

11 January 2022

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 9 December 2021, in which you requested the following relating to the Scottish Coach Operators – COVID-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund:

1. A list of which coach operators received money from the second round of the Fund mentioned above, and how much they individually received
2. Confirmation of whether those payments were made on the per-vehicle basis originally announced by Visit Scotland for the second round of the Fund, or whether the per-vehicle basis of the first round of the Fund was instead utilised in making calculations.

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

1. The list of operators who received an award, and the amount received, from the second strand of the Scottish Coach Operators – COVID-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund is available on our corporate website at [this link](#), under the heading 'Strand Two – Grants Awarded'.
2. Calculations were initially based on the per vehicle basis outlined in the [Strand Two guidance](#). However, as there were enough funds remaining, all successful applicants for Strand Two were awarded same amount per qualifying vehicle as awarded in Strand One.

This was in line with the following point in the [Strand Two guidance](#): *"If the total budget of the Fund has still not been exhausted once the awards which have been subject to the cap have been reviewed, the remaining funds will be awarded on a pro rata basis across all successful applicants. Any unallocated funds will be used to bring the grant award per qualifying Coach as close as possible, but not above, the amount awarded for qualifying Coaches in Strand One of the Fund."*

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:

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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.

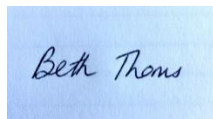
If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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

Yours sincerely,



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