



# Freedom of Information Request

13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Question

I would like to know:

1) How many Scottish Ambulance Service vehicles have been altered since April 2013 to have Gaelic wording/signage/logos added. Can you tell me what vehicles have been altered, how they were altered and what words were added please? And can you break that down year by year please. Were any costs involved? Can you give me the total cost, as well as breaking it down case by case?

2) How many signs at Scottish Ambulance Service buildings have been altered since April 2013 to have Gaelic wording/signage/logos added? Can you tell me what the signage was, at what building, and what words were added? Can you break it down year by year please? Were any costs involved? Can you give me the total costs as well as breaking it down case by case?

3) Has the Scottish Ambulance Service made any alterations to stationery to add Gaelic wording/signage/logos since April 2013? What changes were made to what items and what words were added? Can you break that down year by year please? Were any costs involved? Can you give me the total cost as well as breaking that down case by case please?

4) Has the Scottish Ambulance Service made any alterations to clothing or equipment to add Gaelic wording/signage/logos since April 2013? What changes were made to what items, and what words were added? Can you break that down year by year please? And if there were costs involved can you tell me those as well please? Can I get a total cost as well as having it broken down case by case please?

5) Have any members of Scottish Ambulance Service staff been sent on Gaelic classes or seminars since April 2013? Or have they attended any meetings/conferences on Gaelic in the same timescale? This could include sessions where they're taught Gaelic, discuss the language or how best to promote it through

a Gaelic plan. Can you give details on what the sessions were please? Could you tell me how many members of staff went to each session and give as much information as possible on who they were? For example, their job title or rank if you're not willing to identify them. When and where was each meeting/session/conference, and how long did they last? Did the fire service have to pay for the sessions? Were costs involved in attending, for example transport or accommodation? Can you tell me all the costs involved please and break it down case by case? 6) Has the Scottish Ambulance Service hired or engaged with any consultants or outside agencies in relation to Gaelic since April 2013? For example to teach the language to officers or to advise best on how to promote it? Or to draw up a Gaelic plan?

Can you tell me why the outside agency was used and when and give details of the job they did? If there were sessions/classes/meetings/where did they happen? How long did they last and how many staff members were involved in each one. Can you give as much information as possible on who took part please? Can you also outline the costs involved in each case please?

## **Answer**

The Gaelic Language Act recognises Gaelic is an official language of Scotland, commanding equal respect with English. The Scottish Ambulance Service is committed to the aspirations and objectives included in the National Gaelic Language Plan and the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Scottish Ambulance Service recognises the important part it can play in increasing the visibility of the Gaelic language. As a national service working across the whole of Scotland the Service vehicles, corporate logo, signage and uniforms are familiar and well recognised by the communities we serve.

The documents held in relation to your request is in the form of the Gaelic Language plan, available on our website at;

Strategies and Plans ([scottishambulance.com](http://scottishambulance.com))

Please find attached for ease

- Gaelic language plan – gaelic version
- Gaelic language plan

1. How many Scottish Ambulance Service vehicles have been altered since April 2013 to have Gaelic wording/signage/logos added.

• Can you tell me what vehicles have been altered, how they were altered and what words were added please?

The Scottish Ambulance Service wording is presented in English on one side of the ambulances and in Gaelic on the other.

- And can you break that down year by year please.
- Were any costs involved?
- Can you give me the total cost, as well as breaking it down case by case?

We do not hold this information. There has been no additional cost associated to the service of implementing Gaelic branding on our Scottish Ambulance Service vehicles.

The Scottish Ambulance Service Ambulances showing the Gaelic wording are supplied on a "new for old" basis. Meaning, any new Ambulances supplied, come with the English wording on one side of the vehicle and Gaelic on the other.

2. How many signs at Scottish Ambulance Service buildings have been altered since April 2013 to have Gaelic wording/signage/logos added?

Please see the table below

- Can you tell me what the signage was, at what building, and what words were added?  
Please see the attached

- Can you break it down year by year please? Please see the attached

- Were any costs involved? Please see the attached

- Can you give me the total costs as well as breaking it down case by case?

Please see the attached

3. Has the Scottish Ambulance Service made any alterations to stationery to add Gaelic wording/signage/logos since April 2013?

Please see the attached, figures include all translation to Gaelic costs.

- What changes were made to what items and what words were added?

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- Can you break that down year by year please?

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- Were any costs involved?

Please see the attached, figures include all translation to Gaelic costs.

- Can you give me the total cost as well as breaking that down case by case please?

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4. Has the Scottish Ambulance Service made any alterations to clothing or equipment to add Gaelic wording/signage/logos since April 2013?

No

- What changes were made to what items,

N/A

- What words were added?

N/A

- Can you break that down year by year please?

N/A

- And if there were costs involved can you tell me those as well please?

N/A

- Can I get a total cost as well as having it broken down case by case please?

