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**Scottish Legal Aid
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Reference number: FOI2024/00009

11 July 2024

Dear REDACTED

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN FULL**

We refer to your email request for information received on 11 July.

You requested the following;

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to request the following information:

- 1. The number of contracts you have awarded to supported businesses in each of the last five financial years (i.e.. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24).*
- 2. The cumulative value of your spend on these contracts in each of these years.*
- 3. For each of these years, the number of contracts awarded to supported businesses that you have utilised by any procurement body of which you are member.*
- 4. The cumulative value of spend by you on those contracts awarded by any procurement body of which you are a member in each of these years.*

We can confirm that we are able to provide you with this information in full.

- We have compared our annual procurement and contract spend to the BASE directory of Supported Businesses in Britain ([Supported Business Directory | British Association for Supported Employment \(base-uk.org\)](https://base-uk.org/)) for the five years noted in your request and have found that we have not transacted with any of the businesses listed in the directory. The answer to all 4 questions is zero.

We now consider this request closed.

Included below are details about your right to request a review of this decision.

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.itspublicknowledge.info

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Your appeal can also be dealt with online. The Commissioner has an online appeal service which is available 24/7 and offers requesters real time help and advice about their appeal. This can be accessed at:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Kind Regards,

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