



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
Carrochan
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Ref: FOI 2025-048
6 January 2026

Dear XXX

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 3 December 2025. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

Your Request

Under the freedom of information act, can I please request all emails (both internal and external to and from CEO Gordon Watson and other senior staff regarding flights to the Eco Forum Global in Guiyang (2025). The term "flights" or "transport" should be mentioned.

Please also provide any correspondence between the FCDO and the national park organisation about this issue.

Could you please also provide the full speech given by Mr Watson, any accompanying slides and the value of any gift or fee provided in exchange to the National Park. This could include hotel accommodation or flights.

Please list them accordingly.

Our Response

We have attached all redacted email correspondence regarding the above, including correspondence between the FCDO and National Park Authority.

Also attached is Gordon Watson's speech and slides.

Gordon Watson received a conference merchandise bag which included stationarity and booklets, the value of which is unknown but is considered a token of modest intrinsic value. In addition, he was given a conference branded teapot as a speaker gift.

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Accommodation was arranged by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the costs are unknown to us. The cost of the flight was £1357.34, which was paid by the National Park Authority in the first instance and refunded in full by the FCDO.

Yours sincerely

**Information Management
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority**

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

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- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

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