N/A

5. Have any members of Scottish Ambulance Service staff been sent on Gaelic classes or seminars since April 2013?

One member of staff attended a one-day session towards the end of 2015, early 2016 run by Bòrd na Gàidhlig. The session provided guidance on how to prepare the Scottish Ambulance Services first Gaelic Language Plan.

We do not hold the information of any other members of staff attending any classes or seminars. The Scottish Ambulance service encourages its staff to access classes in their own areas and can support by signposting them to these. There has been no cases of being approached for funding to enable a member of staff to complete any paid course undertaken.

- Or have they attended any meetings/conferences on Gaelic in the same timescale? This could include sessions where they're taught Gaelic, discuss the language or how best to promote it through a Gaelic plan.

As Above

- Can you give details on what the sessions were please?

As Above

- Could you tell me how many members of staff went to each session and give as much information as possible on who they were?

As Above

- For example, their job title or rank if you're not willing to identify them. When and where was each meeting/session/conference, and how long did they last? Did the ambulance service have to pay for the sessions?

As Above

- Were costs involved in attending, for example transport or accommodation?

As Above

- Can you tell me all the costs involved please and break it down case by case?

As Above

6. Has the Scottish Ambulance Service hired or engaged with any consultants or outside agencies in relation to Gaelic since April 2013?

No

For example to teach the language to officers or to advise best on how to promote it? Or to draw up a Gaelic plan?

N/A

- Can you tell me why the outside agency was used and when and give details of the job they did?

N/A

- If there were sessions/classes/meetings/where did they happen?

N/A

- How long did they last and how many staff members were involved in each one.

N/A

- Can you give as much information as possible on who took part please?

N/A

- Can you also outline the costs involved in each case please?

N/A

<u>Invoice date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date paid</u>
02/02/2016	£25.00	31/08/2016
13/03/2017	£376.00	03/04/2017
28/04/2017	£17.00	12/06/2017
16/01/2018	£146.00	22/01/2018
14/10/2020	£20.00	19/04/2021
22/03/2021	£20.00	26/03/2021
17/07/2021	£15.00	23/07/2021
16/08/2021	£25.00	20/08/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>site</u>	<u>cost net</u>	<u>vat</u>	<u>cost gross</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Gaelic Text</u>
08/12/2015	Aberdeen	365.00	73.00	438.00	Aberdeen Ambulance Station & Workshop	Steisean is Ionad-caraidh Ambaileans Obar Dheathain
		365.00	73.00	438.00		
01/02/2016	Kilbirnie	520.00	104.00	624.00	Kilbirnie Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Chill Bhreannain
		520.00	104.00	624.00		
07/04/2017	Laxford House	107.00	21.40	128.40	Scottish Ambulance Service North Region Base	Serbheis Ambaileans na h-Alba Ionad Roinne Tuath
21/07/2017	Dunfermline	379.90	75.98	455.88	Dunfermline Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Dhun Pharlain
		486.90	97.38	584.28		
01/09/2020	Inverness	457.50	91.50	549.00	Inverness Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Inbhir Nis
		457.50	91.50	549.00		
11/02/2021	Aboyne	470.00	94.00	564.00	Aboyne Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Abeidh
11/02/2021	Banchory	370.00	74.00	444.00	Banchory Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Bheanncharaidh
11/02/2021	Ellon	520.00	104.00	624.00	Ellon Ambulance Station	Steisean Ambaileans Eilean
10/03/2021	NRRD	1,260.00	252.00	1,512.00	Logistics Hub National Risk and Resilience Department (NRRD)	Co-ionad Logastachd RoinnRiosgis Foghainteachd Naiseanta (NRRD)
					Training Centre National Risk and Resilience Department (NRRD)	Ionad Treanaidh Roinn Riosg is Foghainteachd Naiseanta (NRRD)
					Headquarters East Sort Base National Risk and Resilience (NRRD)	Priomh Oifis Ionad Sort an Ear Roinn Riosg is Foghainteachd Naiseanta (NRRD)
					National Risk and Resilience Department (NRRD)	Roinn Riosg is Foghainteachd Naiseanta (NRRD)
					Visitors Please report to Main Reception - Headquarters National Risk and Resilience Department (NRRD)	Luchd-tadhail ri dhol gu Priomh Ionad-failte-Priomh Oifis Roinn Riosg is Foghainteachd Naiseanta (NRRD)
18/03/2021	Air Bases	760.00	152.00	912.00	Air Ambulance & ScotSTAR Base	Ionad Ambaileans Adhair is ScotSTAR
					Air Ambulance Base Helimed 79	Ionad Ambaileans Adhair Helimed 79
					Air Ambulance Base Helimed 2	Ionad Ambaileans Adhair Helimed 2
		3,380.00	676.00	4,056.00		
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>5,209.40</b>	<b>1,041.88</b>	<b>6,251.28</b>		