

**15-072305-01 Scottish Public Opinion Monitor November 2015
Scottish Information Commissioner results.**

Technical details:

- This presents the topline results from Scotland
- Results are based on a survey 1,029 respondents (adults aged 16+) conducted by telephone
- Fieldwork dates: 9th – 16th November 2015
- Data are weighted by: age, sex and working status using census data; tenure using SHS data; and public-private sector employment using Scottish Government Quarterly Public Sector Employment series data
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of “don’t know” categories
- Results are based on all respondents 1,029 unless otherwise stated.

Freedom of information

Have you ever heard of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act?

	%	%
	Nov 2015	Sept 2013
Yes, definitely	71	60
Yes, I think so	14	18
No, I don’t think so	3	9
No, definitely not	10	11
Unsure	1	2

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

	Strongly agree %	Tend to agree %	Neither/ nor %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Don't know %
It is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities	68	23	4	3	2	1
Freedom of information is gives me more confidence in the decisions of Scottish public bodies	44	33	9	9	4	2
Freedom of information is a waste of public money	5	7	4	25	57	2

Have you ever heard of the Environmental Information Scotland Act?

	%
Yes, definitely	15
Yes, I think so	12
No, I don't think so	22
No, definitely not	50
Unsure	1