

Subject: Access to a file entitled: “Gaelic: Status of Language” held under reference number ED61/233

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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 Knowledge and Information Management Branch. A decision has been taken to release most of the information in the file, but a small amount of information has been withheld due to sensitivity issues.

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA applies to this 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.

Redactions have been applied to 16 personal addresses which are evident in correspondence included in the file. These redactions will not impact on the meaning of the contents of the file.

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.