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Information requested:

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.

Response:

We have responded to questions 1 and 2 under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIR) and questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

1. No.
2. We do not hold the information requested and as such exception 10(4)(a) of EIR applies.
3. We give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold this information.
4. There were 11 flights in 2022 – 2023.
5. There was 1 rail journey in 2022 – 2023.