

8 July 2022

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 10 June 2022, in which you requested the following:

This is an information request relating to purchasing of the newspaper *The National*.

Please include the information broken down by the following financial years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:

- Expenditure on subscriptions to *The National*, for example a yearly or a monthly subscription. Please make clear the dates that the subscription was held between and the total cost of the subscription. Please make clear if a subscription is ongoing. Please include digital and print subscriptions
- Expenditure on individual copies of *The National*. Please make clear the number of copies purchased and the total expenditure

Please do not include any free subscriptions provided to the organisation by *The National*. By *The National* I mean the Scottish daily newspaper owned by Newsquest and based at 125 Fullarton Drive, Glasgow. Their website is here: <https://www.thenational.scot/>

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

We have considered your requests, and can respond as follows:

We do not hold any subscriptions (digital or print) to The National newspaper in any format for the years set out in the request (2019-2022).

One copy of The National was purchased during the financial years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22. The total spend was £1.10.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

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Chief Executive
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Edinburgh, EH6 6JH
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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), and 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 still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464611
E-mail: 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.

Yours sincerely,
Government and Parliamentary Affairs Executive
VisitScotland