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Dear [REDACTED]

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 25 January 2013

You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

*Question 1 - Details of the numbers of staff who have failed either an a) Security Check (SC) or b) Counter Terrorist Check (CTC).*

*Please note that by "numbers of staff" I do not necessarily mean current staff. I also include staff who have since left the department.*

*Question 2 - In each case (where possible within confines of the act) please list the following: a) the rank or job title of the member of staff who failed the check b) the year of the check that staff member failed c) the nationality of the staff member who failed the check d) what the outcome was of failing to pass the check (eg was the staff member dismissed, did he resign) and e) whether the person who failed the test is still employed by the department.*

*I would like details since the checks were introduced please.*

*NB If the "in each case" questions are difficult to answer (for example, you think they might go over FOI cost limits, or meet one of the Act's criteria for exemptions) then please do not fail to respond to the main part - and most important part - of my request - Question 1.*

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office does not employ staff directly. All staff are assigned to the Office on a secondment type arrangement, principally from the Scottish Government or the Ministry of Justice or on loan from another Government Department who remain the employers. The responsibility and management of the processing of security clearance as part of the recruitment process to join the civil service and any enhanced security vetting, where there

is a business requirement, remains the responsibility of the Security Branches of the parent bodies, rather than the Scotland Office.

I hope you find this helpful.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be addressed to:

FOI Officer  
1 Melville Crescent  
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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