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Dear Xxxxxxx

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 11 April. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:-

We would like to request under Freedom of information:

- The total number of VES applications for the whole of IPS, broken down by region**
- Of this number, the total number of applications given priority status, broken down by region**
- Of this number, the total number of staff released under this scheme, broken down by region.**

The Identity and Passport Service (IPS) response is:-

We conducted the recent Voluntary Early Release (VER) exercise as an exercise across IPS and therefore looked at individual jobs rather than the locations they were in. As a large number of HQ staff are based at sites across the Agency it is not possible to show individual numbers.

I can confirm that:

- 830 staff applied for VER
- 283 staff were treated as priority
- 179 staff accepted VER

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that 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 18365/11. 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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