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Dear Redacted,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Working from Home Expenses**

Thank you for your request for information of 12 October 2021 about working from home expenses. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

- 1. Do you allow home workers within the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs to claim any expenses for working from home?*

*If yes:*

- 2. How many expense claims has your department received since March 2020?*
  - a. What is the total value of these expenses?*
  - b. What has been the most expensive claim made?*

We can confirm that staff members who are working from home are permitted to claim expenses. Between March 2020 until June 2021, 4,135 cash claims were made totaling £289,095.70. The most expensive claim was for £1,038.50 and this was for a specialist desk and homeworking equipment to support a medical condition.

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



Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

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