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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 April 2012 14:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information request - DB419

Please see the response to your recent Freedom of Information request below:

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DB419**

Thank you for your email to the Scotland Office of 8 April .

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

- 1. The number of media or press officers (see description below) who work for your organisation in Scotland*
- 2. The sum total of the media or press officers' annual salaries for the past year (one figure)*
- 3. The amount spent in the past year on external public relations agencies for issues about dealing with the media (one figure)*
- 4. If money has been spent on external PR agencies as in question 3, above, please state the name/names of the agency/agencies*

1. The Scotland Office currently has two members of staff who deal with journalists as a significant part of their job.
2. The information you have requested regarding annual salaries is exempt under Section 40 of the Act on 'personal information' as it constitutes personal data, the disclosure of which would contravene the Data Protection Act. Salary paycales are available on the Scotland Office website at <http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/14464.html>.
3. The Scotland Office has not engaged any external public relations agencies in the past year.

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

[REDACTED]

**The Scotland Office**

1 Melville Crescent

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 09 April 2012 18:44

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Freedom of Information request

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Scotland Office

This is a freedom of information request.

Please provide:

1. The number of media or press officers (see description below) who work for your organisation in Scotland
2. The sum total of the media or press officers' annual salaries for the past year (one figure)
3. The amount spent in the past year on external public relations agencies for issues about dealing with the media (one figure)
4. If money has been spent on external PR agencies as in question 3, above, please state the name/names of the agency/agencies

By media or press officers in 1 and 2, above, I mean staff who deal with journalists as a significant part of their job. These staff may go by other titles - for example communications officer, PR officer, PR manager, media manager, director of communications, director of media, corporate affairs officer (this list is not exhaustive - if in doubt, please contact me).

It may be your organisation does not have a specific media or press officer, and one or more members of staff are allocated responsibility for dealing with the media as a small part of their overall duties. If so, please state the job title/titles of these members of staff.

Please respond by email.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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