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Freedom of Information Act 2000: Public spending in Scotland

Thank you for your enquiry of 1 November 2018, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"I require information showing the total funding for the Scottish government via the block grant for the period 2010-2018 accounting for inflation i.e. the real terms budget."

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request. However, all of the requested information is already in the public domain. Section 21 of the FOI Act does not oblige public authorities to reissue information which is already accessible but we have provided links to the information below.

The Government publishes most data in cash rather than real terms. However, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) deflators that are used to calculate real terms data are already in the public domain and these may be applied to cash terms data. The GDP deflators are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/gdp-deflators-at-market-prices-and-money-gdp-october-2018-budget-2018>

The tables within Chapter 1 of the Treasury's annual publication *Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses* (PESA) set out both capital and resource spending for all Government departments, with a separate line in each table for Scotland. The total Scottish Block is the sum of all resource and capital expenditure. PESA is published at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/public-expenditure-statistical-analyses-pesa>

You may also wish to look at the Treasury's *Block Grant Transparency* publication, which sets out in detail information on the Block Grants of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Administration. Block Grant Transparency is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/block-grant-transparency-december-2017-publication>

The document is currently being updated to reflect all changes to the Scottish Block Grant up to and including the 2018 Budget.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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