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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office which we received on 10th November 2011.

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

"I am looking for information about hospitality expenditure.

Specifically, could you please provide me with the following details:

- 1. How much money, in pounds sterling, has the department spent on hospitality over the past two years. Please could this be broken down by month. To clarify, hospitality expenditure should include all hospitality functions held by the department, and include fees for speakers, food, beverages, etc.*
- 2. Please could you individually itemise the hospitality expenditure, by date and also provide a brief summary. Also, could you detail where items were purchased from or what companies were used to provide specific hospitality services.*

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others, and should this prove to be the case I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible rather than hold up the entire request.

If FOI requests of a similar nature have already been asked could you also please include your responses to those requests."

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information. The hospitality provided between November 2009 and October 2011 is listed below:

Date	Event	Cost	Suppliers	Attendees
25 November 2009	Lunch for the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	£4,123.86	Suzanne James (Caterers)	Moderator of the Church of Scotland and Scottish MPs and Peers
27 November 2009	STUC & WNC Event	£97.92	Splendid. co. uk Ltd	STUC & WNC representatives
3 December 2009	Media Event	£873.52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinkerton's Cooks & Caterers ▪ Andrew Wilson & Sons Ltd 	Representatives of Scottish media
10 December 2009	Stakeholder Dinner	£799.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wilde Thyme (Caterers) ▪ Planet Flowers 	Leading Scottish stakeholders
14 January 2010	Faith Leaders Lunch	£352.20	Encore creative catering	Faith leaders
28 January 2010	Key Influencers Dinner	£754.70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planet Flowers ▪ Wilde Thyme 	Leading Scottish Stakeholders
22 March 2010	Papal Nuncio Lunch	£545.76	Pinkerton's Cooks & Caterers	Papal Nuncio and other faith leaders
12 June 2010	Trooping the Colour Reception	£1,922.41	Suzanne James	MPs, Peers with Scottish interests, stakeholders and media correspondents
25 June 2010	Armed Forces Day Reception	£1,562.01	Appetite Direct (Caterers)	c 50 service personnel, veterans, MPs, MSPs and members of the public
30 June 2010	Energy Leaders Dinner	£346.82	Abode Hotel, Glasgow	Energy industry stakeholders
31 August 2010	Edinburgh Festivals Reception	£1,608.61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinkerton's Cooks & Caterers ▪ Piccolo Press 	Organisers, sponsors and participants in the festivals
7 October 2010	Rwanda International Development Event	£37.50	Messrs A Dalgetty & Sons	Leaders from academia and third sectors

18 October 2010	Scottish MPs & Peers Reception	£589.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sainsbury's ▪ Lakeland ▪ The Island Cheese Co ▪ The Mood Food Co 	MPs, Peers with Scottish interests, stakeholders and media correspondents
1 December 2010	Lunch for the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	£3,259.11	Suzanne James	MPs, Peers with Scottish interests, stakeholders and media correspondents
19 January 2011	Burns Event	£525.00	Piccolo Press (Printers)	MPs, Peers with Scottish interests and stakeholders
14 February 2011	Consuls Lunch	£642.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinkerton's Cooks & Caterers ▪ Piccolo Press 	Members of the Consular Corps in Scotland
23 February 2011	Stakeholder Dinner	£604.58	Abode Hotel, Glasgow	Leading Scottish stakeholders
2 March 2011	Stakeholder Breakfast	£113.35	Piccolo Press	Leading Scottish stakeholders
30 March 2011	Edinburgh's Festivals Event	£350.00	Stage Two Limited	Organisers of the festivals
11 June 2011	Trooping the Colour Reception	£3,446.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suzanne James ▪ Piccolo Press ▪ Messrs Alex Dalgetty & Sons ▪ Clarks 	MPs, Peers with Scottish interests, stakeholders and media correspondents
14 June 2011	Hospitality During Visit to Brussels	£756.34	La Britannique	MEPs, Commissioners and stakeholders
23 June 2011	Veterans Reception	£1,088.86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katie Stewart ▪ Co-op ▪ Oddbins 	Armed forces and veterans representatives
28 July 2011	UNHCR Reception	£68.67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marks & Spencers ▪ Co-op ▪ Party Pieces 	UKBA and Home Office officials and refugees
16 August 2011	Edinburgh Festival Reception	£1,221.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinkerton's Cooks & Caterers ▪ Piccolo Press ▪ Oddbins 	Organisers, sponsors and participants in the festivals
5 September 2011	Event Pre Lords Debate on Scotland Bill	£77.92	House of Lords Catering & Retail Services	Peers with Scottish interests

All expenditure is incurred in accordance with HM Treasury's guidance *Managing Public money*. This document is accessible on the Treasury website: http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/psr_mpm_index.htm

All previously answered Freedom of Information requests are available on our website at the following address: www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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