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Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me, as soon as possible, with a figure for the total amount paid by the Northern Ireland Office in commission, bank charges and bank fees in 2011 in those cases where money paid by the Northern Ireland Office and to the Northern Ireland Office has had to be converted into Euros.

If you are unable to supply this figure, please could you tell me:

- (i) the total value of transactions undertaken in Euros by the Northern Ireland Office; and**
- (ii) what the bank the Northern Ireland Office uses for this charges (whether a flat fee or a percentage) to convert sterling into Euros and Euros into sterling.**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in the processing of your request and for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I can confirm that the department holds information within the scope of your request. Please note that the Department does not pay commission, or any bank charges/bank fees.

i) The NIO's total transactions for 2011 in Euros was 260,213.48.

ii) The NIO is not charged a flat or percentage fee for Euro/Sterling conversion. The NIO pays the rate of exchange to convert Euro/Sterling on the day of the conversion.