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Dear Ms Downs

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 October 2016. I am sorry for the delay in replying. Your request was:

In 2010, the Department for Education admitted to the Public Accounts Committee it had been unable to discover amounts pledged or balances outstanding at four academies: Oasis Bristol Hengrove, Oasis Media City UK Salford, Pimlico Academy and Trent Valley Academy.

I presume the DfE attempted to discover this missing information following this admission. I should be grateful, therefore, if you could let me know the amounts pledged and balances outstanding, if any, for these four academies.

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

In January 2012, in line with the wider freedoms provided to academies, Ministers agreed to remove the requirement for sponsors to establish endowment funds to raise funds for their academies. This meant that the Department would no longer enforce Deeds of Gift signed by sponsors to agree their contribution. Given this change the Department does not maintain up to date information about individual endowment sponsorship arrangements.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, who were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

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