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FOI Request 399

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 3 March 2012.

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

- *Full details of early release schemes used to reduce headcount in the department and related agencies since May 2010 and including all years for which financial projections have been made.*
- *I would like the response to include, for each year during the period, details of projected and actual changes in headcount, the projected/actual breakdown between voluntary/compulsory departures, and allocated/actual costs.*

The Scotland Office has completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office has not run any early release schemes. All staff that join the Scotland Office do so on a secondment type arrangement, mainly from the Ministry of Justice or the Scottish Government, who remain the employers. Staff would be eligible to apply for early release schemes that are run by their employing bodies.

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

Yours sincerely

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