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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email on 15th Feb 2009. I refer to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislation, for information about the National Economic Council (NEC).

Specifically you requested all NEC minutes and briefing papers in relation to the effects of the recession for Women. You also refer to an article in the Times which detailed that impact on women and the recession specifically had been discussed by members at a NEC meeting.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the department does not hold any information relating to your request. Whilst the Cabinet Office is responsible for NEC, the Department does not hold any information.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

[signed]

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