

Scottish Public Opinion Monitor - November 2015

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act

Table 1

SIC1. Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) | Gender | | AGE | | | | Employment status of respondent | | | | Work Sector | | Tenure | | | Children in household | | Unweighted Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| | | Male (a) | Female (b) | 16-24 (c) | 25-34 (d) | 35-54 (e) | 55 or more (f) | Working (full time) (g) | Working (part-time) (h) | Not working (i) | Retired (j) | Private /Self-empl -oyed (k) | Public (l) | Owner occupied (m) | Rent council Housing Assoc. (n) | Rented private (o) | Yes (p) | No (q) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 497 | 532 | 125 | 145 | 350 | 406 | 424 | 130 | 184 | 274 | 277 | 235 | 732 | 163 | 97 | 278 | 751 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 494 | 535 | 146 | 161 | 345 | 374 | 415 | 111 | 232 | 254 | 348 | 127 | 632 | 248 | 127* | 289 | 740 | 1029 |
| Yes, definitely | 735 | 371 | 363 | 65 | 126 | 269 | 271 | 325 | 83 | 130 | 183 | 269 | 99 | 485 | 143 | 92 | 210 | 525 | 763 |
| | | 71% ^b | 68% ^c | 45% | 79% ^c | 78% ^{xc} | 72% ^c | 78% ^{xi} | 74% ⁱ | 56% | 72% ^{ji} | 77% ^x | 79% ^x | 77% ^{xn} | 58% | 72% ⁿ | 73% | 71% | 74% |
| Yes, I think so | 149 | 67 | 82 | 31 | 17 | 51 | 50 | 50 | 18 | 50 | 29 | 50 | 12 | 91 | 41 | 14 | 39 | 110 | 138 |
| | | 14% ^l | 15% ^l | 21% ^{xd} | 11% ^f | 15% | 13% | 12% | 16% | 21% ^{xgj} | 12% | 14% | 9% | 14% | 16% | 11% | 14% | 15% | 13% |
| No, I don't think so | 35 | 13 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 33 |
| | | 3% ^m | 4% ^l | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 7% ^{xm} | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| No, definitely not | 102 | 39 | 63 | 40 | 12 | 17 | 33 | 27 | 6 | 42 | 26 | 19 | 8 | 39 | 44 | 17 | 27 | 75 | 86 |
| | | 10% ^{eg} | 12% ^{klm} | 27% ^{xdef} | 7% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 18% ^{xghj} | 10% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 18% ^{xm} | 13% ^m | 9% | 10% | 8% |
| Unsure | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | - | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| | | 1% | 1% | 2% | * | * | 1% | * | 1% | 1% | 2% | * | 1% | 1% | 1% | - | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Combinations - Summary net | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 883 | 438 | 445 | 96 | 144 | 320 | 321 | 375 | 101 | 179 | 212 | 319 | 111 | 576 | 184 | 106 | 249 | 634 | 901 |
| | | 86% ^b | 83% ^{xb} | 66% ^c | 89% ^c | 93% ^{xc} | 86% ^c | 90% ^{xij} | 91% ⁱ | 77% | 84% | 92% ^x | 88% | 91% ^{xno} | 74% | 84% | 86% | 86% | 88% |
| No | 138 | 52 | 85 | 47 | 17 | 25 | 49 | 38 | 10 | 51 | 37 | 28 | 14 | 52 | 62 | 21 | 38 | 99 | 119 |
| | | 13% ^a | 16% ^{xa} | 32% ^{xdef} | 10% | 7% | 13% ^{ee} | 9% | 9% | 22% ^{xgh} | 15% ^g | 8% | 11% | 8% | 25% ^{xm} | 16% ^m | 13% | 13% | 12% |
| Net yes | 746 | 386 | 360 | 49 | 127 | 295 | 272 | 337 | 91 | 128 | 175 | 291 | 97 | 524 | 122 | 85 | 211 | 535 | 782 |
| | | 72% | 67% | 34% | 79% | 85% | 73% | 81% | 82% | 55% | 69% | 84% | 77% | 83% | 49% | 67% | 73% | 72% | 76% |

Fieldwork dates : 9th to 16th November 2015

Respondent Type : General public

J15-072305-01 Weighted.

Source : Ipsos MORI

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Table 2

SIC1. Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act?

