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By Email only

Dear Mr White,

I am responding to your request dated 2 March 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), in which you requested "*any communication from a Government Minister or Civil Servant to the Chair of the Commission or Chief Executive*".

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600.

This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days to determine appropriate material, locate and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore your request will not be processed further.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require us to look at every record file we hold and every record within each file as each may, or may not have some communication from a Civil Servant or Government Minister to the Chair of the Low Pay Commission or Chief Executive. (e.g an email saved may contain communications to the Chair or Chief Executive, but this would not necessarily be apparent from its title, so every record would have to be viewed in its entirety).

We hold a large number of record files for each year and the amount of records within each file varies considerably.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including dates or period of time and type of communication you are interest in. If you are able to do this, please come back to me quoting the above number and we will consider the request.

If you have any queries about this reply, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review please contact me.

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 Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

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