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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your e-mail to the Scotland Office of 9 February 2012.

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

1. Please state how much your Department has spent on external consultants in each of the last three financial years (08/09), (09/10) and (10/11) and how much it has paid to external consultants in the first six months of the current financial year?
2. In relation to the figure for the first six months of this year please provide me with information on the three biggest single payments. This should include the amount, the company that was paid the money, the highest daily rate paid for any consultant engaged on the project, and a one/two sentence explanation of what the project was.

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

The Scotland Office engaged the following external consultants and advisers in between April 2008 and September 2011:

2008-09:

- Quadrant Consultants – research into voters perceptions following the 2007 Scottish Parliamentary elections. £24,250.
- Richmond Consulting and Oxford Economics – expert advice on the Scottish economy. £18,975.

2009-10:

- University of Glasgow – research support to the Glasgow Task Force on generational poverty and benefit reliance £7,000.

2010-11:

- Brookleigh Consulting Ltd – Independent public appointments assessor for the appointment of a member of the Boundary Commission for Scotland £2,221.
- Saxton Bampfylde Hever Senior Civil Service Assessment Centre £4,400

2011-12 (April 11 –September 11):

No external consultants were engaged between April 2011 and September 2011.

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

Yours sincerely

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