

Executive Advisory Board Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act Exemption Form

The author must complete this page before submitting the paper to the Business Support Office.

Publication

To demonstrate openness and transparency, all governance group papers will now be published on the website of Social Security Scotland. All governance group papers should be written in line with the Writing for Publication Guidance.

Papers which contain sensitive information which should not be published must set out the reasons why. The author must identify the relevant exemption which should apply. The exemption should be stated in the section below, with the reasoning for this decision. Please speak to the Data Protection and Information Governance team before submitting your paper if you are unsure which exemption may apply.

1. I am aware that this paper may be published in the public domain and I am content for the information to be published. ☐

2. I believe information in this paper should be withheld from publication and that exemptions apply. ☒

An exemption under section 25 of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies to some of the information requested. This is because it is already published as part of our routine release of Official Statistics releases.

An exemption under section 27(1) of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 applies to some of the information requested. This is because we intend to publish that information as part of routine Official Statistics publications. We consider that it is reasonable to withhold the information until publication, rather than release this information before the planned Official Statistics publications.

The remainder of the information is withheld under Section 30(b)(ii) as this information is being presented for the first time and will be subject of discussion and deliberation.

Exemptions 27 and 30 are subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemptions. We recognise that there is some public interest in release however this will be met by our planned Official Statistics releases. In the meantime, there is a greater public interest in taking the time necessary to ensure the information has been properly collated and checked before it is published as planned. Also, there is no public interest in diverting resources from a programme of work to release the information ahead of the intended Official Statistics publications.

We recognise that whilst there is some public interest in release of the new information, there is a greater public interest in allowing the opportunity to discuss and deliberate on the information and form thoughts on potential actions that might need to be taken in light of it.

2.1. Please state the exemption and explain your reasoning:

Paper Summary for Website Publication (max 100 words)

Balanced scorecard shared as part of the performance update at March 2025
Executive Advisory Body

Paper authors should write a short paragraph here to summarise the content of the paper.