

Dear Ms Struthers,

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to formally request the following information.

Please confirm that the Scottish Government and SFC were content that Scottish Colleges where applicable, were to make a double pay award to lecturing staff for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 July 2015, which covered the period from April to August 2015, on colleges that had already paid their locally negotiated pay award for that period to the lecturing staff.

Please advise which Colleges were affected by this and the total extra cost to the tax payer?

Please also advise if it is still the case that the Scottish Government, having instigated the implementation of national bargaining, have maintained its position of being unable to underwrite the achievement of pay harmonisation across the college sector?

Please confirm receipt of this request at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully