

RSA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request for more detailed statistical information from the 2002/03 RSA Annual Report.

1. What is the split of the total between planned new and safeguarded jobs?

The split between planned new and safeguarded jobs in the 2002/03 Annual Report was 4,823 new jobs and 2,773 safeguarded.

2. How much of the £60 million has been paid out, what part of the £60 million is still likely to be paid out and how much is now unlikely to be paid out?

Up until the 16 December 2004, £22.9m of the £60m has been paid out. However, it is not possible to predict exactly how much of the remainder is likely/unlikely to be paid out. Payment of RSA is made in instalments, typically over several years as job and capital expenditure targets are met. Not all projects proceed, and nor do all accepted offers result in full payment, as projects are sometimes scaled down or abandoned. The £60m referred to in the 2002/03 RSA Annual Report therefore represents the maximum grant potentially payable if the projects are satisfactorily completed.*

3. How much of the £60 million already paid out has been recovered?

*£65,000** of £22.9m has been recovered.*

4. Of the 182 offers of RSA accepted during the year, how many are unlikely to be paid out, how many have been recovered, and how many of those unlikely to be paid out are Scottish firms?

As with answer 2, it is not possible to predict how much of the £60m is likely/unlikely to eventually be paid out. I can tell you though, that Scottish-owned companies accounted for, in 2002/03, 119 of the 182 accepted offers and £16.6m of the grant.

5. I would be pleased if you would provide me with the comparable information for each of the years from 1999-00 onwards, including total grant offers accepted, planned capital investment and planned new and planned safeguarded jobs.

For the previous years:

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Accepted Offers – Scottish figures in brackets</i>	<i>Grant Accepted – Scottish figures in brackets</i>	<i>New Jobs</i>	<i>Safeguarded</i>	<i>Total Jobs</i>	<i>Total Paid to Date</i>	<i>Total Recovered to Date</i>
<i>1999/00</i>	<i>253 (176)</i>	<i>£137.9m (£34.2m)</i>	<i>13,442</i>	<i>5,127</i>	<i>18,569</i>	<i>£82.3m*</i>	<i>£16.2m**</i>
<i>2000/01</i>	<i>180 (103)</i>	<i>£101.5m (£24.8m)</i>	<i>9,429</i>	<i>4,208</i>	<i>13,637</i>	<i>£32.6m*</i>	<i>£103k**</i>
<i>2001/02</i>	<i>160 (120)</i>	<i>£59.3m (£18.9m)</i>	<i>6,054</i>	<i>4,023</i>	<i>10,076</i>	<i>£21.1m*</i>	<i>£60k**</i>

*Please note that the figures marked * and ** are the total amounts paid and recovered in relation to those offers accepted in each of the financial years listed. Some payments and any subsequent recoveries may have been made in different financial years.*

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