

# THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

## REFUSAL NOTICE

**Request Number:** 2022-682191

**Date:** 14 December 2022

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

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 the Act 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.

<b>Information which is the subject of the request</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) A record of how individual MSPs voted with regards the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill 2022.</li><li>ii) A written record of comments made by MSPs regarding the proposed Bill from the time of its original reading until the final vote on the Bill on 28 June 2022.</li></ul>
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<b>Information which is otherwise accessible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) A record of how individual MSPs voted with regards the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill 2022.</li><li>ii) The Official Report provides a written record of what was said in chamber and committee meetings for each stage of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill.</li></ul>
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<b>Exemption(s)</b>	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
<b>Why exemption(s) applies</b>	<p>Section 25 applies as the following information is available on the Scottish Parliament’s website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) A record of how individual MSPs voted with regards the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill 2022, available at the links below.</li><li>• Stage 1 vote: <a href="#">S6M-04310   Scottish Parliament Website</a></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Justice Committee Stage 2 vote: <a href="#">Minutes</a> and <a href="#">Official Report</a></li> <li>• Covid-19 Recovery Committee Stage 2 vote: <a href="#">Minutes</a> and <a href="#">Official Report</a></li> <li>• Stage 3 vote: <a href="#">S6M-05217   Scottish Parliament Website</a></li> </ul> <p>ii) The Official Report, which provides a written record of what was said in chamber and committee meetings for each stage of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill, is available to view for each stage of the Bill by clicking the links to the Official Report on the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Stage 1   Scottish Parliament Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Stage 2   Scottish Parliament Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Stage 3   Scottish Parliament Website</a></li> </ul>
<b>Public interest (where relevant)</b>	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.