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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DATA PROTECTION BREACHES

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 15 April 2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the number of incidents/breaches in the past three years of members of the department accessing databases and personal information which they are not authorised to access. You asked for additional information for each incident about the information accessed, disciplinary action, and any staff who resigned as a result.

There have been no reported incidents or breaches of this nature in the past three years, and therefore there is no information to provide for your subsequent questions.

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

Yours



Annex A

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