

240808 (137) FOI Contracts

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 11 July 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (11 July 2024)

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.

CLARIFICATION (18 July 2024)

We wrote to you on 11 July 2024 seeking clarification on what you meant by 'supported businesses'. You confirmed on 18 July 2024 that supported businesses are organisations whose main aim is to integrate disabled or disadvantaged people socially and professionally. There is provision in the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 for a contacting authority to restrict participation in a regulated procurement to supported businesses.

FOI RESPONSE

South of Scotland Enterprise was launched in April 2020, so there are no records prior to this. We have assumed that 'procurement body' includes public sector procurement frameworks.

	Financial Year				
	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
1. No. of contracts awarded to supported businesses	0	0	0	1	4
2. Cumulative value of those contracts	£0	£0	£0	£2,000	£28,154
3. No. of contracts awarded to supported businesses via any procurement body of which SOSE is a member	0	0	0	0	1

4. Cumulative value of those contracts	£0	£0	£0	£0	£23,412
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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:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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KY16 9DS

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www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Regards,

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