disclosure Log | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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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,

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How we handle FOI requests

Information on how we handle FOI requests is available on the Parliament's website at:

[Privacy notice: Information rights: Freedom of Information request handling | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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

Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have dealt with your request for information, you can ask us to review our decision and actions. You must do this in writing (or other permanent form) within 40 working days of the date of this letter, stating the reasons for your dissatisfaction, and we will respond within 20 working days of receipt. A request for a review should be made to the Head of Information Governance:

Post: Head of Information Governance
The Scottish Parliament
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Telephone: 0131 348 5281

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

E-mail: foi.officer@parliament.scot

Application to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If, on the outcome of any review, you are still dissatisfied, or if we are unable to resolve any other complaint, then you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner:

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

Fax: 01334 464611

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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[Privacy notice: Information rights: Freedom of Information request handling | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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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