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Our ref: FOI DB 501

Dear [REDACTED]

## Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request which was received by email on 19 December 2012. You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

*Under s36(5)(o) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 a Minister of the Crown may authorise a public authority, or nominated officers or employees thereof to be a qualified person for the purposes of s36(2).*

*Could you confirm whether the Minister(s) within your department (or departments to which you are a successor) have made any authorisations under s36(5)(o)(ii) or s36(5)(o)(iii) and in each such case provide:*

- 1. The date on which the authorisation was made.*
- 2. The identity of the minister.*
- 3. The identity of the public authority and*
- 4. The text of the authorisation.*

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for the information requested. I can confirm that no Scotland Office Minister has made an authorisation under s36(5)(o)(ii) or s36(5)(o)(iii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

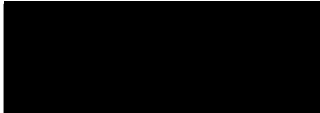
I hope you find this response helpful however, if you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you may ask for an internal review. A request for internal review should be addressed to:

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 direct to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely



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