**THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

**REFUSAL NOTICE**

**Request Number: 124**

**Date: 1 August 2022**

This refusal notice is provided in accordance with section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”).

You have requested certain information which we are not providing to you as it is otherwise accessible. The accompanying letter describes where the information you seek is available.

Section 16 of the Act requires us to complete a refusal notice when we are not providing information which is otherwise accessible. The details we are required to include in this refusal notice are set out below.

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| **Information which is the subject of the request** | “Please provide any information or analysis held by the SHRC analysing the position on data collection by public bodies on sex, and the impact of following Scottish Government 'Data collection and publication guidance on sex, gender identity and trans status' on the conduct of any post-legislative review of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.” |

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| **Information which is otherwise accessible** | *Consultation Response on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill*, 17th March 2020, published by the Scottish Human Rights Commission.  *Submission to Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill,* May 2022, published by the Scottish Human Rights Commission. |

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| **Exemption(s)** | Section 25 - Information otherwise accessible |
| **Why exemption(s) applies** | The information is publicly available on the website of the Scottish Human Rights Commission and we have provided a link to the relevant area of the website here: [Policy & Publications | Scottish Human Rights Commission](https://www.scottishhumanrights.com/publications/). |
| **Public interest (where relevant)** | A Public Interest Test is not required under this exemption. |