Base : All

| | Total (Weighed) (x) | Affluence of area 20% zones | | | | | Urban/rural | | Unweighted Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | 1 Most deprived (a) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (d) | 5 Least deprived (e) | Urban (f) | Rural (g) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 122 | 159 | 203 | 192 | 211 | 681 | 206 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 142 | 167 | 200 | 186 | 189 | 672 | 212 | 1029 |
| Yes, definitely | 735 71% | 92 65% | 113 68% | 141 71% | 149 80%xab | 138 73% | 475 71% | 157 74% | 763 74% |
| Yes, I think so | 149 14% | 19 13% | 21 12% | 37 19% d | 19 10% | 35 19% d | 104 15% | 27 13% | 138 13% |
| No, I don't think so | 35 3% | 11 8%xcde | 12 7%xcde | 5 2% | 3 2% | 3 2% | 27 4% | 8 4% | 33 3% |
| No, definitely not | 102 10% | 19 13% | 18 11% | 15 8% | 15 8% | 12 6% | 61 9% | 18 8% | 86 8% |
| Unsure | 8 1% | 1 1% | 3 2% | 1 1% | - - | 1 * | 5 1% | 2 1% | 9 1% |
| Combinations - Summary net | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 883 86%ab | 110 78% | 133 80% | 178 89%ab | 168 90%ab | 173 91%xab | 579 86% | 184 87% | 901 88% |
| No | 138 13%e | 30 21%xcde | 30 18% cde | 20 10% | 19 10% | 15 8% | 88 13% | 26 12% | 119 12% |
| Net yes | 746 72% | 81 57% | 103 62% | 158 79% | 149 80% | 158 83% | 491 73% | 158 75% | 782 76% |

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Table 3

SIC2(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) | Gender | | AGE | | | | Employment status of respondent | | | | Work Sector | | Tenure | | | Children in household | | Unweigh ted Total |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | (x) | Male (a) | Female (b) | 16-24 (c) | 25-34 (d) | 35-54 (e) | 55 or more (f) | Working (full time) (g) | Working (part- time) (h) | Not working (i) | Retired (j) | Private /Self- empl- -oyed (k) | Public (l) | Owner occup ied (m) | Rent council Housing Assoc. (n) | Rented private (o) | Yes (p) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 497 | 532 | 125 | 145 | 350 | 406 | 424 | 130 | 184 | 274 | 277 | 235 | 732 | 163 | 97 | 278 | 751 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 494 | 535 | 146 | 161 | 345 | 374 | 415 | 111 | 232 | 254 | 348 | 127 | 632 | 248 | 127* | 289 | 740 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 700 68% ^b | 366 74% ^{xb} | 335 63% | 89 61% | 127 79% ^{xcef} | 236 68% | 247 66% | 286 69% | 80 72% | 157 68% | 164 65% | 248 71% | 82 65% | 426 67% | 166 67% | 93 73% | 193 67% | 507 69% | 701 68% |
| Tend to agree | 233 23% ^{ad} | 92 19% | 141 26% ^{xa} | 45 31% ^{xd} | 22 14% | 81 23% ^d | 83 22% ^d | 93 22% | 22 20% | 60 26% | 56 22% | 71 21% | 31 25% | 149 24% | 53 21% | 27 21% | 74 26% | 159 21% | 226 22% |
| Neither nor | 39 4% | 14 3% | 24 5% | 8 5% | 6 4% | 11 3% | 14 4% | 12 3% | 5 4% | 8 3% | 12 5% | 13 4% | 3 3% | 22 4% | 11 4% | 3 2% | 11 4% | 28 4% | 38 4% |
| Tend to disagree | 33 3% | 12 2% | 21 4% | 4 3% | 2 2% | 12 3% | 15 4% | 15 4% | 4 4% | 3 1% | 10 4% | 8 2% | 9 7% ^{xk} | 20 3% | 9 4% | 3 2% | 8 3% | 26 3% | 40 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 16 2% | 6 1% | 10 2% | - - | 1 1% | 6 2% | 9 2% | 7 2% | - - | 4 2% | 5 2% | 6 2% | 1 1% | 10 2% | 5 2% | 2 1% | 2 1% | 14 2% | 16 2% |
| Don't know | 8 1% | 4 1% | 4 1% | - - | 2 1% | - - | 6 2% ^{xe} | 2 * | - - | - - | 6 2% ^{xgi} | 2 1% | - - | 5 1% | 3 1% | - - | 2 1% | 6 1% | 8 1% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 933 91% ^j | 458 93% ^{xb} | 475 89% | 134 92% | 149 93% | 317 92% | 330 88% | 379 91% | 102 92% | 217 94% ^j | 221 87% | 319 92% | 113 89% | 575 91% | 220 88% | 120 94% | 267 92% | 666 90% | 927 90% |
| Disagree | 49 5% | 18 4% | 31 6% | 4 3% | 4 2% | 18 5% | 24 6% | 21 5% | 4 4% | 7 3% | 15 6% | 14 4% | 10 8% ^x | 30 5% | 14 6% | 4 3% | 9 3% | 40 5% | 56 5% |
| Net Agree | 884 86% | 440 89% | 444 83% | 130 89% | 145 90% | 299 87% | 307 82% | 358 86% | 98 88% | 210 90% | 206 81% | 305 88% | 103 81% | 545 86% | 205 83% | 115 91% | 258 89% | 626 85% | 871 85% |

