



Speaking for Scotland's Buildings

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Dear Sirs

CLOSURE OF PROPERTIES IN CARE

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland (AHSS) seeks the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or, as appropriate, the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004:

FOI request item 1

Please provide a breakdown of expenditure on a property-by-property basis spent on the repair of historic sites in state care, i.e. excluding any access, interpretation, and visitor facilities for the period 2015-2022. If information is not available on a site-by-site basis then a breakdown by PIC region will be acceptable.

FOI request item 2

Please provide a breakdown of expenditure spent on any access, interpretation, and visitor facilities, i.e. excluding repairs to historic fabric, for the period 2015-2022.

FOI request item 3

Please provide details of recorded masonry falls at Properties in Care sites from 2015 to 2022.

FOI request item 4

Please provide technical reports in respect of the condition of monuments in state care for the period 2019-2022, including any advice in respect of potentially unsafe masonry work.

FOI request item 5

Please provide details of any expenditure incurred in respect of temporary making-safe, including the temporary exclusion of the public from "at risk" areas, arising from items 3 and 4 above.

FOI request item 6

Please provide details of any expenditure incurred in respect of permanent repairs arising from items 3 and 4 above.

FOI request item 7

The AHSS understands that Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is required under Clause 3.16 of the Scheme of Delegation to have a "peer review" process in place to ensure that its conservation principles, policies and standards are being assessed by a group of independent professionals in similar fields. Two reports were published covering 2017-18 and 2018-19. In the *Properties in the Care of Scottish Ministers Annual Report* of 2019-20 there is limited information on page 21 at 6.3 Peer Review. *The Properties in the Care of Scottish Ministers Annual Reports* of 2020-21 and 2021-22 do not include a section comparable to section 6.3 in *Properties in the Care of Scottish Ministers Annual Report* of 2019-20.

Please provide details of the peer review process for the period 2019-22 including terms of reference, agendas and supporting papers, and minutes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

The National Council of the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland