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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000069 – Electric Vehicles.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 07 February 2024 requesting the following information.

**Can I please request under FOI the purchase of electric vehicles.
I would like to examine the following:**

- **Cost of electric vs petrol/diesel**
- **Pollution caused by excessive tyre wear. Electric vs petrol/diesel**
- **Down time electric vs petrol/diesel**
- **Depreciation as electric vs petrol/diesel**
- **Damage to roads due to excessive weight electric vs petrol/diesel**
- **The ability to seriously move to EV. Load capacity on the grid. Range/ weather constraints.**

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

- **Cost of electric vs petrol/diesel**

Under Section 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA), an organisation does not require to provide information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including, without prejudice to that generality, a Scottish public authority) and as such any individual cost information is being withheld as it is commercially sensitive.

- **Pollution caused by excessive tyre wear. Electric vs petrol/diesel**

Under Section 17 of the FOISA an organisation does not have to provide the information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) cannot provide details regarding the pollution caused by excessive tyre wear for electric or petrol/diesel cars as this information is not recorded due to the lease company enforcing a no quibble tyre replacement policy.



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- **Down time electric vs petrol/diesel**

Under Section 17 of the FOISA an organisation does not have to provide the information if it does not hold that information. NHS NSS cannot provide details regarding the down time for electric or petrol/diesel cars as this information is not recorded due to the type of lease on the vehicles meaning we would be provided a replacement car in the event of any issues.

- **Depreciation as electric vs petrol/diesel**

Under Section 33(1)(b) of the FOISA, an organisation does not require to provide information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including, without prejudice to that generality, a Scottish public authority) and as such any individual cost information relating to depreciation is being withheld as it is commercially sensitive.

- **Damage to roads due to excessive weight electric vs petrol/diesel**

Under Section 17 of the FOISA an organisation does not have to provide the information if it does not hold that information. NHS NSS cannot provide details regarding the damage to roads due to excessive weight for electric or petrol/diesel cars as this metric is not one that is reported on.

- **The ability to seriously move to EV. Load capacity on the grid. Range/ weather constraints.**

Under Section 17 of the FOISA an organisation does not have to provide the information if it does not hold that information. NHS NSS cannot provide details regarding the ability to seriously move to Electric Vehicles (EV) as we do not hold any data on the ability to move to EV.

For further information, NSS climate change reports are publicly available on the Sustainable Scotland Network Sustainable Scotland Network website - [Sustainable Scotland Network - The Sustainable Scotland Network](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.



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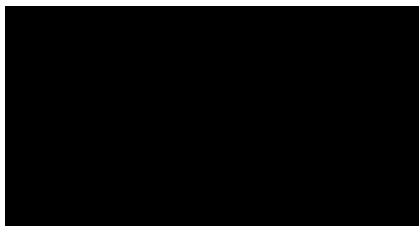
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If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely



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