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FAO
Via e mail only

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: *Information on The Quadrant, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne*

Thank you for your request for information about The Quadrant, Newcastle, which we received on 28 June 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

Taking each question in turn relating to the costs of:

1. *Alterations to the building "The Quadrant, The Waterfront, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NZ" carried out before this building was occupied by your Department some years ago.*

Limited paper files have been identified, which gives an estimated cost of capital works of £1million in 2002 / 2003.

2. *The alterations required by the landlord in order to put this building back to the way it was before the alterations described in 1. above were carried out. These alterations are currently being carried out and are not complete.*

The Department is not carrying out any works on site and does not know, nor is likely to be advised of the costs incurred by the Landlord reinstating the building.

3. *Alterations to another buildings occupied in the same period, and now vacated by your Department, on Newburn Riverside.*

This was confirmed as relating to just the buildings at Newburn Riverside, which are covered in the responses above.



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I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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Yours Sincerely

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Annex A

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