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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-16-0585 - International Market  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your clarified information request of 29 April 2016. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**1. How much did it cost ACC to host the international market in 2014, 2015 and 2016?**

Please see below:

**City Centre - International Markets**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff Co-ordination	£47,974.93	£32,458.97	£0.00
Advertising	£15,096.65	£12,722.06	£8,936.46
Traffic Management	£8,273.24	£5,992.41	£4,963.92
Refuse Collection & Clean Up	£4,770.00	£3,744.80	£2,842.22
	<u>£76,114.82</u>	<u>£54,918.24</u>	<u>£16,742.60</u>
<b>Income</b>	(£78,242.50)	(£46,500.00)	(£56,000.00)
<b>Net Expenditure / (Income)</b>	<u>(£2,127.68)</u>	<u>(£8,418.24)</u>	<u>(£39,257.40)</u>

Please note that the costs for 2013/14 and 2014/15 include salary costs for a city manager who had a range of city centre duties.

**2. Can ACC provide the reasons why Union Terrace is the preferred choice of location considering other 'open spaces' available in and around the city centre?**

Although there are other areas around the city centre, they are not large enough to accommodate the number of stalls nor do they provide the required footfall to attract the International Market to Aberdeen. Union Terrace has been trialled for many events over the years, traffic has continued to move around the city without relative ease whilst the closure has been in place, bus companies were consulted and have raised no queries and there have been no adverse comments received from the public.

**3. Can ACC confirm that the lorries from the international market traders park their vehicles at the beach?**

Lorries from the International Market are allocated parking on the Beach Boulevard.

**4. How does ACC ensure that all food sold at the international market is safe and premises hygienic for cooking, storing and providing produce?**

Please see below:

- Initially responding to the market operators licence application detailing the requirements that need to be met to ensure food safety.
- Early walk through on first day of market to identify significant concerns e.g. lack of water, provision of handwashing facilities that need to be urgently addressed.
- Further visit during the day, and if necessary on subsequent days to target any continuing issues of concern.

**5. What facilities with regards to toilets or wash facilities (both for personal and for production purposes) are provided/available to the traders?**

Please see below:

- Agreement with local businesses that market traders can access premises to use toilet facilities.
- Washing facilities provided on a risk basis, i.e. there is a greater need for utensil washing facilities if meals are being produced on-site, as opposed to food which may be sold pre-packed or ready for sale, which may need only provision of hand wash facilities.

**6. Can you confirm the total cost to ACC for the 2015 Christmas Village?**

Please see below:

Cost to the Council was £132,750.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Buchan  
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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