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Dear Mr Urquhart

**Your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”)**

I write in response to your request for information under the Act.

You requested:

*“I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

*- The number of meetings of the Regional Economic Council (REC) that the chair of East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA) has attended since October 2008.*

*- The number of other board members or EMDA staff members travelling with the chair to those meetings.*

*- The total cost of travel and accommodation of EMDA staff when attending those meetings.*

*- Details of any meetings of the EMDA board concerning the results of REC meetings.”*

I will deal with each question in turn.

- 1 *The number of meetings of the Regional Economic Council (REC) that the chair of East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA) has attended since October 2008.*

*emda’s Chairman has attended 2 of the 3 meetings of the Regional Economic Council (‘REC’) since October 2008.*



- 2 *The number of other board members or EMDA staff members travelling with the chair to those meetings.*

No other board member or *emda* staff member has attended a meeting of the REC since October 2008.

- 3 *The total cost of travel and accomodation of EMDA staff when attending those meetings.*

As no *emda* staff member has attended a meeting of the REC with the Chair since October 2008, no such travel or accommodation costs have been incurred.

- 4 *Details of any meetings of the EMDA board concerning the results of REC meetings.*

*emda* publishes board minutes at:

<http://www.emda.org.uk/board/minutes.asp?nav=02&snav=0205>

The information in response to this question is therefore available to you by other means and the exemption in section 21 of the Act applies.

Yours sincerely



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