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Our Reference: (redacted)

15 December 2025

Dear (redacted)

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 27 November 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked as an advisory non-departmental public body, could you tell me, is the Scottish Commission on Social Security 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?

Response to your request

The answer to your question is the Scottish Commission on Social Security (SCoSS) has not held a Christmas party in the past two years. Accordingly, there has been no change in the past 2 years and no request been received by SCoSS relating to the holding of a Christmas party from the Scottish Government.

In line with Scottish Government policy, Christmas parties or other social gatherings are not funded by SCoSS. Should an event take place, it would be organised and funded personally by members of the Secretariat. As you referred to in your request, this policy is addressed in (redacted).

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to SCoSS info@socialsecuritycommission.scot and C/O this postal address: Scottish Commission on Social Security c/o Secretariat, Area 1C South (Mail Point 6), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: [Appeal to the Commissioner | Scottish Information Commissioner](#)

Yours sincerely

SCoSS Secretariat