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Table 4

SIC2(a). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) (x) | Affluence of area 20% zones | | | | | Urban/rural | | SIC1. Heard of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOI)? | | Unweig hted Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| | | 1 Most deprived (a) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (d) | 5 Least deprived (e) | Urban (f) | Rural (g) | Yes (h) | No (i) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 122 | 159 | 203 | 192 | 211 | 681 | 206 | 901 | 119 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 142 | 167 | 200 | 186 | 189 | 672 | 212 | 883 | 138 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 700 68%i | 95 67% | 120 72% | 129 65% | 125 67% | 129 68% | 454 67% | 145 68% | 627 71%xi | 70 51% | 701 68% |
| Tend to agree | 233 23%h | 36 25% | 29 17% | 59 29%xb | 45 24% | 42 22% | 164 24% | 46 22% | 185 21% | 46 33%xh | 226 22% |
| Neither nor | 39 4%h | 5 3% | 10 6%c | 3 1% | 8 4% | 7 4% | 26 4% | 7 3% | 28 3% | 9 7% | 38 4% |
| Tend to disagree | 33 3% | 1 1% | 4 3% | 7 3% | 5 3% | 9 5% | 19 3% | 7 3% | 26 3% | 7 5% | 40 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 16 2% | 5 3%c | 2 1% | 1 * | 3 2% | 1 1% | 8 1% | 4 2% | 11 1% | 4 3% | 16 2% |
| Don't know | 8 1%f | - - | 2 1% | 2 1% | - - | 1 1% | 2 * | 3 1% | 6 1% | 2 1% | 8 1% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 933 91%i | 131 92% | 149 89% | 188 94% | 170 91% | 171 90% | 618 92% | 191 90% | 812 92%xi | 116 84% | 927 90% |
| Disagree | 49 5%h | 6 4% | 6 4% | 7 4% | 8 4% | 10 5% | 26 4% | 11 5% | 37 4% | 11 8% | 56 5% |
| Net Agree | 884 86% | 125 88% | 143 86% | 181 91% | 162 87% | 161 85% | 592 88% | 180 85% | 774 88% | 105 77% | 871 85% |

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Table 5

SIC2(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Freedom of information gives me more confidence in the decisions of Scottish public bodies

