

Freedom of Information

For noting

1. For information, the FOI log for this financial year is attached as Appendix A. Since the last meeting there has been two FOI requests, both of which were answered within 20 working days.
2. The Commission is asked to note the FOI requests for this financial year and the response time.

**Secretariat
March 2026**

Boundaries Scotland Freedom of Information Requests 2025/26

Date Received	Request	Date Responded	Response
23/04/2025	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information about your procurement of any (i) external Data Protection Officer (DPO), (ii) Data protection GDPR compliance services for the period FY2022-23 to FY2024-25:</p> <p>1. Current DPO arrangements</p> <p>1.1 Is the organisation's DPO and other staff that work on data protection compliance:</p> <p>(a) An internal employee (b) A DPO provided by an external service provider (c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support)</p> <p>1.2 Where services are provided by external providers, please share the following information:</p> <p>(a) The Company name(s) (b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025) (c) The highest day rate paid (d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms) (e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference) (f) Services covered (e.g., audits, breach management, SAR management, delivery of DPIAs) • Please indicate what deliverables were produced • Procurement method (e.g., open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and name of the procurement framework, if applicable.</p> <p>2. Consultancy Spend</p> <p>2.1 What is the organisation's, total annual expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services? £0</p> <p>2.2 For SoW/projects which have a spend of more than £5k), please share the following information: • N/A</p> <p>3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation? (FTE) 0.5</p> <p>3.2 Are there any vacant roles? (Yes/No) No</p> <p>3.3 Where there any ICO investigations, audits, or enforcement actions for (ICT)?</p>	28/04/2025	<p>1. Current DPO arrangements</p> <p>1.1 Is the organisation's DPO and other staff that work on data protection compliance:</p> <p>(a) Yes (b) No (c) No</p> <p>1.2 Where services are provided by external providers, please share the following information:</p> <p>(a) N/A (b) N/A (c) N/A (d) N/A (e) N/A (f) N/A</p> <p>2.1 What is the organisation's, total annual expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services? £0</p> <p>2.2 For SoW/projects which have a spend of more than £5k), please share the following information: • N/A</p> <p>3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation? (FTE) 0.5</p> <p>3.2 Are there any vacant roles? (Yes/No) No</p> <p>3.3 Where there any ICO investigations, audits, or enforcement actions for</p>
03/05/2025	<p>I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for January to March 2025. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.</p>	06/05/2025	<p>Boundaries Scotland, formerly known as the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, does not have any transactions over £25,000 for January to March 2025.</p>
28/05/2025	<p>I am writing to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation.</p> <p>1. The number of FTE employees who work in Boundaries Scotland's internal legal team, including all lawyers, solicitors, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.</p> <p>2. The total amount spent by Boundaries Scotland on internal legal services, including the salaries of employees in the legal team, expenses, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.</p> <p>3. The total amount spent by Boundaries Scotland on external legal services in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.</p>	28/05/2025	<p>1. Zero 2. £0 3. (a) 2022/23: £0 (b) 2023/24: £0 (c) 2024/25: £1363.50</p>
08/07/2025	<p>I'd like to know the following under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Number of staff within your organisation who were formally disciplined for misconduct over the last three years (broken down by calendar year). I'd also like to know the outcomes of the disciplinary action e.g. 14 staff dismissed 12 staff issued a written warning 16 staff given a final written warning</p>	15/07/2025	<p>Boundaries Scotland is an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body that is supported by a Secretariat of 3.2 FTE staff. These staff are Scottish Government civil servants and, as such, any information on disciplinary action taken will be held by the Scottish Government. To request this information from the Scottish Government please visit: https://www.gov.scot/collections/freedom-of-information-foi-document-collection/</p>
08/07/2025	<p>I'd like to know the following under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Number of malicious emails blocked by your organisation over the last three calendar years. Please also categorise the emails e.g.: Spam: 45,000 Phishing: 3,400 Malware: 4,7000</p>	15/07/2025	<p>Boundaries Scotland is an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body that is sponsored by the Scottish Government. As such, we use the Scottish Government's suit of IT services. Part of this service is IT security, including email protection. Although we use the service we are not the body responsible for managing it and we therefore do have access to the information you are looking for. To get this information you would need to ask the Scottish Government - https://www.gov.scot/collections/freedom-of-information-foi-document-collection/</p>
08/07/2025	<p>I'd like to know the following under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Number of staff within your organisation who have received formal training in Artificial Intelligence over the last three years, broken down by year. I'd like to know the number of staff trained e.g. 2025: 450 staff trained Courses attended: AI ethics, basics etc Estimated cost of training: £30,000</p>	15/07/2025	<p>Boundaries Scotland staff did not complete any AI training in 2023 or 2024. In 2025, four members of staff attended an online course titled 'Copilot Chat for Government: Tips & Tricks for using AI at Work'. There was no charge for this course.</p>

