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Dear Xxxxxx

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 April, in which you ask for information on the National Identity Scheme database. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked: -

- 1. Has the Home Office/Identity Passport Service bought equipment to destroy the ID card database? If so, how much have you paid for this equipment, and to which company/companies?**

No.

- 2. Has the Home Office/ Identity Passport Service engaged a company to destroy the ID card database? If so, how much have you paid for this service, and to which company/companies?**

Yes. IPS engaged the services of RDC (RDC is part of Computacenter, an independent provider of IT infrastructure services) to carry out the secure destruction of the storage media which held the National Identity Register. They were paid £17,893 to carry out this work.

In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are therefore releasing the information which you requested via the Home Office website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Identity and Passport Service (IPS) holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOICR 18458. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by members of staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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