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) (x) | Gender | | AGE | | | | Employment status of respondent | | | | Work Sector | | Tenure | | | Children in household | | Unweigh ted Total All |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Male (a) | Female (b) | 16-24 (c) | 25-34 (d) | 35-54 (e) | 55 or more (f) | Working (full time) (g) | Working (part- time) (h) | Not working (i) | Retired (j) | Private /Self- empl -oyed (k) | Public (l) | Owner occup ied (m) | Rent council Housing Assoc. (n) | Rented private (o) | Yes (p) | No (q) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 497 | 532 | 125 | 145 | 350 | 406 | 424 | 130 | 184 | 274 | 277 | 235 | 732 | 163 | 97 | 278 | 751 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 494 | 535 | 146 | 161 | 345 | 374 | 415 | 111 | 232 | 254 | 348 | 127 | 632 | 248 | 127* | 289 | 740 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 453 44%bl | 238 48%xb | 215 40% | 72 50% | 72 45% | 150 43% | 158 42% | 177 43% | 48 43% | 113 49% | 107 42% | 155 45% | 47 37% | 267 42% | 121 49% | 54 43% | 129 45% | 323 44% | 443 43% |
| Tend to agree | 338 33% | 152 31% | 185 35% | 50 34% | 62 39% | 105 30% | 119 32% | 136 33% | 35 32% | 75 32% | 84 33% | 113 33% | 40 32% | 209 33% | 71 29% | 50 40% | 97 34% | 240 32% | 332 32% |
| Neither nor | 88 9% | 40 8% | 49 9% | 11 8% | 8 5% | 31 9% | 38 10% | 39 9% | 12 11% | 16 7% | 21 8% | 33 9% | 12 10% | 59 9% | 20 8% | 6 5% | 19 7% | 69 9% | 92 9% |
| Tend to disagree | 91 9% | 35 7% | 56 10% | 9 6% | 11 7% | 43 12%xf | 28 8% | 41 10% | 11 10% | 17 7% | 20 8% | 30 9% | 19 15%xk | 66 10%x | 14 6% | 10 8% | 30 10% | 62 8% | 101 10% |
| Strongly disagree | 37 4%b | 24 5% | 13 2% | 2 1% | 4 3% | 12 3% | 19 5% | 18 4% | 3 2% | 4 2% | 13 5% | 12 3% | 7 5% | 22 4% | 9 3% | 6 5% | 8 3% | 29 4% | 40 4% |
| Don't know | 22 2%am | 5 1% | 17 3%xa | 1 1% | 3 2% | 6 2% | 12 3% | 5 1% | 2 2% | 7 3% | 8 3% | 5 1% | 1 1% | 8 1% | 13 5%xmo | - | 6 2% | 17 2% | 21 2% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 790 77%l | 390 79% | 400 75% | 123 84%ef | 134 83%ef | 254 74% | 277 74% | 312 75% | 83 75% | 188 81% | 191 75% | 268 77% | 88 69% | 476 75% | 192 78% | 104 82% | 227 78% | 564 76% | 775 75% |
| Disagree | 128 12% | 59 12% | 69 13% | 10 7% | 16 10% | 55 16%xc | 47 13% | 59 14% | 14 12% | 21 9% | 33 13% | 42 12% | 26 20%xk | 88 14%x | 22 9% | 16 13% | 38 13% | 90 12% | 141 14% |
| Net Agree | 662 64% | 331 67% | 331 62% | 112 77% | 118 74% | 199 58% | 229 61% | 253 61% | 70 63% | 167 72% | 158 62% | 226 65% | 62 49% | 388 61% | 170 69% | 88 70% | 189 65% | 474 64% | 634 62% |

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Table 6

SIC2(b). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Freedom of information gives me more confidence in the decisions of Scottish public bodies

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) (x) | Affluence of area 20% zones | | | | | Urban/rural | | SIC1. Heard of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOI)? | | Unweig hted Total All |
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| | | 1 Most deprived (a) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (d) | 5 Least deprived (e) | Urban (f) | Rural (g) | Yes (h) | No (i) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 122 | 159 | 203 | 192 | 211 | 681 | 206 | 901 | 119 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 142 | 167 | 200 | 186 | 189 | 672 | 212 | 883 | 138 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 453 44% | 67 47% | 84 50% | 85 43% | 76 41% | 75 39% | 299 45% | 87 41% | 400 45%x | 52 37% | 443 43% |
| Tend to agree | 338 33% | 49 34% | 51 30% | 74 37% | 63 34% | 59 31% | 222 33% | 73 34% | 282 32% | 49 36% | 332 32% |
| Neither nor | 88 9% | 10 7% | 13 8% | 14 7% | 19 10% | 18 9% | 55 8% | 19 9% | 77 9% | 10 7% | 92 9% |
| Tend to disagree | 91 9% | 8 6% | 9 5% | 21 11% | 16 8% | 28 15%xab | 63 9% | 18 9% | 83 9% | 7 5% | 101 10% |
| Strongly disagree | 37 4%c | 5 4% | 6 3% | 2 1% | 10 5%c | 7 4% | 20 3% | 9 4% | 31 3% | 6 4% | 40 4% |
| Don't know | 22 2%h | 3 2% | 5 3% | 4 2% | 3 1% | 3 2% | 12 2% | 6 3% | 9 1% | 13 10% xh | 21 2% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 790 77%e | 115 81%e | 134 81%e | 159 80% | 139 75% | 134 71% | 522 78% | 159 75% | 683 77% | 101 73% | 775 75% |
| Disagree | 128 12% | 13 9% | 14 9% | 23 12% | 25 14% | 35 19%xab | 84 12% | 27 13% | 114 13% | 13 10% | 141 14% |
| Net Agree | 662 64% | 102 72% | 120 72% | 136 68% | 113 61% | 98 52% | 438 65% | 132 62% | 569 64% | 88 64% | 634 62% |

