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FOI ref no 1602 (2010)

Dear **name redacted**

Freedom of Information Request No 1602 (2010)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 15th June 2010, you asked for information on the following:

Housing benefit cost data for every local authority within the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and NI), including the amount per local authority broken down into local authority and private properties per local authority. Specifically the maximum, minimum, mean, median, quartile 1, quartile 3, 10th percentile and 90th percentile for each local authority and private properties within each local authority.

As you have specifically requested cost information by the mean, median, quartile 1, quartile 3, 10th percentile and 90th percentile we have interrogated our databases and produced the attached analysis which is based on weekly award of Housing Benefit at March 2010. Further information on Housing Benefit is available on the DWP website at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbctb.asp> . In addition, Housing Benefit expenditure by local authority is available at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd4/expenditure.asp>

The information you requested for maximum and minimum is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption covers personal information about a third party and if provided could lead to a reasonable chance of individual claimants and their families being identified. This would breach the families' right to privacy contrary to the Data Protection Act.

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

Yours sincerely

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