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We request data relating to how Section 75 contributions have been collected and spent within the years 2015-2020, for the purposes of research analysis to complete an update to the previous publication, ‘The Economic and Social Benefits of Home Building in Scotland’ (2016).

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you requested as the time and expense involved in complying with this request falls into the category of manifestly unreasonable.

We do not hold this information in a way in which we can run a report, and this would need input from several sources.

For Planning, it has been assessed that there are 700-750 legal agreements which would need to be reviewed. Even at 3 minutes per agreement, to identify the agreement from the record and assess the form of development (housing or not) and then an assessment of the details, would equate to at least 35 hours of work.

In regard to Affordable Housing, it is estimated to check the number of homes delivered and to then calculate the commuted sum would take an additional 6 hours.

Finance have estimated that to collate the information would take 21 hours.

It is estimated that the work required for all contributions and all draw down of monies on planning legal agreements over a period of 6 financial years would take a total of 62 hours. Providing the information could only be done by diverting a disproportionate quantity of the Council's resources away from other essential core operations, with a significant negative impact on the Council's ability to carry out its functions.