

25 February 2025

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

Thank you for your request for information which was received by VisitScotland on 28 January 2025 at 08:58am, requesting information about:

information showing how Shetland is part of Scotland

VisitScotland’s response

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 25(1) of The Act as we do not have to give you information where that information is already reasonably accessible to you.

As previously stated in correspondence with “the Sovereign Nation of Shetland,” the Shetland Islands have been part of Scotland for over 540 years, since 1470. Shetland’s position was, as a matter of law, supported by the Court of Session in 2012 in the case of [The Royal Bank of Scotland v Stuart Hill](#), where it is set out that it is regarded as a matter of settled law that Shetland forms part of Scotland and the United Kingdom and the reasons why.

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.