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Our ref: FOI DB 533

Dear [REDACTED]

## Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request which was received by email on 20 February 2013. You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

*How many freedom of information requests has the Scotland Office received since May 2010 and how many were answered in (a) 20 days (b) 40 days and (c) longer than 40 days.*

I confirm that the Scotland Office received 425 Freedom of Information requests between 1 May 2010 & 20 February 2013 i.e. the date of your request.

- (a) 389 were answered within 20 days
- (b) 22 were answered between 21 days and 40 days – 12 of these were extended as permitted for consideration of the public interest test\*
- (c) 14 took longer than 40 days to answer – 10 of these were extended as permitted for consideration of the public interest test\*

\* The Freedom of Information Act (2000) obliges us to respond to requests within 20 working days however, when a qualified exemption applies and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows additional time for consideration and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case.

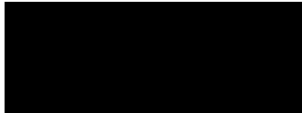
I hope you find this response helpful however, if you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you may ask for an internal review. A request for internal review should be addressed to:

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  
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Yours sincerely



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