

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REFUSAL NOTICE

Request Number: 2022-682366

Date: 22 December 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>All preparatory materials and minutes (or any other record of what was discussed) for meetings between Philip Morris Limited and MSPs that took place in 2022.</i>
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Information which is otherwise accessible	Information relating to meetings between Philip Morris Limited and MSPs which are registered as regulated lobbying in the Lobbying Register.
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Exemption(s)	Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible
Why exemption(s) applies	Section 25 applies as instances of regulated lobbying, including meetings between Philip Morris Limited and MSPs, are available on the Scottish Parliament Lobbying Register: Home - Lobbying Register
Public interest (where relevant)	As section 25 is an absolute exemption it is not subject to the public interest test.