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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Common Purpose Training

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request, which we received on 01 June 2010.

You asked for information covering –

- *the names and ranks/grades, departments and job titles of all employees in your organisation who have attended Common Purpose courses.*
- *the total expenditure on Common Purpose courses for each year from 1997 to date together with a copy of the invoice for each Common Purpose course paid for by your organisation*

We can confirm we hold information in scope of your request however we are unable to process it within the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Treasury holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting that information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act departments are not obliged to comply with requests in these circumstances, and we are therefore unable to respond to your request.

One of the reasons for this is due to the introduction of a new accounting system in 2002-03. Information prior to that date is no longer available electronically, therefore searches would have to be done by manually, where paper records still exist. If you were to narrow your request, for example by date, it may be that we could process your request within the appropriate limit, however we cannot guarantee this would be the case.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

