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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT PEST CONTROL

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 23 July 2013.

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

"1. How much money has been spent on pest control over the past three years, up to and including July 2013? Please could you break this down year by year and by building. In each case of spending, please could you provide details of what pest control service was provided and name the company used if applicable. For example, removal of pigeon droppings, dealing with foxes and rabbits, or mice and rats etc.

2. If there is a list kept of the number of rodent sightings – including mice and rats – please could you provide this information for the past three years, up to and including July 2013? If possible, please could you provide a monthly breakdown. Also, please could you breakdown the information by building.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others, and should this prove to be the case I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible rather than hold up the entire request.

If FOI requests of a similar nature have already been asked could you also please include your responses to those requests.."

The Scotland Office occupies 2 buildings, Dover House in London and Melville Crescent in Edinburgh. The cost of pest control in relation to mice in Dover House is listed below.

Financial year.

2010/11	£1368
2011/12	£1368
2012/13	£4,237.68
2013/July 2013	£456

The company used was Rentokil.

No expenditure has been incurred in Melville Crescent on pest control. Expenditure was incurred on cleaning a garage at our Edinburgh building but the cost of cleaning pigeon droppings cannot be distinguished from other cleaning costs.

No list of the number of sightings was kept.

I am not aware of any other FOI requests of a similar nature having been received by the Scotland Office

If you are dissatisfied with this reply you may ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be addressed to:

FOI Officer
1 Melville Crescent
EDINBURGH
EH3 7HW

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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