

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1644 - Special/Outdoor Catering
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your information request of 6 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1. Where the council has required the services of outdoor catering (burger van, mobile catering, outdoor catering specialist, pop up tent) (for example at Highland games, fireworks display or similar type event) in the last 3 years can you provide me with the following information,

1a- what the value of the contract was

1b- where this was a tender process what the value was from the successful bidder

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **what the value of the contract was** and **what the value was from the successful bidder** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 33(1)(b) – Commercial Interests - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

The suppliers tender for business with the explicit understanding that pricing proposals are treated as part of a 'closed bid' exercise, where all companies involved bid for the contract based on their most competitive proposal, with no collusion nor ability to know any other tenderers proposed charges. The release of tendered pricing would provide other companies a significant competitive advantage, substantially prejudicing the suppliers ability to tender for new business, or to tender competitively to Aberdeen City Council in the future. The release of such information could also adversely affect current relationships with existing clients.

1c- what the councils process was for selecting a vendor

Quick Quote procurement process with minimum of 4 suppliers invited. Evaluation criteria individually scored by minimum of two officers.

1d- the number of applying vendors and values for or quote amounts for each requirement/event

Event	Contract	Number of Invited Bidders	Number of Bids Received
Highland Games 2015	Catering	14	6
Highland Games 2015	Bar	5	0
Armed Forces Day	Hot Food	6	4

2015			
Armed Forces Day 2015	Hot Drinks	6	3
Fireworks 2015	Fast Food Units	6	1
Fireworks 2015	Confectionary	6	1
Fireworks 2015	Hot Drinks	6	1
Armed Forces Day 2016	Fast Food	7	1
Armed Forces Day 2016	Ice Cream	7	0
Armed Forces Day 2016	Hot Drinks	7	1
Highland Games 2016	Bar	6	0
Highland Games 2016	Catering	13	7
Fireworks 2016	Fast Food Units	9	1
Fireworks 2016	Confectionary	9	1
Fireworks 2016	Hot Drinks	9	1
Highland Games 2017	Bar	6	1
Highland Games 2017	Hot Food	14	3
Highland Games 2017	Dessert	8	2
Highland Games 2017	Speciality	19	4
Highland Games 2017	Confectionary	7	5
Highland Games 2017	Ice Cream	8	2
Highland Games 2017	Hot Drinks	9	2
Fireworks 2017	Fast Food Units	15	2
Fireworks 2017	Confectionary	6	1
Fireworks 2017	Hot Drinks	8	2

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2. Where the council has required the services of special catering (VIP catering etc) in the last 3 years:-

2a- what the value of the contract was

2b- where this was a tender process what the value was from the successful bidder

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2c- what the councils process was for selecting a vendor

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2d- the number of applying vendors and values for or quotes amounts for each requirement

Highland Games 2017	VIP Catering	14	2
Highland Games 2016	VIP Catering	9	1

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new business, or to tender competitively to Aberdeen City Council in the future. The release of such information could also adversely affect current relationships with existing clients.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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