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Dear Ms Foster

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Spending Challenge

Thank you for your enquiry dated 09 July 2010. I am treating your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for information covering –

- The full costs of the, Your Freedoms and Government's Spending Challenge and Public Consultation on Cuts websites, including design fees, bandwidth costs and the publicity costs associated with these exercises,

3. All the costs of the Government's Spending Challenge websites have been delivered from within existing departmental budgets at no additional cost. Policy departments work flexibly to address Government priorities; new priorities are generally addressed from within existing resources, with other work being re-prioritised accordingly.

4. In terms of explicitly attributable costs, I can inform you that the Spending Challenge exercise did incur a cost of approximately £10,000 to set up of the website for the online engagement with the general public.

5. The 'Your Freedoms' website is not the responsibility of or administered by HM Treasury therefore we do not have any information on the costs involved.

6. 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.

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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.

