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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 14 March 2013.

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

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, I request details of compromise agreements concluded and funded by your department in each year since 2009.

I would like the response to include the number of compromise agreements concluded in each year during the period, the number of those imposing an expectation of confidentiality, the grade of employee involved and the cost to the department in each case.

- *****PLEASE NOTE**, for the avoidance of doubt and to reduce any delays in the processing of this request, that I am requesting purely statistical information and will be happy for it to be provided in, for example, a tabulated form.
- I am emphatically not requesting any personal information that might lead in any way to the disclosure of the identities of individuals affected by these agreements. Any attempt, therefore, to impose a s40 or s41 exemption will be rigorously challenged.
- If you genuinely believe that disclosure of some or all of the numerical information requested, please feel free either to anonymise or redact this element of your response, in line with MoJ guidance, with full justifications provided.
- If you still feel this is not possible within the bounds of the Act, I will accept some redaction (with justifications), but will expect you to provide all the information that can otherwise be released.
- I will not accept the imposition of any 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 am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office has not concluded or funded any compromise agreements since January 2009.

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:

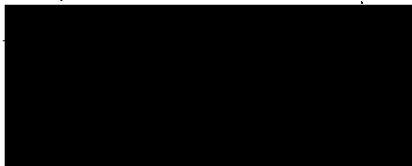
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

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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