

20 March 2023

## Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20 February 2023, in which you requested the following:

*Please provide a list of any and all contact your organisation and/or staff have had with British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Philip Morris International, as well as any other domestic or transnational tobacco companies or anyone representing the tobacco industry including subsidiaries of tobacco industry.*

*I would like this information for the period from 1 April 2021 to 20 February 2023.*

*Contact would primarily include attending or arranging meetings or functions and responding to correspondence or phone calls.*

*Please break down the information by:*

- *Tobacco company or representative's name*
- *Date of contact(s)*
- *Type of contact (meeting, email, letter, phone call, text/app message or video call, e-card or any other form of electronic communication)*
- *Place of contact, if relevant*
- *Purpose of contact*
- *Outcome of contact, including if no action taken*

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

We hold the following information which is in the scope of your request:

Tobacco Company	Philip Morris International
Date of Contact(s)	7 October 2021, 8 October 2021
Type of contact	Email
Purpose of contact	A query was received to the VisitScotland Information team inbox from a member of staff of Philip Morris International.  The query asked about Scotland's COVID-19 travel policies and restrictions to inform upcoming travel plans.
Outcome of contact	VisitScotland's Information team responded to the query to advise on Scotland's COVID-19 travel policies and restrictions. Following this, VisitScotland's Information team received another email from the original enquirer, to say thank you for the information.

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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Ocean Point One  
94 Ocean Drive  
Edinburgh, EH6 6JH  
Telephone: 0131 472 2201  
Fax: 0131 472 2223  
E-mail: [malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com](mailto:malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com)

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](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

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

Yours sincerely,

VisitScotland