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By Email

Date: 17/09/24

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry about the Dunscore Hoard on 30/08/2024 where you requested the following:

"This is to ask for a review of the response in that the request is for any recorded information held in relation to this matter (a find known as the Dunscore Hoard) as per the Act, and not for any information which is not yet held or recorded.

For example, it is to request any information on one, or more, of the coins, up to a maximum of, say, six, and at your discretion and/or whatever information you can provide within the cost and time limits of the Act.

Any material eg. in the form of recorded information and photographs which you may be able to send is appreciated, as before."

In response to your query, I can report the following:

Since receiving the hoard in April 2022, the Treasure Trove Unit has been assessing the c. 8,500 coins that make up the Dunscore Hoard. The identification work is detailed and complex and is now coming to an end, but the data currently on file is incomplete and needs to be reviewed for accuracy before it can be released to the public.

At present, there is no analysis or interpretation related to the archaeological significance of the hoard, as this work is conducted just before a find is allocated to a museum. It is anticipated that the Dunscore Hoard will be allocated at a Scottish Archaeological Finds Allocation Panel meeting in 2025 and further information will be available when this work has been completed.

The only photos of individual coins on file were taken during the excavation, which I believe you received last year and these are attached for ease of reference. Due to the size of the

hoard, the photography work, which is due to take place towards the end of the year, will not focus on individual coins but on groupings of coins based on monarchs and mints.

I appreciate that this response cannot provide you with the exact data requested but I hope this helpfully explains the process to be followed. Once the data has been reviewed, further information will be made available.

If you are dissatisfied with the KLTR's reviewed response to your FOI request, you may make an application for determination by the Scottish Information Commissioner which is available at [Contact Us | Scottish Information Commissioner \(foi.scot\)](#).

Many thanks,

Marcus Dean
Secretary to the Treasure Trove Review
KLTR