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Table 7

SIC2(c). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Freedom of information is a waste of public money

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) | | AGE | | | | Employment status of respondent | | | | Work Sector | | Tenure | | | Children in household | | Unweighted Total | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | (x) | Male (a) | Female (b) | 16-24 (c) | 25-34 (d) | 35-54 (e) | 55 or more (f) | Working (full time) (g) | Working (part-time) (h) | Not working (i) | Retired (j) | Private/Self-employed (k) | Public (l) | Owner occupied (m) | Rent council Housing Assoc. (n) | Rented private (o) | Yes (p) | No (q) | All |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 497 | 532 | 125 | 145 | 350 | 406 | 424 | 130 | 184 | 274 | 277 | 235 | 732 | 163 | 97 | 278 | 751 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 494 | 535 | 146 | 161 | 345 | 374 | 415 | 111 | 232 | 254 | 348 | 127 | 632 | 248 | 127* | 289 | 740 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 50 5% ^{hm} | 26 5% | 24 4% | 5 4% | 7 4% | 14 4% | 24 6% | 19 5% | 1 1% | 10 4% | 20 8% ^{xh} | 12 3% | 6 5% | 21 3% | 20 8% ^m | 8 6% | 12 4% | 38 5% | 47 5% |
| Tend to agree | 76 7% ^o | 33 7% | 43 8% | 7 5% | 9 6% | 31 9% | 26 7% | 30 7% | 8 8% | 13 6% | 23 9% | 20 6% | 14 11% ^{xk} | 47 7% | 26 11% ^o | 3 2% | 26 9% | 50 7% | 78 8% |
| Neither nor | 45 4% | 20 4% | 26 5% | 13 9% ^{xd} | 3 2% | 13 4% | 16 4% | 16 4% | 3 2% | 16 7% | 9 4% | 11 3% | 7 6% | 29 5% | 13 5% | 2 2% | 9 3% | 37 5% | 48 5% |
| Tend to disagree | 257 25% ^a | 105 21% | 152 28% ^{xa} | 50 34% ^{xe} | 36 22% | 72 21% | 99 26% | 99 24% | 38 34% ^{xgi} | 51 22% | 64 25% | 88 25% | 36 28% | 163 26% | 56 23% | 30 24% | 77 27% | 180 24% | 261 25% |
| Strongly disagree | 583 57% ^{bjl} | 304 62% ^{xb} | 279 52% | 71 49% | 103 64% ^{cf} | 208 60% ^c | 201 54% | 244 59% | 61 55% | 139 60% | 130 51% | 212 61% ^l | 62 49% | 361 57% | 126 51% | 84 66% ⁿ | 160 55% | 423 57% | 577 56% |
| Don't know | 18 2% | 6 1% | 12 2% | - - | 3 2% | 6 2% | 9 2% | 7 2% | - - | 3 1% | 7 3% | 5 2% | 2 1% | 10 2% | 7 3% | - - | 4 1% | 13 2% | 18 2% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 126 12% ^m | 59 12% | 67 12% | 13 9% | 16 10% | 45 13% | 50 13% | 49 12% | 9 9% | 23 10% | 43 17% ^{xhi} | 32 9% | 20 16% ^k | 68 11% | 46 19% ^{xmo} | 10 8% | 39 13% | 87 12% | 125 12% |
| Disagree | 840 82% ^{jin} | 409 83% | 431 81% | 120 83% | 139 87% | 280 81% | 300 80% | 342 82% | 99 89% ^{xj} | 190 82% | 194 76% | 300 86% ^{xl} | 98 77% | 525 83% ⁿ | 182 73% | 114 90% ^{xn} | 237 82% | 603 81% | 838 81% |
| Net Agree | -714 -69% | -350 -71% | -364 -68% | -108 -74% | -124 -77% | -235 -68% | -250 -67% | -293 -71% | -90 -81% | -166 -72% | -151 -60% | -269 -77% | -78 -61% | -457 -72% | -136 -55% | -104 -82% | -199 -69% | -515 -70% | -713 -69% |

