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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your letter of 11 May 2012 which we received on 15 May 2012.

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

Details of the costs incurred by the department, covering drinks, catering and entertainment, in respect of the reception held at the Scotland Office on Tuesday 15 May to mark the Scotland Bill completing its parliamentary passage. In addition, I would be grateful for a list of those who have attended.

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

The cost of the reception held at the Scotland Office on Tuesday 15 May to mark the Scotland Bill completing its parliamentary passage was £3,583.45. This amount covers catering and drinks, there was no entertainment provided.

I have considered your request for a list of those people who attended the reception and have concluded that the visitor's names should be withheld under Section 40(2) as they constitute personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. The list includes a variety of people some of whom are not public figures. Clearly it would be unfair to release their personal data as they would not expect their names to be made public.

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

Yours sincerely




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