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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

Thank you for your Letter to the Scotland Office of 21 September 2012.

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

A) Separately for 2010/11 and 2011/12 financial years, please state:

The total number of flights (separated into domestic and international) taken by Ministers within your Department.

- The total number of flights (separated into domestic and international) taken by Civil Servants/Officials within your Department.
- Where the information is held, please also state which UK airports the departures were made from. If the flights were domestic, please state both arrival and departure airports.

B) Separately for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 please state:

- The total number of occasions (specifying destination, purpose and nationality of the air carrier) on which your Department chartered an aircraft for the purpose of transporting people and/or cargo.
- The total spend on travel using British registered air carriers
- The total spend on travel using foreign registered air carriers

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

The flight information is highlighted in the table below:-

In 2010-11 Ministers took 25 return domestic flights and 0 international flights. Officials took 227 return domestic flights and 0 international flights. The departure and arrival airports were as follows:

ABERDEEN/LONDON  
ABERDEEN/SUMBURGH  
EAST MIDLANDS/EDINBURGH  
EDINBURGH/INVERNESS  
EDINBURGH/KIRKWALL  
EDINBURGH/LONDON  
EDINBURGH/STORNOWAY  
EDINBURGH/SUMBURGH  
EDINBURGH/WICK  
GLASGOW/LONDON  
INVERNESS/LONDON  
LONDON/ABERDEEN  
LONDON/EDINBURGH  
LONDON/GLASGOW  
LONDON/INVERNESS  
SUMBURGH/INVERNESS

In 2011-12 Ministers took 25.5 return domestic flights and 6.5 return international flights. Officials took 265.5 return domestic flights and 10 return international flights. The domestic departure and arrival airports were as follows:

ABERDEEN/LONDON  
BIRMINGHAM/EDINBURGH  
EDINBURGH/BELFAST  
EDINBURGH/BIRMINGHAM  
EDINBURGH/CARDIFF  
EDINBURGH/INVERNESS  
EDINBURGH/KIRKWALL  
EDINBURGH/LERWICK/KIRKWALL/ABERDEEN/KIRKWALL  
EDINBURGH/LONDON  
EDINBURGH/STORNOWAY  
EDINBURGH/SUMBURGH  
EDINBURGH/WICK  
GLASGOW/LONDON  
GLASGOW/STORNOWAY  
INVERNESS/LONDON  
LONDON/ABERDEEN  
LONDON/DUNDEE  
LONDON/EDINBURGH  
LONDON/GLASGOW  
LONDON/INVERNESS  
NEWCASTLE/LONDON  
STORNOWAY/INVERNESS  
SUMBURGH/INVERNESS

The international departures were all made from London.

The Scotland Office has not chartered any aircraft for transporting people or cargo.

The Scotland Office does not hold information about the registered status of air carriers.

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  
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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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely



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