

25 August 2025

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)

Thank you for your email which was received by VisitScotland on 28th July 2025 at 2.24pm requesting :-

- 1. Any correspondence (including emails, letters, phone calls, handwritten notes, WhatsApp messages or any other documents) between any board member of Visit Scotland, including the chair and the office of the First Minister regarding funding for the 2025 Nexo Championship. Information should include but not be limited to a detailed timeline (with dates) of any contact between these individuals. Please provide this information between the dates of 1 February 2025 and 28 July 2025 inclusive.*
- 2. Any correspondence (including emails, letters, phone calls, handwritten notes, WhatsApp messages or any other documents) between any board member of Visit Scotland, including the chair and the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture regarding funding for the 2025 Nexo Championship. Information should include but not be limited to a detailed timeline (with dates) of any contact between these individuals. Please provide this information between the dates of 1 February 2025 and 28 July 2025 inclusive.*
- 3. Any correspondence (including emails, letters, phone calls, handwritten notes, WhatsApp messages or any other documents) between any board member of Visit Scotland, including the chair and the office of the Minister for Drugs & Alcohol Policy and Sport regarding funding for the 2025 Nexo Championship. Information should include but not be limited to a detailed timeline (with dates) of any contact between these individuals. Please provide this information between the dates of 1 February 2025 and 28 July 2025 inclusive.*
- 4. Any correspondence (including emails, letters, phone calls, handwritten notes, WhatsApp messages or any other documents) between any board member of Visit Scotland, including the chair and any civil servant with a rank of deputy director or higher regarding funding for the 2025 Nexo Championship. Information should include but not be limited to a detailed timeline (with dates) of any contact between these individuals. Please provide this information between the dates of 1 February 2025 and 28 July 2025 inclusive.*

VisitScotland’s response

We have completed our searches for the information requested above and we do not hold any correspondence regarding funding for the 2025 Nexo Championship between any VisitScotland Board member, including the Chair, and

- the office of the First Minister
- the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
- the office of the Minister for Drugs & Alcohol Policy and Sport
- any civil servant with a rank of deputy director or higher

Therefore VisitScotland, does not hold the information that you have requested. Section 17 of the Act states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information. This letter provides you with that notice.

Your right to request a review

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) to:

Ms Vicki Miller
Chief Executive
VisitScotland
Waverley Court
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG
Telephone: 0131 473 3603
E-mail: vicki.miller@visitscotland.com

The request for a review should 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 not satisfied with the result of the review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464611
Email: 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.