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Dear Ms Burdett

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FoIA') - Response**

I am writing to confirm that the OFT has now completed its search for the information you requested on 28 February 2013.

We have considered your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Under the FOIA we have a duty to confirm the existence of information requested and to supply that information unless there are good reasons for not doing so, as detailed under FOIA.

I can confirm that the OFT holds information that is within the scope of your request as follows:

1. no estate agent has been prosecuted for carrying out estate agency work without being registered with the OFT although the OFT has imposed civil financial penalties on 8 estate agents for this breach of the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 (the Regulations)
2. 898 estate agents have registered following either a verbal or written warning of the need to do so
3. carrying out estate agency work without being registered with the OFT is a criminal offence under Regulation 45 of the Regulations.

If you are unhappy with this response please see attached Annexe A for details of how to request an Internal Review.

Yours sincerely



Susan Edwards

Head of Anti-Money Laundering



## Annexe A

### Appeal Procedure

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your information request, you may seek an Internal Review by writing to:

The FoIA Internal Review Co-Ordinator  
Office of Fair Trading  
Room – Ground South  
Fleetbank House  
2 – 6 Salisbury Square  
London. EC4Y 8JX

You may alternatively send an e-mail to [internalreview@oft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:internalreview@oft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please quote the above reference number on your request. It would also be helpful when considering the Internal Review to know why you think we have not dealt with your request correctly.

We will aim to deal with your Internal Review request within 20 working days of receipt or, if that is not possible, advise you of a date when we expect to complete the review.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the Internal Review you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office. The contact address is:

Information Commissioners Office  
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire. SX9 5AF