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SIC2(c). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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| | | 1 Most deprived (a) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (d) | 5 Least deprived (e) | Urban (f) | Rural (g) | Yes (h) | No (i) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 122 | 159 | 203 | 192 | 211 | 681 | 206 | 901 | 119 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 142 | 167 | 200 | 186 | 189 | 672 | 212 | 883 | 138 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 50 5%h | 11 8%ce | 10 6% | 5 3% | 9 5% | 4 2% | 29 4% | 10 5% | 31 4% | 17 13% xh | 47 5% |
| Tend to agree | 76 7%h | 12 8% | 11 6% | 17 8% | 13 7% | 15 8% | 48 7% | 19 9% | 57 6% | 19 14% xh | 78 8% |
| Neither nor | 45 4%h | 5 3% | 9 5% | 8 4% | 8 4% | 9 5% | 33 5% | 6 3% | 34 4% | 12 8% xh | 48 5% |
| Tend to disagree | 257 25% | 35 25% | 44 27% | 52 26% | 49 26% | 43 23% | 176 26% | 47 22% | 212 24% | 41 30% | 261 25% |
| Strongly disagree | 583 57%i | 79 55% | 91 54% | 116 58% | 106 57% | 114 60% | 377 56% | 128 60% | 536 61% xi | 46 33% | 577 56% |
| Don't know | 18 2% | 1 * | 2 1% | 2 1% | 3 2% | 4 2% | 9 1% | 3 1% | 15 2% | 3 2% | 18 2% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agree | 126 12%h | 23 16% | 21 12% | 22 11% | 21 11% | 19 10% | 77 11% | 28 13% | 88 10% | 36 26% xh | 125 12% |
| Disagree | 840 82%i | 114 80% | 135 81% | 169 84% | 154 83% | 156 83% | 553 82% | 175 83% | 747 85% xi | 87 63% | 838 81% |
| Net Agree | -714 -69% | -91 -64% | -114 -69% | -147 -74% | -133 -71% | -137 -72% | -476 -71% | -147 -69% | -659 -75% | -51 -37% | -713 -69% |

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Table 9

SIC2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Summary table -

Base : All

| | It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities | Freedom of information gives me more confidence in the decisions of Scottish public bodies | Freedom of information is a waste of public money |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 1029 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 1029 | 1029 |
| Strongly agree | 700 68% | 453 44% | 50 5% |
| Tend to agree | 233 23% | 338 33% | 76 7% |
| Neither nor | 39 4% | 88 9% | 45 4% |
| Tend to disagree | 33 3% | 91 9% | 257 25% |
| Strongly disagree | 16 2% | 37 4% | 583 57% |
| Don't know | 8 1% | 22 2% | 18 2% |
| Combinations - Summary | | | |
| Agree | 933 91% | 790 77% | 126 12% |
| Disagree | 49 5% | 128 12% | 840 82% |
| Net Agree | 884 86% | 662 64% | -714 -69% |

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Table 10

SIC3. Have you ever heard of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations?

