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Dear [redacted]

***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS***

Thank you for your email of 25 February.

You made the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, please disclose

Full details of ministerial directions issued in the department in each year since 2001.

I would like the response to include the date of each direction, the minister involved and the subject matter.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, to the enclosed email address. However, if it is more convenient, I would be happy to receive the information in hard copy format.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE, IN PARTICULAR, THAT I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE IMPOSITION OF QUALIFIED EXEMPTIONS ON A BLANKET BASIS; I WILL REQUIRE, AT THE VERY LEAST, EVIDENCE THAT AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO MAKE A PARTIAL DISCLOSURE OF AVAILABLE**

INFORMATION, IN A REDACTED, DIGESTED OR EDITED FORM.\*\*\*

I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

There have been no Ministerial directions, as defined by the Ministerial Code 2010, para 5.5, by Scotland Office Ministers since 2001.

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

