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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 23 November 2012.

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

- 1) *The number of civil servants and contracted staff in the Scotland Office who receive private health care benefits as part of their employment contract. Please disclose totals in separate civil servant and contracted staff columns as well as totals.*
- 2) *The amount of money spent by the Department on this benefit broken down annually over the last five years*
- 3) *A full list of the different employment benefits offered by the department to staff.*

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

The Scotland Office does not employ staff directly; staff that do join, do so on an assignment or secondment/loan agreement from other Government bodies, mainly from the Scottish Government or the Ministry of Justice, who remain the employers and govern the rules on staff employment benefits.

No staff working in the Scotland Office receive private health care or any other employment benefits as part of their employment contract.

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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