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Dear Xxxxxx,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 February 2011 in which you ask for information on Marriages and Civil Partnerships. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

From 1 April 2008, the General Register Office (GRO) became part of the Identity and Passport Service (IPS). You asked for the following information:-

Copies of circulars or consultation documents regarding any decisions or proposed changes to the Marriage Act 1949 as amended, The Civil Partnership Act 2004 as amended and any other regulations applicable to the registration duties in the provision of marriage and formation of civil partnerships from 1 January 2010 to 31st January 2011.

I can confirm that we hold this information. I am attaching to this letter two annexes: the first contains GRO Circular 3/2010; the second contains relevant extracts from GRO Circulars 6 and 10 / 2010 and from GRO Circular 1/2011. There are no other sections of GRO Circulars within the above timeframe relevant to your query, and we have issued no consultation documents on these topics within the requested dates.

From the Circular we have redacted contact details relating to individual Circular items: any query on the contents of the Circulars can be addressed to GRO at gro.communications@ips.gsi.gov.uk

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 17574/2011:

Information Access Team
Home Office
Ground Floor, Seacole Building
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF
Email : info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely,

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GRO Communications