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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office on 6 December 2010.

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

We are currently reviewing the advice Government Departments give to staff on whistleblowing as a follow up to the Public Administration Select Committees 2009 report Leaks and Whistleblowing in Whitehall. The purpose of the review will be to assess the current whistleblowing arrangements and to inform the work of the Departments in this area. I expect the charity in due course to publish the overall results.

I would be grateful if you or colleagues could send me the relevant documents that would be considered the whistleblowing policy or its equivalent plus any other relevant documents. I would also like your department to treat this email as formal request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Scotland Office has now completed its search for information. I attach a staff notice and a related guidance document which have been issued to all Scotland Office staff advising them of the whistle-blowing policy and providing information on the appropriate contacts.

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

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