



Information Fair Trader Scheme commitment

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I am personally committed to trading fairly in information. To show the strength of my commitment, our organisation has been a member of the Information Fair Trader Scheme since 2004, and has recently been re-accredited by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). I will ensure that the Registers of Scotland can support the following statement with confidence.

I will insist that we strictly follow a system of fair and open information trading that meets the requirements of Competition law and the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations. My aim is that, in principle, we can meet the legitimate needs of anyone who applies for a licence to re-use information for any purpose. We will discuss any exceptions with OPSI and publish these exceptions on our websites (www.ros.gov.uk) and will strictly follow them.

We will publish our licence charges on the website and will keep charging negotiations to a minimum. Any exceptions to our charging policy are described in full on our website, and will be available to anyone who qualifies for them.

I am committed to reducing as far as possible the administrative burden on people who re-use public sector information. I will ensure that we use processes for trading information that are similar to those of the rest of the public sector and follow guidelines set by OPSI.

I will investigate any complaints I receive that my organisation has broken this commitment, and will inform complainants of their right to appeal to OPSI if they remain dissatisfied. If OPSI decide to investigate a complaint, I will allow the OPSI investigation team access to the relevant staff and records and give the investigating team full support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meldrum', with a horizontal line underneath.

James Meldrum
Keeper of the Registers
Registers of Scotland