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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: ref/PSPRB/01-14/

Thank you for your letter of 29th October 2014 where you requested the following information:

- 1. "In your last annual report, your 13th report, you say (2.49) that you received some information from NOMS on pay in private sector prisons. I ask to see that information, and am content that in order to deal with issues of commercial confidentiality that the individual companies be anonymised or the data be aggregated across all companies;"
- 2. "In the same paragraph you say that you have not compared the total value of public and private sector remuneration packages. I would like to know when you last did so, and to see that data; and to know whether you have plans to do so in the future. (in that connection, I note that in your 9th report Cm 7802 you said you had commissioned research into the private sector prisons and would use in your next report but there was no mention of it that I can see in your 10th report CM 8021 or indeed in any subsequent report)"

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

Due to the nature of the information that you are seeking, your request may be more appropriately addressed to the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), who is the owner of this evidence.

In respect to your second request, the current information that OME holds on pay in private sector prisons can be seen on the PSPRB website via this <u>link</u>. As to the query on further research; the PSPRB plans for further research is currently in progress and the results will not be ready until early 2015. A copy of which will then be placed on the PSPRB website.

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the way the Office of Manpower Economics has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact me at the Office of Manpower Economics if you wish to complain.

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Yours sincerely,

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