

**Subject:** Request for information regarding NRS and Stonewall.

**FOI reference:** 202100219753

**Date received:** 30 June 2021

**Date responded:** 28 July 2021

**Information requested:**

You requested any information held by NRS answering to any of the following descriptions:

- “1. Any application you made in 2019 or 2020 or 2021 to be a “Stonewall Diversity Champion” or to be included on Stonewall’s “Workplace Equality Index,” including any attachments or appendices to those applications. Please redact personal details if necessary.
2. Any feedback you received in 2019 or 2020 or 2021 from Stonewall in relation to either application or programme.
3. Any other communication you have received from Stonewall in 2019 or 2020 or 2021 unless privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure (but if you claim privilege or exemption in relation to any material, please say in broad terms what the material is and the basis on which you claim to be entitled to withhold it).
4. Full details of any equality impact assessment you carried out connected with any of these applications (including any equality impact assessment carried out prior to an earlier application of the same kind, if no further assessment was done).
5. Details of the total amount of money you paid to Stonewall in 2019; (ii) in 2020 (iii) in 2021, whether or not as payment for goods or services.
6. Whether you intend to continue your membership of any Stonewall scheme in the future, and if so which.”

**NRS Response:**

While our aim is to provide response whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have some of the information you have requested.

In response to items 1, 2 and 4 of the request NRS does not hold any information answering to the descriptions noted. This is because NRS has not made any application in 2019 or 2020 or 2021 to be a “Stonewall Diversity Champion” or to be included on Stonewall’s “Workplace Equality Index”.

In response to item 3, we enclose a copy of the following document:

attachment – emails between Lyndsay Wilson, NRS Head of Census and Statistical Policy, and Stonewall dated 29 March 2021.

Please note that some information has been redacted from the correspondence in the attachment because an exemption under section 38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to that information. An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to the redacted information, because it is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

Further, Stonewall have attended events relating to Scotland's Census 2022. Details of this can be found on our website:

[Previous events | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://scotlandscensus.gov.uk/previous-events)

[Impact assessments stakeholder survey report | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://scotlandscensus.gov.uk/impact-assessments-stakeholder-survey-report)

In response to item 5, NRS has made no payments to Stonewall in 2019, 2020 or 2021.

In response to item 6, NRS holds no membership of any Stonewall schemes.

There is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that NRS does not hold the information you have requested under points 1, 2 and 4.