

240731(136) FOI Project Funding

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 4 July 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (4 July 2024)

During the period January 2020 until July 2024 please provide information on all projects that were considered as being potentially "Novel or Contentious". (Information on 'novel or contentious projects' can be found in the <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/Finance/spfm/delegauth> section of the SPFM).

For the avoidance of doubt please include:

Number of occurrences considered "Novel or Contentious"; Details of applicant(s), including project and if the project was approved or rejected.

FOI RESPONSE

During the period January 2020 until July 2024, SOSE has had one project which was considered novel or contentious under the definition in the Scottish Public Finance Manual.

Details of the project - Hilltop Leaf Limited (Hilltop) is a private medicinal cannabis cultivation and extraction business, based in the south of Scotland, which aims to provide an alternative plant based clinical treatment to synthetic pharmaceuticals for humans. The project was approved in August 2020.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

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