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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 6th April which we received on 6th April.

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

The Scotland Office's recent publication of the results of its consultation on the terms of the referendum to be held by the Scottish Government; titled Scotland's constitutional future and published 4th April 2012, mentions 3,000 submissions, which it then goes on to summarise. Can you please inform me if this number was the full number of submissions received or if the total number of submissions was greater but was in some way vetted for quality? If the total number of submissions were vetted can you please provide me with details of the framework used in that vetting process? In addition can you please provide me with copies of all submissions (vetted or otherwise) or inform me where the full texts of these submissions including details of who submitted them may be viewed online?

I am writing to inform you that the Scotland Office will publish the full texts of all responses to the consultation on our website in due course, excluding responses only if the respondent has requested that their submission be kept confidential.

As stated in *Scotland's constitutional future: Responses to the consultation* we received 2,857 written responses to the consultation. All responses to our consultation were received by email or by post, meaning that all of our responses can be identified by a single unique identifier: either an email or postal address. There were 118 cases where we received more than one response from the same person, but to avoid duplication we only recorded one reply in each case.

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:

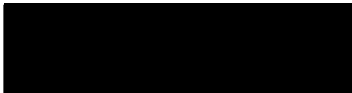
FOI Officer
1 Melville Crescent
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

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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