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Dear [REDACTED],

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT THE SALE OF PERSONAL DATA**

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 31 March 2013. You wrote:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the sale of personal data. Specifically, please provide information on the following:

1. For 2012/13:
  - a) The names of any companies or third parties to which personal data has been sold by the department during the financial year.
  - b) The total income from all sales of personal data to parties during the financial year.
  - c) The number of individuals whose personal data has been sold to third parties during the financial year.
  - d) A description of the type of information that was sold, e.g. names/addresses/phone numbers, etc. during the financial year.

2. a/b/c/d) The same for 2011/12

3. a/b/c/d) The same for 2010/11

NB: This should cover all cases where personal data has been sold, including cases where the personal data was part of a broader sale accompanying other non-personal data, etc.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information. The Scotland Office has not sold any personal data in 2012-13, 2011-12, or 2010-11.

I hope you find this helpful.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in relation to your request 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  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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