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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 17 November 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (17 November 2024)

I would like to make an FOI request for the below information:

1. Total investment by SOSE in the region since first established, broken down by year in real terms and as a % of total budget
2. Total budget of SOSE since being established, broken down by year in real terms
3. The number of businesses that SOSE have supported since being established, broken down by year and average support provided
4. The total number of staff at SOSE since being established, broken down by year and role type (professional and administrative, or client facing etc)
5. The cost of staff at SOSE since being established, broken down by year in real terms and as a % of total budget
6. The total remuneration for the Board since being established, broken down by year in real terms and as a % of total budget
7. The total number of jobs that have been safeguarded since SOSE established, broken down by year
8. The total number of complaints SOSE have received since being established, broken down by year

RESPONSE

Q1	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total investment by SOSE in the region *	£9.8m investment in businesses 1.9m communities	8.3m investment in businesses 5.1m communities	6.2m total investment in businesses. 4.3m communities	13.7m business and community enterprises 5.7m strategic projects
As a percentage of total budget	34%	45.7%	33%	55.9%

*Information on investment can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q2	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total budget of SOSE*	£24,200,000	£32,289,000	£31,804,000	£34,692,000

*Total includes Grant in Aid from SG as well as other sources. Information on budget can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q3	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total number of businesses supported* and average support provided.	454	790	1100	1300

*Includes both financial support and expert support. Information on businesses supported can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q4	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total number of staff, broken down by type*	66	108	137	140

*Information on staff breakdown by role type is available in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q5	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Cost of staff each year* As percentage of total budget.	16.23%	19.45%	32.53%	27.85%

*Information on staff remuneration is available in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q6	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total Board remuneration* As a % of total budget.	0.58%	0.44%	0.47%	0.42%

*Information on Board remuneration is available in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q7 Information on jobs safeguarded is available in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

Q8 Information on complaints received can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on our [website](#).

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
St Andrews
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