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Dear Aditi

Thank you for your enquiry of 3 July in which you requested information on Tier 2 (General) Used Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS). This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*Using Information from FOI 35706 and FOI 34826 requests for Tier 2 General;*

*< 1st part of request>*

*Criteria = For calendar years from 2010 to 2014 with Sponsor CoS > 5 per year, please share the Work Location for every Sponsor split by SOC Code. The information of Work Location can be shortened to City/ Town and Post Code (minimum 4 characters) If complete address can't be shared for any unforeseen reasons.*

The Home Office has obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and in law generally to protect personal data. We have concluded that this part of the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA, because of the condition at section 40(3)(a)(i). This exempts personal data if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act.

<2nd Part of request>

*Criteria = For calendar years from 2010 to 2014, irrespective of the Sponsor, provide the aggregated information per year for COS across work location by City/ Town and Post Code.*

Please see separately attached Annex A.

**The figures quoted are not provided under National Statistics protocols and have been derived from local management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change.**

I hope this is of help to you. If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 35942. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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