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) | Gender | | AGE | | | | Employment status of respondent | | | | Work Sector | | Tenure | | | Children in household | | Unweigh ted Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | Male (a) | Female (b) | 16-24 (c) | 25-34 (d) | 35-54 (e) | 55 or more (f) | Working (full time) (g) | Working (part- time) (h) | Not working (i) | Retired (j) | Private /Self- empl -oyed (k) | Public (l) | Owner occup ied (m) | Rent council Housing Assoc. (n) | Rented private (o) | Yes (p) | No (q) | |
| | (x) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 497 | 532 | 125 | 145 | 350 | 406 | 424 | 130 | 184 | 274 | 277 | 235 | 732 | 163 | 97 | 278 | 751 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 494 | 535 | 146 | 161 | 345 | 374 | 415 | 111 | 232 | 254 | 348 | 127 | 632 | 248 | 127* | 289 | 740 | 1029 |
| Yes, definitely | 156 15% | 79 16% | 77 14% | 21 15% | 32 20% | 47 14% | 55 15% | 69 17% | 11 10% | 43 18% | 33 13% | 48 14% | 24 19% | 89 14% | 42 17% | 21 17% | 40 14% | 116 16% | 158 15% |
| Yes, I think so | 123 12% b | 73 15% xb | 50 9% | 21 15% | 23 14% | 38 11% | 40 11% | 45 11% | 13 12% | 31 13% | 30 12% | 38 11% | 11 9% | 71 11% | 30 12% | 17 13% | 32 11% | 90 12% | 118 11% |
| No, I don't think so | 227 22% | 105 21% | 121 23% | 33 22% | 31 19% | 68 20% | 94 25% | 94 23% | 24 21% | 46 20% | 60 24% | 83 24% | 24 19% | 142 23% | 50 20% | 33 26% | 60 21% | 167 23% | 226 22% |
| No, definitely not | 517 50% | 233 47% | 284 53% | 70 48% | 74 46% | 190 55% x | 181 48% | 207 50% | 63 57% | 110 48% | 127 50% | 179 52% | 68 53% | 325 51% | 125 50% | 55 44% | 155 54% | 362 49% | 519 50% |
| Unsure | 7 1% | 3 1% | 3 1% | - - | 1 * | 2 1% | 4 1% | 1 * | - - | 1 1% | 5 2% xg | - - | 1 * | 5 1% | 2 1% | - - | 1 * | 6 1% | 8 1% |
| Combinations - Summary net | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 279 27% b | 152 31% xb | 127 24% | 43 29% | 55 34% e | 85 25% | 96 26% | 114 27% | 25 22% | 74 32% | 63 25% | 86 25% | 35 27% | 160 25% | 72 29% | 38 30% | 73 25% | 206 28% | 276 27% |
| No | 743 72% a | 338 69% | 405 76% xa | 103 71% | 105 65% | 259 75% d | 275 73% | 301 72% | 87 78% | 157 68% | 187 74% | 262 75% | 91 72% | 467 74% | 175 70% | 88 70% | 215 74% | 528 71% | 745 72% |
| Net yes | -465 -45% | -186 -38% | -278 -52% | -60 -41% | -50 -31% | -174 -50% | -179 -48% | -187 -45% | -62 -56% | -83 -36% | -124 -49% | -176 -51% | -57 -45% | -307 -49% | -103 -41% | -50 -40% | -142 -49% | -322 -44% | -469 -46% |

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Table 11

SIC3. Have you ever heard of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations?

Base : All

| | Total (Weighted) (x) | Affluence of area 20% zones | | | | | Urban/rural | | SIC1. Heard of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOI)? | | Unweig hted Total All |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 1 Most deprived (a) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (d) | 5 Least deprived (e) | Urban (f) | Rural (g) | Yes (h) | No (i) | |
| Unweighted Total | 1029 | 122 | 159 | 203 | 192 | 211 | 681 | 206 | 901 | 119 | 1029 |
| Weighted Total | 1029 | 142 | 167 | 200 | 186 | 189 | 672 | 212 | 883 | 138 | 1029 |
| Yes, definitely | 156 15% ^f | 15 11% | 28 17% | 33 17% | 27 15% | 26 14% | 90 13% | 39 19% | 135 15% | 21 15% | 158 15% |
| Yes, I think so | 123 12% | 17 12% | 18 11% | 26 13% | 24 13% | 15 8% | 80 12% | 21 10% | 114 13% ^x | 9 6% | 118 11% |
| No, I don't think so | 227 22% ⁱ | 27 19% | 33 20% | 45 23% | 50 27% | 54 29% ^x | 158 24% | 52 24% | 207 23% ^{xi} | 17 12% | 226 22% |
| No, definitely not | 517 50% ^h | 81 57% | 87 52% | 92 46% | 85 46% | 91 48% | 338 50% | 98 46% | 422 48% | 90 65% ^{xh} | 519 50% |
| Unsure | 7 1% | * * | 1 * | 3 2% | - - | 2 1% | 5 1% | 1 1% | 6 1% | 1 1% | 8 1% |
| Combinations - Summary net | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 279 27% | 33 23% | 46 28% | 59 30% | 51 28% | 41 22% | 170 25% | 61 29% | 249 28% | 30 22% | 276 27% |
| No | 743 72% | 109 77% | 120 72% | 137 69% | 135 72% | 145 77% | 497 74% | 150 71% | 629 71% | 107 78% | 745 72% |
| Net yes | -465 -45% | -76 -53% | -74 -45% | -78 -39% | -84 -45% | -104 -55% | -326 -49% | -89 -42% | -380 -43% | -77 -56% | -469 -46% |

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Source : Ipsos MORI

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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - x/a/b/c/d/e - x/f/g - x/h/i

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