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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 February 2012 09:24
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FOI Reply 384

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FOI Request 384

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 7 February 2012.

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

Which staff from the department or related agencies have been paid through "tax efficient" arrangements similar to those governing Ed Lester's employment at the Student Loans Company – i.e. where salary is paid to a limited company rather than to the individual - in each of the last three years?

I would like the response to include names of the individuals concerned, job titles and the period covered by the arrangements, and the justification for the special treatment afforded to them.

The Scotland Office has completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office do not have any staff or related agency staff that have been paid through such an arrangement.

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
EDINBURGH
EH3 7HW

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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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** [Redacted]
Sent: 07 February 2012 12:13
Subject:

FOI REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, please disclose

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I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, to the enclosed email address. However, if it is more convenient, I would be happy to receive the information in hard copy format.

01/03/2012

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

PLEASE NOTE, IN PARTICULAR, THAT I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE IMPOSITION OF QUALIFIED EXEMPTIONS ON A BLANKET BASIS; I WILL REQUIRE, AT THE VERY LEAST, EVIDENCE THAT AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO MAKE A PARTIAL DISCLOSURE OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION, IN A REDACTED, DIGESTED OR EDITED FORM.

I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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