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Dear [REDACTED]

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 which we received on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

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

*In my original information request I asked "How much was spent on wages and expenses by the Scotland Office to facilitate your representation at the welcome ceremony for the arrival of two pandas at Edinburgh Airport on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011?"*

*I perhaps did not make my request as clear as I could have done and it is possible I have submitted my request to the wrong office. I thought, perhaps mistakenly, that the Secretary of State was there in his capacity as head of the Scotland Office and that your Office would meet his travel and subsistence expenses (plus the costs of his driver) in attending the events surrounding the arrival of the pandas on December 4<sup>th</sup>. If these costs were met by the Scotland Office I request details of those costs. If they were not met by the Scotland Office I would appreciate your advice on the appropriate office I should contact.*

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

The Secretary of State for Scotland attended the welcome ceremony for the arrival of two Giant Pandas at Edinburgh Airport on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in his Ministerial capacity, representing the UK Government. No travel or subsistence expenses were incurred as a result of his attendance.

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

  
**Scotland Office**