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Our ref: FOI DB 507

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request which was received by email on 5 January 2013. You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. Can you please tell me the annual number and cost of Freedom of Information requests you have received from the Taxpayer's Alliance for 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13?*
- 2. Can you please tell me how much the information contained in these Freedom of Information requests received from the Taxpayer's Alliance have saved your department since 2003/04?*

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

1. Prior to 12 October 2009 we did not record information relating to Freedom of Information requests electronically. Our manual records for this period show only the name of the requestor rather than the organisation which they represent. We are unable therefore to confirm the number of requests received from the Taxpayer's Alliance prior to 12 October 2009 as to comply with your request would exceed the £600 cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Between 12 October 2009 and the date of your request we received the following number of requests which are recorded as having been received from the Taxpayer's Alliance:

2009/10 – 1 request received
2010/11 – 2 requests received
2011/12 – 1 request received
2012/13 – 1 request received

We do not calculate the cost of responding to the individual Freedom of Information requests.

2. As far as we are able to determine there has been no information received from the Taxpayer's Alliance to date which has saved the Scotland Office money.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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