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Our Reference: 202200329923  
Your Reference: Finances regarding Giant Pandas

1 December 2022

Dear John F. Robins,

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 11<sup>TH</sup> November, 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for the total repayments made to date by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) against a Scottish Government Loan of £500,000 which they received in 2020.

Response to your request

I can confirm that a total of £202,500 has been repaid by RZSS to date, which includes interest of £2,500.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Kevin Quinlan, Director for Environment and Forestry, at [director.enfor@gov.scot](mailto:director.enfor@gov.scot). Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website

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at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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