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by email to [redacted]

Your ref: FoI/2021/4

14 July 2021

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2021 to the Scottish Fiscal Commission requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 in which you asked for:

- all policy documents which inform, govern, or guide the way your organisation handles media requests and the publication of information. Please include all such documents which mention the Scottish Government, ministers or Scottish Government departments
- any emails, minutes, memos and documents which update that policy or affect the way it is implemented which have been sent from the Scottish Government to your organisation or from your organisation to the Scottish Government since 1 January 2020

Please find attached the following documents which include information about how the Scottish Fiscal Commission handles media requests and the publication of information. They are also published at the Scottish Fiscal Commission's website, [www.fiscalcommission.scot](http://www.fiscalcommission.scot).

In addition previous versions, where relevant, are either published on the Commission's website or since December 2019 available from the regular snapshots of the Commission's website as part of the National Records of Scotland's web continuity service, [https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/\\*/https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/](https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/*/https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/)

1. Scottish Fiscal Commission (Scotland) Act 2016 – 2016 asp 17
2. Scottish Fiscal Commission Standing Orders - 4 November 2020
3. Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics - April 2018
4. Scottish Fiscal Commission Scheme of Internal Delegation - November 2019
5. FoI, EIR, Data Protection, Publication Scheme and Privacy Notice - November 2019
6. Scottish Fiscal Commission Framework Document - November 2019
7. Scottish Fiscal Commission Protocol for Engagement with the Scottish Government - September 2020

Documents 2 - 5 are reviewed without direct input from Scottish Government. However, as a non-Ministerial Office within the Scottish Administration, the Scottish Fiscal Commission is

required to comply with the requirements of the Scottish Public Finance Manual are met. Accordingly, there has been no correspondence between Scottish Fiscal Commission and Scottish Ministers, or Scottish Government officials.

In relation to documents 6 and 7 these are reviewed in tandem with Scottish Government officials. The published versions of the policies reflect the current version of the Framework and Protocol that are implemented until revised versions are agreed and published. Previous versions of the Framework and Protocol remain available on our website.

All revisions are documented online and there have been no subsequent correspondence between Scottish Fiscal Commission and Scottish Ministers, or Scottish Government officials about the way in which these policies are implemented.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to: Mr John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission, Governor's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DE, email [FOIrequests@fiscalcommission.scot](mailto:FOIrequests@fiscalcommission.scot).

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

[www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H White".

**James H White**  
**Governance Manager**