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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-682119

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

Information relating to all meetings held in which Ross Greer MSP and members of the Evangelical Alliance were present since January 1, 2021, including, dates, times, locations, agendas, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting. Please exclude all Scottish Parliament committee meetings, all party groups, and meetings of the whole Scottish Parliament.

Your request was received on 28 November 2022 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

Where the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) has not been involved in arranging meetings, we will not hold information about meetings where MSPs and third parties were present. The reason for this is because the SPCB does not collect or store or have access to information about meetings if committee meetings, meetings of all party groups (known in the Scottish Parliament as cross-party groups) and meetings of the Parliament are to be excluded.

While the SPCB provides an IT framework to enable MSPs to communicate, parliament staff have no access to that system with the exception of technical staff required to resolve system problems which arise. This does not include accessing any of the actual data contained on the system. For the purposes of FOI legislation, this means that the Scottish Parliament does not hold any of the information contained in MSPs' communications.

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.

The [Scottish Parliament lobbying register](#) contains details of any instances of regulated lobbying submitted by registered organisations. The register is free to use and searchable for such information as to which organisations have recorded meeting with MSPs, Ministers etc.

There has been one instance of regulated lobbying submitted by Evangelical Alliance Scotland relating to any communications made to Ross Greer MSP since 1 January 2021. The published information return can be viewed [here](#).

For information about agendas, minutes and actions resulting from the meeting you will need to contact the individual MSP. You can see a list of current MSPs and access their contact details at the following link:

<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/current-msps.aspx#H>

Please note, MSPs are not covered by FOI as individuals. This was established by a Decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner in 2005. You can read the content of that Decision at the following link:

<https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/decision-0082005>. More information about elected members and their status with regard to FOI is available at the following link: <https://spice-spotlight.scot/2018/02/20/spice-enquiries-faq-msps-and-foi/>

It should be noted that organisations that are registered with us on the Lobbying Register operate under 6-monthly statutory reporting periods. These reporting period dates and deadlines are based on the initial date of application to join the register. This may mean that some organisations have instances of regulated lobbying still to be submitted to the register but have not yet done so.

It is a matter for any organisation how it wishes to manage its administration of ensuring it meets its compliance responsibilities under the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. This means that it can submit instances of regulated lobbying immediately after meetings, events etc., or wait until its period deadline is reached.

As information about regulated lobbying of the Member is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament lobbying register, we have attached a notice under section 25 of FOI(S)A – for information that is otherwise available.

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:

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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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Information Compliance Officer

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E-mail: foi.officer@parliament.scot

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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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How to contact us

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