



Scotland Office

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Your ref: Our ref:DB431

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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 22nd May 2012 which we received on the same date:

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

How many offices does the Scotland Office have within the UK?

The Scotland Office has two offices in the UK.

For each will you provide the full postal address?

Scotland Office – London
Dover House
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AU

Scotland Office – Edinburgh
1 Melville Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7HW

How much has been spent on maintenance on each premises in each of the past 5 years?

| | Scotland Office Edinburgh | Scotland Office London |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2007-08 | £20,650 | £990,604 |
| 2008-09 | £38,342 | £362,668 |
| 2009-10 | £96,851 | £128,040 |
| 2010-11 | £57,095 | £146,572 |
| 2011-12 | £21,507 | £192,968 |

Under the terms of the buildings' leases the Office is required to maintain the buildings to an acceptable standard of decoration and repair, which in 2007-08 included roof and exterior repairs to the Scotland office's London building.

How many staff were in employment with the Scotland Office each year at the 1st May since 2005 broken down by grade and location?

Information is not held in the form requested.

What was the payroll bill in the Scotland Office for each financial year since 2005 broken down by salaries, pension contributions and expenses in each location?

The Scotland Office does not hold any of the requested information by location. A breakdown of expenses is not available in the form requested. In case it is helpful I am supplying the following table:

| | Salary | ERNIC | ASLC |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2005-06 | £1,491,840 | £126,010 | £270,533 |
| 2006-07 | £1,470,855 | £130,733 | £287,273 |
| 2007-08 | £1,755,810 | £149,370 | £345,063 |
| 2008-09 | £2,131,482 | £183,920 | £396,268 |
| 2009-10 | £2,258,027 | £190,729 | £403,507 |
| 2010-11 | £2,123,381 | £186,969 | £390,593 |
| 2011-12 | £2,123,381 | £186,969 | £388,415 |

How many press officers does the Scotland Office have?

The Scotland Office has one press officer.

What was the cost to run the Scotland Office press office each year for the past 5?

A breakdown of the cost to run the press office is not available in the form requested. The Scotland Office is a small office and no separate running costs are held for individual areas within it.

What reserved matters does the Scotland Office still retain?

The Secretary of State for Scotland represents Scotland in reserved matters. Reserved matters are set out in the Scotland Act 1998, schedule 5, as amended by the Scotland Act 2012.

How many hours per week does the Secretary of State for Scotland devote to Scotland matters for which he has powers?

The Secretary of State's role is a full time one fulfilling his responsibilities to Scotland and the UK. The Secretary of State's public engagements are published on the Scotland office website.

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information and the copy of the information is noted above.

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


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