

FOI RESPONSE ISSUED 29 September 2023

REQUEST

Please see below a request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under the Environmental Information Regulations.

I am seeking this information on behalf of Transform Scotland, the national alliance for sustainable transport. We represent a diverse range of member organisations, from community groups, environmental NGOs, walking and cycling charities to transport companies, local authorities and universities.

Our information request is with regards to the delivery of sustainable transport within Scotland's Public Bodies, and particularly in the context of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Firstly, we are interested in Public Bodies' targets for business travel:

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).

Secondly, we are interested in Public Bodies' corporate travel policies and plans:

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.

Finally, we are specifically interested in Public Bodies' use of rail and air for domestic travel:

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

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1. Yes, refer to Carbon Management Plan 2015-22, link [here](#):

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The organisation continues to strive to reduce carbon emissions arising from transport and travel.

Strategic Targets:

- *Reduce the % of business miles by private cars 25% by 2022.*
- *Increase the use of video conferencing by 10% by 2022.*
- *Reduce the CO2e associated with fleet vehicles by 10% by 2022.*
- *Reduce the % of staff travelling by private car by 25% as their main mode of travel by 2022.*

A new Carbon Management Plan is being developed to take the organisation onward from 2023, this will be prepared alongside the 2022-23 submission to the Sustainable Scotland Network.

2. As above [Carbon Management Plan](#).

3. As above [Carbon Management Plan](#).

4. None of our staff have taken flights as described in this question.

5. There was one rail journey which qualifies under this question. It was a rail journey for a Solicitor from Edinburgh to Uddingston (Wembley Station) for cross border Police station attendance, the cost was £165.50.

