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Dear Mr Walker

**Request for Information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Reference Number FOI-016-09-10**

Thank you for your request for information of the 29 May 2009 requesting information concerning Common Purpose graduates, expenses and invoices.

We have now completed gathering the information requested and our response is outlined below.

1. the names and ranks/grades of all employees in your organisation who are Common Purpose 'graduates'.

Fei Ni Toole, PM3 Grade and an individual whose grade was PM3, who has now left the organisation.

We have not supplied the name of the individual who has left the organisation as we are not able to confirm that they consent to the release of this personal data to you. Personal data is exempt from disclosure under the Data Protection Act, section 40. This exemption is absolute and there is no public interest.

2. the total expenditure by your organisation on Common Purpose courses for each of the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 to date together with a copy of the invoice for each Common Purpose course paid for by your organisation.

Invoices are in storage but the accounts confirm payments were made as follows:

Common Purpose Programme December 2000 £2,600

Common Purpose Programme March 2003 £3,750

These two programmes were not advanced Common Purpose courses.

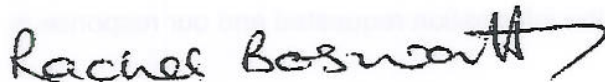


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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Bosworth" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rachel Bosworth
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Communications