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Scottish Legal Aid Board

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Dear REDACTED

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your email request for information received on 11 September.

You requested the following Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am requesting the following information:

1. The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) press and/or communications and/or media officers employed over the last five financial years (broken down by year).
2. The total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) of employing these press and/or communications and/or media officers over the last five financial years (broken down by year).

We can confirm that we do hold this and are pleased to provide you with this information in full.

	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	Total
502010-Staff salary	83,138.06	68,004.64	85,827.41	89,684.46	94,800.79	421,455.36
502030-NIC Employers Staff	9,238.84	7,566.29	9,377.29	10,330.34	10,624.33	47,137.09
502075-Occupational Sick Pay	347.63	0.00	112.63	435.53	129.20	1,024.99
	92,724.53	75,570.93	95,317.33	100,450.33	105,554.32	469,617.44
503020-Agency Fees	0.00	26,097.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,097.68
Agency Buyout		2,400.00				2,400.00
	92,724.53	104,068.61	95,317.33	100,450.33	105,554.32	498,115.12

I apologise for the delay in providing this information. We now consider this request closed.

Your right to request a review of decision

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for information, you may ask us to review our decision. A request that we review our decision should be made in writing within

40 working days of the date of this letter or, if we have not responded to your request, within 40 days of the date by which we should have responded (that would normally be 20 days after receiving your request).

We will review our decision and tell you the outcome within 20 working days of receiving your request.

If, having done so, you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision.

You must submit your request in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of first receiving notice about the matter you are complaining about.

The Commissioner will not deal with an application unless SLAB's review process has been used and exhausted - in other words, until you have asked us to review our decision and you are not satisfied with our response or have not received a response within 20 working days of your request.

The Commissioner's contact details are:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Website: www.foi.scot

E-mail: enquiries@foi.scot

For details on how to appeal please go to their website www.foi.scot/contactus

Kind Regards,

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If you need us to change how we communicate with you, please let us know by sending details to communicationsupport@slab.org.uk. Where possible, we will consider all reasonable adjustments and requests