FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

CERTIFICATE BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS

I hereby certify, for the purposes of section 31(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, that information held by any Scottish public authority, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act, in connection with the preparation and provision of security arrangements for the G8 Summit to be held at Gleneagles Hotel from 6 to 8 July 2005 ("the event") that falls within a category described in column 1 of any of the paragraphs of the table below is "exempt information" for the purposes of section 31(1) of that Act. Column 2 contains a non-exhaustive list of examples of specific information covered by the category specified in the corresponding paragraph in column 1.

Category of Information	Specific Information
1. Resources to be deployed	Including: Number of resources Location of resources when deployed or held in preparation for deployment Location of resource accommodation when not deployed or held in preparation for deployment Location of any marshalling, briefing, catering and transport sites Details of resource transport means, quantities, routes and schedules Details of shift patterns to be deployed, both in advance of and during the event Details of skills to be deployed, both in advance of and during the event Details of equipment and services to be utilised
 Security to be deployed Event Related Intelligence 	Including: Security to be deployed during the planning process, in advance of the event and during the event. This relates to both physical and technical security and includes location, type, quantity and specifications Including:
	Includes the nature and the source of information received and sent by public authorities involved in the preparation and provision of security arrangements for the event

4. Information Technology and	Including:
Communications	Details of the type, quantity, location and
	cost of IT and Communications equipment
	required for the purposes of providing
	security in advance of and during the event
5. Briefing Information	Including:
	The contents of briefing information, whether
	oral, written or provided electronically, for
	all personnel involved in the provision of
	security in advance of and during the event

- 6. Financial information which could lead to the identification of any information that is exempt by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 5 above.
- 7. Details of police forces, other relevant agencies, individuals or suppliers with which communication is taking place in respect of any information that is exempt by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 5 above or by which a service is being provided in respect of any information that is exempt by virtue of paragraphs 1 to 5 above.

This certificate has prospective effect.

St Andrews House Edinburgh April 2005

A member of the Scottish Executive