September 2016

**Freedom of Information request**

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office by email dated 18th August 2016.

You requested:

*“I am looking for information about payments made to the PRS for Music Limited and to the PPL. Please could you provide me with the following:*

*1.     How much money has been paid to the PRS for Music Limited by the department over the past three calendar years (up to an including August 2016)? Please could you break this information down year-by-year. In each case where money has been paid, please could you provide details explaining why the money was paid/what the purpose of purchasing the rights to play the music was.*

*2.     How much money has been paid to the PPL (formerly known as PhonographicPerformance Limited) by the department over the past three calendar years (up to an including August 2016)? Please could you break this information down year-by-year. In each case where money has been paid, please could you provide details explaining why the money was paid/what the purpose of purchasing the rights to play the music was.*

*I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.”*

I have now been able to consider your request, and I can confirm under section 1 (1) (a) of the FOI Act we have not made any payments PRS or PPL.