

251219 (212) FOI Staff Parties

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 November 2025. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 [FOISA].

FOI REQUEST

I have familiarised myself with the Scottish Government's FOI/202000110616 regarding staff Christmas parties, and I am aware that it is not Scottish Government policy to pay social events from public funds.

However, as a public body, could you tell me, is your Christmas party funded by staff, or the organisation? Has this changed in the past 2 years? Has this been at the request of Scottish Government?

I am not requesting a cost breakdown as part of my request, just the status of its funding.

RESPONSE

All SOSE staff Christmas parties are funded by staff and not by SOSE. This has been the case since SOSE was formed in 2020 and has not changed. SOSE has not received any requests from Scottish Government regarding the funding of Christmas parties.

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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