



The First Minister
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House
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Dear First Minister,

I write again regarding the Giant Pandas at Edinburgh Zoo. Two years ago I asked you about the £2.1M grant and £0.5M low interest loan your Ministers agreed to make to the RZSS towards new housing for the Pandas as their accommodation at the time was deemed too close to building work on an old hospital site which had been sold to housing developers. The results of my FOI request can be found here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-202000064294/>

I read today that the housing developers have agreed to provide sponsorship of the last year of the Panda's stay at Edinburgh Zoo.

This prompts me to ask you how much of the £500,000 of public money loaned to them has RZSS paid back so far? Once again, if necessary, please regard this as a request under relevant FOI legislation. I look forward to a reply within the time limits set under FOI laws.

Your sincerely,

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