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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your letter to the Scotland Office dated 20 December 2011 which was received on 22 December 2011.

You asked for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

How many international trips have been taken by the Secretary of State, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and/or high level staff in the past year (2010/2011)? What was the nature of the trips? 2. What were the cost of those trips? What were the destinations of these trips?

Specifically where trips were taken to:

- 1. North and/or South America*
- 2. Western Europe and,*
- 3. the Middle East*

Finally, are any international trips planned in the future for the Secretary of State, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and/or high level staff? What will be the nature of the trips? 2. What will the costs of those trips be and 3. When were the trips booked?

We have taken your request to relate to financial year 2010/2011. Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the Department's website at <http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/14591.html>. Information relating to overseas visits from April 2011 will be available on the Department's website in due course.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use the facilities at your local library, or you can request a copy paper by contacting me.

I hope you find this helpful.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be addressed to:

FOI Officer
1 Melville Crescent
EDINBURGH
EH3 7HW

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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