07/08/2025	I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for January to March 2025. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.	11/08/2025	Boundaries Scotland, formerly known as the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, did not have any transactions over £25,000 for April to June 2025.
25/09/2025	Hi, Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request you to respond to questions included in the attachment. For any reason if you are unable to open the attachment do let me know. I can then send the questions within the email itself. Please note: If you do not have records relating to the questions in the attachment, please pass on this request to your IT department to provide us with the required information. Thank you.	30/09/2025	Please find attached the completed spreadsheet. You will notice that some of the questions have been answered with 'N/A'. This is because Boundaries Scotland is a small, advisory Non-Departmental Public Body that is sponsored by the Scottish Government. As such we are users of their suite of IT solutions called SCOTS. This includes services such as server access, networking infrastructure and security infrastructure. Although we use these services we do not manage the contracts in place for them – these are let and administered by the Scottish Government. We therefore do not hold all of the information you are looking for. To request this information from the Scottish Government please visit: Request information - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)
05/11/2025	I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for January to March 2025. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.	06/11/2025	Boundaries Scotland did not have any transactions over £25,000 for July to September 2025. You may find it helpful to know that the Scottish Government publishes this data on their website: Government spend over £25,000: monthly and annual reports - gov.scot
27/11/2025	I have familiarised myself with the Scottish Government's FOI/202000110616 regarding staff Christmas parties, and I am aware that it is not Scottish Government policy to pay social events from public funds. However, as an advisory non-departmental public body, could you tell me, is your Christmas party funded by staff, or the organisation? Has this changed in the past 2 years? Has this been at the request of Scottish Government? I am not requesting a cost breakdown as part of my request, just the status of its funding. I would appreciate a response by email.	01/12/2025	Our Christmas parties are paid for by staff. This has not changed in the last two years and was not at the request of the Scottish Government.
03/02/2026	I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for October to December 2025. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably CSV). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.	03/02/2026	Boundaries Scotland did not have any transactions over £25,000 for October to December 2025. You may find it helpful to know that the Scottish Government publishes this data on their website: Government spend over £25,000: monthly and annual reports - gov.scot
05/02/2026	This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information on any filming activity your organisation has facilitated, hosted, supported, approved, or otherwise been directly involved in on your premises or in your area. This includes activity where a fee was charged as well as activity where no fee was charged, but where the organisation was aware of and involved in enabling the filming to take place. I am not asking for estimates of all filming that may have occurred in your area. I am only requesting information relating to productions for which your organisation itself has records due to its direct involvement. For each of the last six years, please provide the following, broken down by year: 1. The number of film or television productions your organisation facilitated or was involved in. 2. The total number of filming days associated with those productions. If possible, please count filming days in the same way film offices commonly do (for example, treating one production on one day as one filming day). Example here https://liverpoolfilmoffice.tv/home/liverpool-film-office-kickstarts-35thanniversary-celebrations-with-busiest-year-to-date/	06/02/2026	Boundaries Scotland has not facilitated or been involved in any film or television productions in the last six years.

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?

Device Type
Desktop PCs
Laptops
Mobile Phones
Printers
Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)
Tablets
Physical Servers
Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)
Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)
Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring Tools)

Q2. Does your organisation have plans to procure any of the below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?

Example: Platform as a Service
a. Cloud computing
b. Software as a Service (SaaS)
c. Platform as a Service (PaaS)
d. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
e. Anything as a Service (XaaS)

Q3. Does your organisation have any plans to procure the below services, if yes then please provide required information in the below format?

Example: IoT security
a. Network Security
b. Cloud Security
c. Endpoint Security
d. Mobile Security
e. IoT Security
f. Application Security

Q4. Does your organisation have any plans to procure below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?

Example: Data and Analytics
a. Data and Analytics
b. AI and Automation
c. Digital Transformation
d. ERP Systems

Q5. Has your organisation implemented any form of AI or Automation services, and if not, what is the reason for not implementing?

Example: Yes, Example: No, Legacy System

a. Implemented

b. Minor implementation with completed AI strategy

c. Plans to develop implementation

d. Due to legacy systems

Number of Devices
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7
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N/A - see response letter
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