

Dear XXXX,

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the "Act") dated Tuesday 11 May 2021. Under that request, you asked for the following information to be released to you:

Hello XXXX,

Thank-you so much for the reply to my earlier freedom of information request although I am a little confused.

In the press release referred to in the earlier e-mail, Colleges Scotland state that 39.9% of college lecturers participated in industrial action.

Can I just ask the following-

(i) If there is no mechanism for reporting college staff attendance to you, and given that Colleges Scotland don't hold lecturer union membership details, how can it be determined what the strike participation was?

(ii) Could I see a copy of the calculation showing how this figure was arrived at?

Thank-you, in advance, for your kind attention to this matter.

Regards

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In response to your request I have provided answers below in bold to each of your questions:

1. If there is no mechanism for reporting college staff attendance to you, and given that Colleges Scotland don't hold lecturer union membership details, how can it be determined what the strike participation was? **As has been the case for many years, colleges record locally the numbers of staff participating in strike action and provide these details to Colleges Scotland.**
2. Could I see a copy of the calculation showing how this figure was arrived at? **The percentage of striking staff is calculated using the details provided by individual colleges on the numbers of the relevant staff group, against the numbers of staff taking industrial action.**

Your right to seek a review of the response

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 Laura Mitchell (laura.mitchell@collegesscotland.ac.uk). 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.

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.

Kind Regards

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