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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland Office which we received on 19th November 2010.

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

"Full details of spending reductions carried out or proposed, agreed and in the process of being made by the department in response to Treasury requirements since May, 2010.

I would like the response to include information on:

the nature and monetary value of reductions made within the department, projects reduced or terminated, etc; and the names of external organisations or projects that have lost funding from the department, in the form of grants, etc, the nature of the work affected, the value and timescale of the reduction."

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

The budget of the Scotland Office and the Office of the Advocate General is to be cut by 25% over the 4 years of the spending review. We cannot say at this stage exactly where the savings will be found. However, we will be bearing down hard on all costs. One reduction already identified has been for the Secretary of State for Scotland to surrender his allocated car and driver in London which will significantly reduce the costs of travel supplied by Government Car and Despatch Agency.

The Scotland Office does not provide grants to external organisations.

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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