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Dear D Boucher,

Re: Your request for information: 4911

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 March 2010 in which you requested:

I am interested in the amounts paid by each school in Southwark to third parties in relation to temporary staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school.

Notes:

- 1. I would like the information in electronic format. This should avoid any printing cost issues.*
- 2. In order to avoid your having to collate information from peripheral systems, I am willing to accept information only from your main system (I would like you to advise which system this is). By main system I mean the system that handles the largest part of the department's expenditure. If supplier payments are made through separate systems, then I would like you to choose the main system for each.*
- 3. The information I require for each school is: School Name; Supplier name and total amount paid.*
- 4. I would like the information to cover the year 2008/9. I will accept 2007/8 figures if this is not possible.*

I am unable to supply the information you have requested as it is not held by Southwark Council. Payments for agency staff are made by individual schools from their own budgets, and are not required to be reported to Southwark Council. You would need to contact the schools themselves for this information; a list of schools in Southwark is available from the DirectGov website at <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/la/Southwark>. For Freedom of Information Act purposes, maintained schools are defined as public authorities in Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that while in some local authorities schools use the authority financial software to make supplier payments, meaning that this information can be extracted

centrally, this is not the case in Southwark, where schools make all payments from their own local accounting systems and local bank accounts.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact us using the above details.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make an appeal for a review of our decision, you should write to the Corporate Freedom of Information Manager at:

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If you are not content with the outcome of your appeal you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact him within 2 months of the outcome of your internal appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner at the:

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Yours sincerely,

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