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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 15 December 2012. You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, please disclose

Full details of unoccupied property owned, leased or otherwise paid for by the department in each of the past three years for which figures are available.

I would like the response to include, for each year during the period, the number, value, location, category (office, residential, etc) and size of each holding (in floor-space or otherwise), and the reason for its under-occupation.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, to the enclosed email address. However, if it is more convenient, I would be happy to receive the information in hard copy format.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

*****PLEASE NOTE, IN PARTICULAR, THAT I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE IMPOSITION OF QUALIFIED EXEMPTIONS ON A BLANKET BASIS; I WILL REQUIRE, AT THE VERY LEAST, EVIDENCE THAT AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO MAKE A PARTIAL DISCLOSURE OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION, IN A REDACTED, DIGESTED OR EDITED FORM.*****

I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

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

In 2010 the Scotland Office held the lease on property in Edinburgh which was vacant until 5 June. The value of the rent lost in that period was £15,792. The property comprised 89.90 m2 and was used for office space. We had previously sub-let the property. On 6 June another leasee took over the full remaining term of the lease. It was not possible to arrange any other appropriate occupancy in the vacant period.

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

Yours sincerely

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