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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 06 June 2012 15:31
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FOI Reply 428

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Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 12 May 2012.

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

1. Please provide full details of all UK civil servants seconded to European Union institutions in each of the last five years.
2. I would like the response to include all staff seconded, the duration of their stays, the schemes in which they were participating, eg Seconded National Experts (SNEs), and the associated costs, including the cost of engaging Relocation Service Providers (RSPs) to facilitate their moves.

The Scotland Office has completed its search for information.

No staff working for the Scotland Office have been seconded to European Union institutions in each of the last five years. The Scotland Office does not employ staff directly, all staff join on a secondment type basis from other government bodies, principally the Scottish Government and the Ministry of Justice who remain the employers.

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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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 12 May 2012 16:47
Subject:

FOI REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information act, please provide full details of all UK civil servants seconded to European Union institutions in each of the last five years.

I would like the response to include all staff seconded, the duration of their stays, the schemes in which they were participating, eg Seconded National Experts (SNEs), and the associated costs, including the cost of engaging Relocation Service Providers (RSPs) to facilitate their moves.

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.

09/07/2012

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.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

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