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Dear Requester,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2024-021401**

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

*1. All correspondence received and sent by the Scottish Parliament, including internal correspondence, briefings and notes, about Michael Matheson snf whether he will take his severance payment, between February 5 and the date of this FOI.*

Your request was received on 14 February 2024 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. The reason for this is that we have not received or sent any correspondence about whether the Member will take his ministerial severance payment. Resettlement grants are not claimed. In terms of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (the Act) the SPCB is required to pay an Officeholder resettlement grant to an individual who:

- (a) stops being the holder of a pensionable office, and
- (b) is not appointed as the holder of a pensionable office during the following 90 days.

We have therefore written to the Member to advise him of the amount he is due to receive under the Act.

Information about the calculation used to determine resettlement grants is set out in para 4 of Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament Pensions Act 2009

which can be accessed here;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/1/schedule/2>

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We are currently working remotely and so would ask you to contact us by email at [foi.officer@parliament.scot](mailto:foi.officer@parliament.scot)

Yours sincerely,

Robin Davidson  
Head of Information Governance

## REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

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St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

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