

230926 (108) FOI Business Travel

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 6 September 2023. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (6 September 2023)

1. Do you have a target to cut emissions from air and/or business travel? If so, please share information about any target(s) you have (e.g. description of the target, when the target was adopted, timeline to meeting the target).
2. Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of emissions from business travel.
3. Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of the use of air travel for business travel purposes.
4. Please provide details of the number of flights your staff have taken from Edinburgh & Glasgow Airports to London Airports for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England.
5. Please provide details of the number of rail journeys your staff have taken from Edinburgh & Glasgow railway stations to London railway stations for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England.

FOI RESPONSE

Questions 1, 2 and 3: SOSE's expenses policy deals with business travel. Our policy aims to limit business travel whenever we can both due to limiting emissions and from a cost perspective. We try to ensure staff utilise technology and indeed have a base that is within a reasonable commuting distance.

4. There have been no flights taken from Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports to London Airports for business purposes in the past 12 month reporting period (April 2022 - March 2023) for travel to destinations within south-east England.

5. There have been no rail journeys taken from Edinburgh and Glasgow railway stations to London railway stations for business purposes in the past 12 month reporting period (April 2022 to March 2023) for travel to destinations within south-east England.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

Fife

KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

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or for online appeals:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Regards,



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