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Our Ref FOI-000069-2014

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If phoning or

calling ask for

11 July 2014

Dear Mr Burns

## Freedom of Information Request FOI-000069-2014

Thank you for your request for information.

Your request has been processed in accordance with Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) audited accounts will be available in August 2014. SFRS regards the requested information as exempt under Sections 27(1)(a)(i), (b) and (c) – Information intended for future publication as it is held with a view to being published within 12 weeks after the date on which this request has been made.

As part of our consideration on whether to disclose the requested information, SFRS considered the public interest test. The public interest test is 'something which is of serious concern and benefit to the public' and not merely something of interest to an individual. It is the view of SFRS that there is an absence of any public interest factors as the information will be published proactively within 12 weeks.

Accordingly, SFRS have concluded that it is not in the public interest to disclose the requested information.

In line with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has in place a procedure by which a review of the way in which we handle requests for information can be carried out. If you are dissatisfied by the way Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have dealt with your request or about any decision made by them in connection with your request, and wish a review to be carried out, please inform me of this by 5 September 2014. In doing so, it would be helpful if you could state the matter, which has given rise to your dissatisfaction.

## Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act.

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The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS

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For further details, please see the Commissioner's website at  $\underline{\text{www.itspublicknowledge.info}}$ .

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Haddow Freedom of Information/Data Protection Officer