

Dear

Thank you for your email request dated 03 October 2016 to provide you with the following information under FOISA:

1. Can you explain the Methodology used in calculating the annual fee's charged to the college's? As there are rather large differential's.
2. Does College's Scotland charge an annual fee to Scottish Regional Boards?
3. I would be ever so grateful if you could list the Regional Boards that subscribe to Colleges Scotland and provide the fee amount's per board for both years for year on year comparison?

In response to your request please find detailed below, in order of your questions, the relevant information:

1. Subscriptions are based on a pro-rate of the SFC teaching and fee waiver allocation for the year. However, historical considerations have to be made to 'smooth out' any large swings in any one year that would not be acceptable to our members. In 2016-17, subscriptions were held at 2015-16 levels. However, in 2015-16 the methodology was generally:
 - a. assume no region will pay less than it paid in subscriptions in the previous year
 - b. assume minimum subscription is £26k other than for associate members
 - c. 'small' regions held at £26k
 - d. associate members - no increase
 - e. allocate fees for other full members in proportion to their share of indicative SFC Teaching & Fee Waiver (excluding small colleges and associates)
 - f. no full member college pays an increase of more than £5k or 10%.
2. The members of Colleges Scotland are the regional strategic bodies and regional colleges. The only instance where the regional strategic body was not invoiced is Glasgow as the regional strategic body had not been set up as a fundable body.
3. This information regarding regional strategic bodies and regional college subscriptions was detailed in the response emailed on 22 September 2016, but is included again below:

Member	2015-16	2016-17
	£	£
North East Scotland College	55,000	55,000
Ayrshire College	54,000	54,000
Borders College	26,000	26,000
Forth Valley College	34,000	34,000
Dumfries and Galloway College	26,000	26,000
Edinburgh College	69,000	69,000
Fife College	56,000	56,000
City of Glasgow College	55,224	55,224
Glasgow Clyde	51,728	51,728
Glasgow Kelvin	36,048	36,048
Highlands and Islands - UHI	85,000	85,000
New College Lanarkshire	75,000	75,000
Dundee & Angus College	44,000	44,000
West College Scotland	64,000	64,000
West Lothian College	26,000	26,000
Sabhal Mor Ostaig UHI	1,500	1,500
Newbattle Abbey College	1,250	1,250
SRUC	11,000	11,000

Total Subscription

770,750

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If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have forty working days in which to request a review of our decision. Any request should be put in writing and should be sent to Shona Struthers, Colleges Scotland, at the address noted below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken;
- (b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

Please contact:
Shona Struthers
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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether Colleges Scotland has handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek a review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's web page at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Askingforareview.aspx> or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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This concludes Colleges Scotland's response to your information request.

Regards

Shona

