

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1562 - School Transport
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 25 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide any and all information, data or analysis the Council has regarding the total cost for school transport for the local authority areas for each of the past five years. If possible, please can you provide the information above broken down by mode of transport (ie. Bus, Taxi, etcetera).

Financial Year	Spend
2016/17	£2,649,113
2015/16	£2,633,794
2014/15	£2,731,816
2013/14	£2,973,682
2012/13	£2,480,877

In relation to **the information above to be broken down by mode of transport**, ACC is unable to provide you with this information as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

When the financial information is recorded, it is not specifically recorded to show the type of transport, for example if it was operated on taxi, private hire care, multi-passenger vehicle, minibus, bus, coach, etc.. and as such to gather this information and extract the data from individual records would require significant work for the timeframe requested.

Under advice and assistance, we have provided you with the information above. We would also like to ask whether you would like to consider reducing the scope of your request. For example, by reducing the timeframe.

Please can you also provide any and all information, data or analysis the Council has regarding the total number of pupils using free and paid school transport in the local authority areas for each of the past five years. If possible, please can you provide the information above broken down by mode of transport (ie. Bus, Taxi, etcetera).

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the total number of pupils using free and paid school transport in the local authority areas for each of the past five years** as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation

13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

We do not have accurate pupil numbers for those who pay to travel on supported bus services or commercial bus services, as these services are open to the public and we cannot extract accurately just school pupil numbers.

The figures below relate to entitled school transport only (free transport). When recording the overall total number of pupils travelling, it is not specifically recorded to show the type of transport, for example if it was operated on taxi, private hire car, multi-passenger vehicles, minibus, bus, coach, etc.. and as such to gather this information, extract the data and provide the requested numbers, ACC would require significant work for the timeframe requested, therefore, the volume has been split between contracted transport and bus pass only.

It should also be noted that school transport is fluid and changes considerably over the course of a year and as such the figures provided are an average number travelling from a snapshot in time over the course of each year.

Academic Year	Contracted Transport	Bus Pass
2016/17	1395*	66
2015/16	1504*	77
2014/15	1689*	57
2013/14	1572*	66
2012/13	1343*	105

* Total number is inclusive of shuttle bus transport between shared campus curriculum at Dyce/Bucksburn Academies and Kincorth/Torry Academies (approx. 200 pupils).

Under advice and assistance, we have provided you with the information above.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Salomeh Kheyri Rad
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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