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Dear Mr McIntosh

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your request, which was received on 23 February 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). You asked for the following information:

- 1. What are the names and locations of all the buildings currently listed as at-risk on the BARR but not available on the public register?
- 2. If we were unable to give the information in Question 1 above, an indication of individual locations by the narrowest geographical area possible.
- 3. Supplement Answer 2 above by indicating how many properties in each separate geographical area are owned: privately: by local government: by Scottish Government; by Westminster Government.
- 4. Indicate by geographical area how long each of the buildings listed as at risk but not listed on the public register has been instead on the private register.
- 5. Give the reasons for these properties not appearing on the public BARR

I trust the following answers your questions:

- 1. Sorn Castle Saw Mill & Walled Garden Buildings, East Ayrshire these buildings were identified for Register in Feb 2010 and have not been displayed on the website since this date, at the request of the owners.
- 2. Old Barskimming Estate Workers Houses, East Ayrshire these buildings were identified for Register in Feb 2010 and have not been displayed on the website since this date, at the request of the owners due to security concerns.
- 3. Ardgowan Estate Episcopal Church, Inverclyde this building was identified for Register in Feb 2010 and has not been displayed on the website since this date, at the request of the estate due to security concerns.
- 4. Whitehall House Doocot, Scottish Borders this building was identified for Register in March 2009 and has not been displayed on the website since this date, at the request of the owners.

- 5. Branxholme, Scottish Borders this building was identified for Register in August 2011 and publicly displayed. It was removed from the website in Jan 2013 at the request of the estate, due to their concerns about a news article on the building and its BARR status subsequently putting the building at risk of heritage theft.
- 6. Newbigging Lodge & Cottage, Fife these buildings were identified for Register in 2007 and publicly displayed. They were removed from the website in August 2012 at the request of the owners, due to problems with members of the public accessing the buildings which are within the owner's garden.
- 7. Crawford Priory & Doocot, Fife these buildings were identified at the establishment of the Register in 1990. The entry has never been live on the buildings at risk website (established in 2004), as an agreement not to release any information on the site into the public domain was made in 2002.
- 8. Royal High School, City of Edinburgh these buildings were identified for Register in February 2012 and have not been displayed on the website since this date, at the request of the owners due to concerns about their inclusion potentially prejudicing on-going discussions about a prospective sale/lease.

All sites are privately owned except site 8 which is owned by City of Edinburgh Council.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance an exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to some of the information requested. This exemption applies because the information is personal data of a third party and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. We have therefore redacted some personal details accordingly. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to the Joint Chief Executive, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, John Sinclair House, 16 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh EH8 9NX. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

Dr Adam Jackson

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