# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

# DISCLOSURE LOG

Audit Scotland receives many information requests on a daily basis and we provide a wide range of information to people who contact us. We also proactively publish the results of our work in the form of reports for the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission and issue press releases on these. Additionally, a wide range of information is available through our publication scheme.

Some requests will be less straightforward to deal with and this log contains information which has been released in response to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. The number of these requests will not reflect the true volume of requests we receive and the amount of information we routinely provide.

| Request Date | Information requested | Information provided | |
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| 25/02/2009 | Requested internal audit reports from a previously supplied list | **ALL** | All reports were provided |
| 02/12/2008 | Requested information on access rights to Mortarholes | **PARTIAL** | Most information was provided however a few details were redacted and withheld under section **30** |
| 24/10/2008 | Requested information on travel allowance and information behind a statutory report | **PARTIAL** | Most information was provided, however some was withheld under section **36 (1)** and **36 (2)** |
| 10/09/2008 | Five sets of information requested from 2001 relating to: overseas trips audited bodies travel expenses entertainment hospitality and gifts | **PARTIAL** | This request would have been refused under section 12.1 excessive cost, however we were able to provide partial information for the areas requested within the cost limit. |
| 17/09/2008 | Information requested on audit fees and charges | **REFUSED** | Request was refused under section **25** Information otherwise available |
| 03/06/2008 | Requested information on the Cairngorm Funicular Railway | **RELEASED** | Information requested was provided |
| 27/02/2008 | Requesting information we hold on the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) | **REFUSED** | Information was withheld under section **40 (b)** while the audit was ongoing. |
| 18/02/2008 | Requesting a review of our section 17 (1b) decision on not holding the information requested | **REFUSED** | The review panel confirmed that the original decision was correct in that Audit Scotland did not hold the information requested and that the refusal under section **17 (1b)** was properly applied. |
| 04/12/2007 | Requesting a review of our decision to withhold information under section 30 (c) regarding Inverclyde Council Pupil Transport Service | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Some information continued to be withheld under sections **38 (1b)** and **39**. |
| 29/11/2007 | Requesting | **RFUSED** | Information not held by Audit Scotland. Section |

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| | information gathered by the auditors on North Lanarkshire Council | | **17 (1b)** applies. |
| 20/11/2007 | Requesting the cost of residential care in East Lothian Council's care homes | **REFUSED** | Information was withheld under section **40** while the audit was ongoing. |
| 13/11/2007 | Requesting the information and complaints that we hold on the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Some information withheld under sections **30 and 38**. |
| 12/09/2007 | Requesting the report produced by Inverclyde Council about Pupil Transport Services | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Some information withheld under section **30 (c)**. |
| 31/08/2007 | Requesting information on Audit Scotland's report on Sport in Scotland | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Information was withheld under section **40 (b)** due to the ongoing nature of the report, pre-publication |
| 08/05/2007 | Requesting a review of our decision to withhold information under section 33 (1b) | **REFUSED** | No further information was released. The review panel upheld the original panel's decision to redact commercially sensitive information from competitors' tender submission documents under section **33 (1b)**. |
| 05/04/2007 | Requesting competitors tender details from an Audit Scotland contracting process | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Commercially sensitive information was redacted under section **33 (1b)**. |
| 05/04/2007 | Requesting competitors tender details from an Audit Scotland contracting process | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. Commercially sensitive information was redacted under section **33 (1b)**. |
| 27/02/2007 | To supply a copy of a complaint that was believed to have been received by Audit Scotland | **REFUSED** | All the information requested was withheld under section **40 (a&b).** |
| 05/02/2007 | To supply the names of individuals and organisations which made representations to Audit Scotland regarding the hearing in Clydebank on West Dunbartonshire Council | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. The names of individuals and organisations which were in the public domain were released. The remainder was withheld under section **38 (1b).** |
| 07/12/2006 | Information on Inverclyde Schools Reorganisation sensitivity analysis. | **REFUSED** | All the information requested was withheld under section **33 (1b).** |
| 22/12/2006 | A review of our decision to withhold information on two cases of the 29/11/2006 request. | **ALL** | The information requested for review was released as the commercial interest and the economy aspects had moved on since the initial request. |
| 29/11/2006 | The detailed figures and calculations | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released. The remainder relating to ongoing negotiations was withheld |

