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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 5th December 2011 which we received on 5th December 2011.

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

Under Freedom of Information legislation I would be grateful if you would supply the following information:

Has the Scotland Office made a financial contribution towards the transport of and/or welcome ceremony for the arrival of two pandas at Edinburgh Airport on Sunday 4th December 2011 and, if a contribution was or is to be made, how much is that contribution?

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

The Scotland Office did not make any financial contribution towards the transport and/or welcome ceremony for the arrival of two pandas at Edinburgh Airport on Sunday 4th December 2011.

At the time of writing, costs associated with wages incurred by the Scotland Office official who supported the Secretary of State at the arrival ceremony have not been calculated.

However, three taxi journeys totalling £34.85 were taken by the official on Sunday, 4th December 2011.

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** EH37HW

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** SK95AF

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

Yours sincerely

Scotland Office

Note: The sum of £34.85 was subsequently updated to £42.10 and the requestor was informed of this amendment

