

# 241025(142) FOI Support for Businesses

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 28 September 2024. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

FOI REQUEST (28 September 2024)

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

- The number of businesses that have received support from SOSE and have gone on to fold, broken down by year they received the support, the year they folded and how much financial support was given to each company

FOI RESPONSE

SOSE does not hold the information requested therefore we apply section 17 of FOISA to advise you that we do not currently hold all the information you have requested.

SOSE undertakes robust due diligence prior to awarding grants via its stringent appraisal and approval process. As per the Terms and Conditions of SOSE's Grant Offer Letter; the *"Period of Obligation means the period referred to in the Offer or, where no period is set out, the period commencing on the date which you signed the Offer and ending on the anticipated Project completion date."*

Hence, once the grant is fully drawn down with relevant drawdown criteria and related evidence of the grant having been fully met, SOSE would not routinely check or record if businesses had ceased trading thereafter.

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

Fife

KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

[www.foi.scot](http://www.foi.scot)

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[www.foi.scot/appeal](http://www.foi.scot/appeal)

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