



# Scotland Office

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Our ref: [REDACTED]

6<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Dear [REDACTED]

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office which we received on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

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

*"I am interested in your department's central civil service staff who are:*

- *Waiting to be re-deployed or re-assigned outside the department*
- *Accepting voluntary early retirement*
- *Accepting voluntary severance*
- *Subject to compulsory redundancy*

*I would like to know whether the department is operating a form of re-deployment pool (or other equivalent term) for some or all of these staff. This would involve the re-organisation of office space such that these staff occupied a specific building or section of a building.*

*For such location(s) I would like you to provide:*

1. *The names and addresses of the offices/sections (where finalised)*
2. *The estimated number of staff in each office/section*
3. *The term used within the department to refer to this scheme ("re-deployment pool" or other)"*

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information.

The Scotland Office does not employ staff directly. All its staff are on secondment from other public bodies, mainly the Ministry of Justice and the Scottish Government. All issues of redeployment, early severance, retirement and redundancy remain matters for these parent bodies. However, I can confirm that both the Scottish Government and Ministry of Justice recently launched voluntary early departure schemes which were open to all their staff, including those working in the Scotland Office.

I can also confirm that there are currently no Scotland Office staff on either the Scottish Government or Ministry of Justice redeployment pools.

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  
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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  
CHESHIRE  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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