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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 13 April 2012 14:01  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FOI Reply 413

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FOI Reply 413

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 2 April 2012.

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

- 1. The Scotland Office's total spending on equalities and diversity schemes/initiatives for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)*
- 2. The total amount of your equalities/diversity expenditure that was spent on issues/schemes/initiatives relating specifically to race (racial equality in the work place or any other race relations issues) for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)*

The Scotland Office has completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office has not incurred any expenditure on equalities and diversity schemes/initiatives or issues/schemes/initiatives relating specifically to race (racial equality in the work place or any other race relations issues) in each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12).

The Scotland Office has just over 50 staff and does not employ staff directly. All staff join on a secondment type basis from their parent body, generally either the Scottish Government or the Ministry of Justice, which continues to be the employer. Staff policies and issues affecting terms and conditions of service are determined by the parent bodies including matters relating to equality and diversity (including race). These parent bodies provide advice and guidance to staff on their respective Intranet pages that are fully accessible to all staff in the Scotland Office.

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  
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SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 02 April 2012 17:45  
Subject: Website enquiry

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Comments: Equalities FoI

Dear [REDACTED]

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. The Scotland Office's total spending on equalities and diversity schemes/initiatives for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)
2. The total amount of your equalities/diversity expenditure that was spent on issues/schemes/initiatives relating specifically to race (racial equality in the work place or any other race relations issues) for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)

If any similar Freedom of Information requests have been made, I would be grateful if you could include your responses to them in your answer.

I look forward to receiving your response within the statutory time limit.

Please can you confirm via email that you have received this request?

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for your email which was received today.

The Scotland Office is a UK Government department therefore your request is being considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, rather than the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Your email will be passed to the most appropriate person within the Scotland Office who will respond within 20 working days of the date of this email.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides a number of exemptions, some of which require consideration of the public interest test. If you have requested information that is covered by such an exemption the Scotland Office is permitted to take more than 20 working days to respond. In these circumstances, we will write to advise you when you can expect to receive a response.

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