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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST  
 VARIOUS FINDS CONSIDERED AT THE SAFAP MEETING ON 3 JULY 2014**

Thank you for your request dated 2 September under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). Your request was sent to the Treasure Trove Unit and I am responding as that Unit are supporting the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in relation to the operation of the Treasure Trove system.

Your request relates to:

"...the following items which were listed in the Minutes of **THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL** for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014

TT.22/14	Early Historic	£150	The Stewartry	Dumfries &
TT.25/14	Medieval silver	£250	The Stewartry	Dumfries &
TT.36/14	3 pieces of	£530	The Stewartry	Dumfries &

TT.38/14	Medieval	£150	The Stewartry	Dumfries &
TT.31/14	2 Roman coins,	£125	The Stewartry	Dumfries &

I am not an archaeologist or metal detectorist. I would like a copy of the files including maps, reports, files and any photographs all of which to aid private research. I will respect any copyright which may subsist.

Finally, would you please advise if all the items listed above have been handed over to the Stewartry Museum.”.

### **A copy of the files including maps, reports, files and any photographs**

As you may be aware, the Court of Session judgment – Glasgow City Council and Dundee City Council v Scottish Information Commissioner [2009] CSIH 73 (issued on 30 September 2009) – clarified that FOISA gives a right to information, not documents, and that information requests must identify the information sought. A request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 8(1)(c) of FOISA, describe the information requested. As your request is a general request for copies of documents, which does not reasonably clearly identify the particular information you are looking for, we do not consider it to be a valid request in line with the Court of Session decision. Accordingly, we are not obliged to respond to it.

However, if you wish to rephrase your request to clearly describe the information you are looking for, rather than simply documents, we would be able to consider your request and respond in accordance with FOISA. If you need any further advice and assistance to rephrase your request, please contact me.

### **Have all of the items been handed over to Stewartry Museum**

Having checked the information held it is confirmed that the items have been handed over to Stewartry Museum.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you do have the right to ask us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to The QLTR, Unit 5, 14 South St Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AZ (from 12 October our new address is Scottish Government Building, 1B-Bridge, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ), or for requests sent by e-mail to [coqltr@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:coqltr@copfs.gsi.gov.uk).

The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, there is a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of FOISA.

Should you subsequently wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision on such an appeal, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.