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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT ESTATES

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2012.

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

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, please disclose Full details of the department's attempts to reduce the size of its estate, since May 2010.

I would like the response to include details of buildings, office- and floor-space disposed of, and the financial implications, costs/benefits of each.

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.

The Scotland Office holds the leases on two buildings, one in Edinburgh and the other in London. The leases were entered into before May 2010. Both buildings are shared with other Government bodies. The Scotland Office takes every opportunity to maximise the use of the estate and to reduce running costs.

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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