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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 1180 - 16

Thank you for your email of 24 December 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

1. *the number of fruitless payments (payments for which liability not to have been incurred or whether the demand for the goods and services in questions could have been cancelled in time to avoid liability) in excess of £30,000 made by or paid for by your department or its predecessor in the following financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/16.*
2. *What each payment was for*
3. *The value of each payment*
4. *The reason why the payment was made*
5. *The reason why the payment was classified as fruitless*
6. *Whether any disciplinary action was taken as a result of the payment (if there was any disciplinary action, please specify what the action was)*

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Yours sincerely,

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