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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your query sent to the Scotland Office on 31st October 2011.

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

- "1) How many mobile phones including smartphones, laptop computers and USB memory sticks have been issued to a) ministers and b) special advisers in the Scotland Office since 12 May 2010?"*
- 2) How many mobile phones including smartphones, laptop computers and USB memory sticks issued to a) ministers and b) special advisers in the Scotland Office have been reported as i) broken; ii) lost; iii) stolen since 12 May 2010?"*
- 3) Details of all incidents referred to in answer to question 2.*
- 4) What was the total cost to the public purse of all repairs made and replacements issued to a) ministers and b) special advisers in the Scotland Office, in respect of mobile phones including smartphones, laptop computers and USB memory sticks reported as broken, lost or stolen?"*

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

Since 12 May 2010, 3 mobile phones and 2 laptops have been issued to Scotland Office Ministers. 3 mobile phones and 1 laptop have been issued to special advisers. No USB sticks have been issued to either Ministers or special advisers.

Since that time, one mobile phone issued to a Minister has been reported as lost, while one mobile phone issued to a special adviser has been reported as broken.

The lost mobile phone was reported on 24 October 2011. This had an immediate bar placed on it by our provider and a wipe and delete instruction was sent to the device to ensure no data could be

retrieved from it. On top of this, the device was password protected so that 5 incorrect attempts to enter a password would also completely wipe the handset.

Problems with the broken mobile phone were reported on 11 August 2011. The damage sustained meant that the device had to be replaced.

The cost to replace the broken Ministerial mobile phone was £125. The cost to replace the damaged mobile phone was also £125.

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:

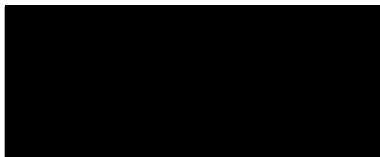
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

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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