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Our ref: [REDACTED]

1 March 2011

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – COSLA

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as follows:

I should be grateful if you would make available to me all information relating to the following queries:

- 1. How many times has the Secretary of State since his appointment met the President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities?*
- 2. Whether the Secretary of State has scheduled any meetings with the President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities but then cancelled them and on what dates?*
- 3. If any such scheduled meetings were cancelled, what were the Secretary of State's reasons for doing so?*

The Secretary of State spoke to the President of COSLA by telephone on 22 June 2010, shortly after his appointment to Cabinet.

Two meetings with Councillor Watters have been rescheduled. The first was planned for 11 October 2010, when the Secretary of State was called to a meeting of the Public Expenditure Committee. The second was scheduled for 27 January 2011 when the Minister was required in the House of Commons for the Second Reading of the Scotland Bill. The scheduling of neither of these events is directly within the Minister's control.

The meeting has now been re-arranged.

I hope this reply is 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:

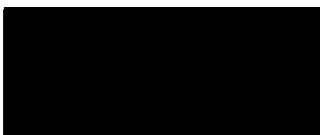
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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