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Ewan is content for the response to go for ministerial clearance.

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FOI 18/00091 - Scotland's place in Europe: People, Jobs and Investment

Brief synopsis / background of initial FoI request

1. This FOI request is "for a breakdown of the overall cost and estimated civil service time spent researching, writing and publishing the documents published on the 15th of January 2018 by the Scottish Government called "Scotland's place in Europe".

Timing

2. A response by **Friday 2 February** is requested - the reply deadline is 12 February.

Key points of interest on case

3. **Overall Cost:**

The only external costs in relation to research, writing and publication of SPIE 2 are the services received from APS for the preparation of and printing of the document.

At this stage we are only able to share an incomplete figure based on the estimates received from APS rather than the final invoice. Sharing an incomplete figure could prompt another FoI request (either from the same requester or a new individual as our response would be published on the SG website).

Therefore, following a consultation with the FoI Unit, we propose to proactively publish the breakdown of the overall cost of this publication on the SG website, once the final invoice is available, and apply an exemption under section 27(1) – (Information intended for future publication) to this part of the request.

4. Estimated Civil Service Time:

The request also asks for the estimated civil service time spent on research, writing and publication. As Scottish Government officials do not record time spent on individual tasks we don't hold any relevant information in respect of this part of the request.

Attachments and Conclusion

- 5. I enclose for consideration a copy of the draft response for clearance.
- 6. Views on whether Ministerial clearance is required would also be appreciated.

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Many thanks,

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