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**Freedom of Information**

*“This request relates to fruitless payments of over £50,000 made by your department.*

*For each of the following financial years (i) 2014/15 and (ii) 2015/16, please provide the following information in relation to each such payment:*

1. *The sum involved.*
2. *What the payment was for.*
3. *The recipient of the payment.*
4. *The date of the payment.*
5. *An explanation of why the fruitless payment was made.*
6. *An explanation of why the payment was fruitless*
7. *Whether any disciplinary investigation was instigated and, if so, the outcome in terms of whether any disciplinary action was taken. ”*

I have now been able to consider your request and I can confirm under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act that we have not made any payments which fall under this category.