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Sent: 03 April 2012 14:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FOI Reply 398
Attachments: SO - OAG return to CO 30-11-11.doc

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2012 10:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Reply 398

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FOI Request 398

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 17 February 2012.

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

- *Please could you forward any reports, meeting minutes and documents relating to the public sector strike on 30 November 2011 under the Freedom of Information Act.*
- *In particular could you provide information concerning the number of employees who did not work that day, on picket activity and any information concerning the impact of the strike on the working of your department.*

The Scotland Office has completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office and its sister organisation, the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland, which are part of the UK Government, do not employ staff directly, all staff who join our offices do so on a secondment type arrangement, mainly from the Ministry of Justice or the Scottish Government, who remain the employers. On 30 November 2011, the Scotland Office were required to report centrally to the Cabinet Office with the number of staff in both our offices who took strike action. 22 staff were notified as taking strike action as stated on the attached document and an assessment was provided on the impact of the strike on business. There was no picket activity in premises primarily occupied by the Scotland Office. There are no other reports, minutes of meetings or documents relating to the strike on 30 November 2011, with the exception of Payroll documentation which was subsequently completed to recover strike pay. As this material contains personal data, I trust that you understand that it cannot be provided to you.

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

03/04/2012

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

[REDACTED]
Scotland Office

[REDACTED]
1 Melville Crescent
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STRIKE INFORMATION TEMPLATE

Completion instructions

- Please state your Department or Agency name in the 'Subject' part of your covering e-mail, as well as on this form.
- Indicate on the relevant section of this form whether your organisation is a Department, Agency.
- If you are submitting a Department return, please confirm which Agencies you have included in your return, to avoid double counting.
- **NDPB's** - Only "Crown" NDPB's (those staffed by Civil Servants) are required to make a return.

Date of strike action: 30TH NOVEMBER 2011

Name of Department or Agency
(include (D), (A) in brackets to
indicate your status) :

Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General
for Scotland (D)

No. of staff (individuals employed) :

103

No. of staff on strike :

22

If you are a Department, please specify if you have included any Agency headcounts in your return? If so, which?

SO and OAG are separate departments but with a single vote and PAO.

Of the staff on strike 19 are employees of the Scottish Executive/Govt on secondment to SO or OAG. The Scottish Executive/Govt will be notified of these numbers and is likely to count them in any returns it makes. There is therefore a risk of double counting in respect of these 19 staff.

SO has a single ALB, the Boundary Commission for Scotland (7 staff). All its staff are on secondment from the Scottish Executive/Govt. we have not included its staff in this return.

Overview of information on any significant disruption in services or serious picket-related incidents:

No direct impact.

Please return to [REDACTED]; Tel No: [REDACTED]

Deadline: by 10.45am at the latest on the day of strike action