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Dear XXXXXX,

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 28 July 2017, in which you requested the following:

1) Please supply electronically all correspondence between VisitScotland/EventScotland and Trump International Golf Links Scotland and Trump Turnberry, including but not exclusively Mr Donald Trump, Mr Donald Trump Jr, Mr Eric Trump, Mr George Sorial, and Ms Sarah Malone, from 1st January 2016 to the present.

We have considered your request, and can respond as follows:

It is important to note that VisitScotland's work with The Trump Organization is solely related to its role as an operator of premium golf resorts in Scotland and, as such, we would not comment on President Trump's personal or political views or agenda. Both Trump Turnberry and Trump International Golf Links have earned five-star VisitScotland status based solely on the quality of the facilities and customer service they provide.

1) VisitScotland (incorporating EventScotland) previously responded to two similar Freedom of Information requests. This information is freely available on our corporate website and online at the What do they Know website. Therefore, we cite Section 25 'Information otherwise accessible' of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act. The following links will provide you with the information you have requested. Please access the *correspondence between VisitScotland and Sarah Malone, Damian Bates, George Sorial* and the *Expenditure at Trump International Golf Links Scotland / Any Trump property* links on the What do They Know website.

- www.visitscotland.org/about_us/our_policies/freedom_of_information/recent_disclosures.aspx
- www.whatdotheyknow.com/body/visitscotland

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

Mr Malcolm Roughead
Chief Executive

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Edinburgh, EH6 6JH
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If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464611
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning either our response.

Yours sincerely,



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VisitScotland