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Dear Mr Buckley

Freedom of Information Request – Dame Deirdre Hutton

Thank you for your email dated 10 April requesting a copy of the expenses claimed by Dame Deirdre Hutton against the Leadership Masterclass event organised by Common Purpose on 6 March and any other paperwork relating to arrangements between Dame Deirdre Hutton and Common Purpose. I have considered your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

I am writing to advise you that I have established that the information you requested relating to the expenses claimed by Dame Deirdre Hutton is not held by the Agency as she undertook to participate in this event in a personal capacity. However, Dame Deirdre has informed us that she did this in her own time and did not claim any expenses, nor did she receive any payment or gift. A copy of the information which the Agency does hold and which can be disclosed is enclosed with this letter. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference given above.

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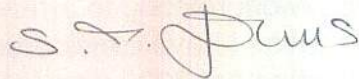
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Yours sincerely



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