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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 8 May 2024 and the clarification received on 14 May 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (8 May 2024)

1. How much did you spend in total on frontline communications staff (press officers) in 2006-07?
2. How much did you spend in total on frontline communications staff (press officers) in 2022-23?

CLARIFICATION (14 May 2024)

We wrote to you on 14 May 2024 to clarify what you meant with regards to 'spend' in your request. You confirmed on 14 May 2024 that this referred to the 'total cost'.

FOI RESPONSE

1. Nil. SOSE did not exist as a legal entity until 1 April 2020.
2. SOSE do not have specific press officers rather we operate a Marketing and Communications integrated function with teams holding a range of responsibilities. The total cost (spend) on SOSE's Marketing and Communications Team in 2022/23 was £314,687. This includes salaries and other costs.

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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