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Dear

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002).

I now respond to your request as follows:

“Firstly, we are interested in Public Bodies’ targets for business travel:

1. *“Do you have a target to cut emissions from air and/or business travel? If so, please share information about any target(s) you have (e.g. description of the target, when the target was adopted, timeline to meeting the target).”*

The College does not have a target to cut emissions from air and/or business travel.

For information, the College has reduced its emissions, due to business travel from 107 tCO₂e in 2014/15 to 41.6 tCO₂e in 2019/20 (*note – no staff business travel took place in 2020/21 and 2021/22 due to travel restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic*). Figures for 2022/23 are due to be reported in November 2023.

“Secondly, we are interested in Public Bodies’ corporate travel policies and plans:

2. *Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of emissions from business travel.*
3. *Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of the use of air travel for business travel purposes. Finally, we are specifically interested in Public Bodies’ use of rail and air for domestic travel.”*

The College does not have a corporate policy in relation to a reduction of emissions from business travel.

The College undertakes a plethora of work in relation to its sustainability agenda. For ease, I have included a link to the Estates and Sustainability page of the College website below, which details some of the work and projects undertaken, alongside our published Climate Change Action Plan and Race to Net Zero plan.

[Estates and Sustainability - Glasgow Kelvin College](#)

4. *“Please provide details of the number of flights your staff have taken from Edinburgh &*



Glasgow Airports to London Airports for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England.”

Academic Year	No. of Flights	Departure Airport	Destination Airport
2022/23	2	Glasgow	London - Stansted

5. *“Please provide details of the number of rail journeys your staff have taken from Edinburgh & Glasgow railway stations to London railway stations for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England.”*

Academic Year	No. of Train Journeys	Departure Station	Destination Station
2022/23	1	Glasgow – Queen Street	London - Euston

I trust the above response meets your request for information in full.

Should you be unhappy with the College’s response you may seek a review, by writing to Derek Smeall, Principal. Your grounds for seeking a review should be included in your request.

I also wish to advise you that the Scottish Information Commissioner has launched an online appeals service via their website – the link is as follows:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

Other contact information for the Scottish Information Commissioner is listed below:

Tel: 01334 464610

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Support and Administration Manager

