

**Subject:** Request for information on the Standards in Scotland Schools Bill (ED51/8/746).

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**Information requested:**

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**NRS Response:**

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this material by the Scottish Government's iTECS: Knowledge and Information Management department. As a result of this, some information in the files has been redacted due to sensitivity issues.

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA applies to some of the information because it is personal data of third parties and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the 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.

In addition, an exemption under section 36(2) of FOISA applies to some of the information which has been redacted, as it was obtained by a Scottish public authority and disclosing it would constitute an actionable breach of confidence (section 36(2)).

The redacted copy of the information is available in digital form at the National Records of Scotland.

This can be viewed in the Historical Search Room at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY. Further information is available on our website at: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible by inspection or copying, even if a payment has to be made for it.