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| | behind a Powerpoint slide used at a conference on PFI bids. | | under section **33 (1b)**. |
| 30/10/2006 | All correspondence relating to our investigation of a complaint, submitted by the applicant, into Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd | **PARTIAL** | Limited information released.<br><br>Legal correspondence withheld under **S36(1)** and **S40b** and some commercial tender information withheld under **33(1b)**. |
| 18/10/2006 | Information on all our current and future ICT using their, supplied, questionnaire | **REFUSED** | Fee's notice issued which was not responded to within the required period therefore the request lapsed. |
| 14/09/2006 | Information on Audit Scotland's Pension Scheme with the DWP | **ALL** | Correspondence released. |
| 13/09/2006 | Email a copy of AS IT Strategy Document | **ALL** | Correspondence released. |
| 24/08/2006 | To provide information on the consideration by the Accounts Committee on the report concerning Comhairle nan Eilean Sair | **PARTIAL** | **Exemption: 30(b)(ii) and 30(c).**<br><br>Limited information released. |
| 24/08/2006 | Draft Best Value Audit Report of West Dunbartonshire Council | **PARTIAL** | **Exemption: S 40 Audit functions and S 27 (1) a Intended for future publication.**<br><br>Final report sent after publication. Note email address used to send final report message came back undeliverable. |
| 10/05/2006 | Budget/spend on ICT equipment over past 3-4 years | **ALL** | Correspondence released. |
| 03/04/2006 | Information on education proposals by Inverclyde Council | **ALL** | Correspondence released. |
| 14/03/2006 | 1. Letters passed between the Auditor General's office and the Scottish Parliament since 1 January 2005<br><br>2. Exchanges on the report on the Holyrood project. | **ALL**<br><br>**PARTIAL** | Correspondence released.<br><br>**Exemption: Section 33 Commercial interests and the economy.**<br>Single copy of report issued on 24 May with exemption applied. |
| 10/10 2005 | Details of quality appraisal report for Scott-Moncrieff an audit firm contracted by Audit Scotland. | **PARTIAL** | **Exemption: Section 30 Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.**<br><br>Audit Scotland disclosed the executive summary of the quality appraisal report. Additional information was not released under Section 30. |

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| | | | Our view is that releasing the full appraisal would substantially inhibit (restrain, decrease or suppress) the future free and frank provision of advice and recommendations and/or the exchange of views between Audit Scotland and external auditors and substantially prejudice the effective operation of the process. The public interest in ensuring that the quality appraisal process continues to be effective outweighs the public interest in disclosing the detail of the quality appraisal reports. |
| 23/02 2005 | Information about funding of the Beacon Leisure Centre in Burntisland. | **PARTIAL** | **Exemption: Section 36(a) Confidential information.**<br><br>Documentation gathered by Audit Scotland as part of the Audit of Fife Council was provided but additional information was not released under Section 36(a) Confidential information. |
| 02/02 2005 | Details of contracts awarded to well known individuals to address or chair our conferences/events since 1999. | **ALL** | Audit Scotland released the information requested. |
| 24/01 2005<br><br>(10 requests received to date) | Gardner & Theobold Report 2000 commissioned by Audit Scotland during the first examination of the Holyrood project. | **PARTIAL** | **Exemption: Section 33 Commercial interests and the economy.**<br><br>Audit Scotland applied exemption Section 33 and released a redacted (edited) version of the Gardner & Theobold Report.<br><br>In releasing this report we have taken account of Section 67 which provides protection from actions of defamation where in response to an FOI request a public sector organisation releases information produced by a third party. |
| 17/01 2005 | Performance information on the contract for Prison Escort Services. | **ALL** | Audit Scotland released information on the target standard and minimum threshold standard figures contained in the Prisoner Escort and Court Custody Service invitation to tender. |