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Dear Dutch Antaris

YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email sent to the Scotland office of 26th February.

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

“Details of correspondence with BT Group PLC about the provision broadband in the areas of Scotland where it is uneconomic to do so.”

I am writing to advise you that we have searched our records and taken all reasonable steps to locate the information asked for. So far as we are able to determine, the Scotland Office does not hold records of correspondence with BT on the matter you identify.

The extension of broadband connectivity in Scotland was taken forward by the Scottish Executive rather than the Scotland Office, and you may wish to approach them directly. I would also refer you to the document “Connecting Scotland: our broadband future” published by the Scottish Executive in December 2002. Other relevant information, also in the public domain, is in the archive of press notices from the previous administration of the Scottish Executive that can be found on these links:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2004/06/5585>

and

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2003/03/3267>.

There have been exchanges in the UK Parliament on the theme of broadband provision in the rural areas of Scotland such as that found on this link:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200203/cmhansrd/vo030408/debtext/30408-02.htm#30408-02_wqn0.



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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
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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
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Yours sincerely

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