



GOVERNMENT OFFICE NETWORK

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Dear LS Palmer

Thank you for your correspondence of the 18<sup>th</sup> January to the Government Office Network regarding the remit of the Government Offices and your concerns over Mr Anthony Douglas. Your letter has been passed to me to reply on behalf of all the Government Offices you have contacted.

In July 2010 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Rt Hon Eric Pickles announced that the Coalition would be abolishing the Government Office Network, subject to any consequential issues raised through the Spending Review. The Comprehensive Spending Review was conducted over the summer and in October 2010 the Chancellor of the Exchequer confirmed that the Government Office Network would close by no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

In light of this the responsibilities held by the Network were transferred to relevant Government departments at that time. All information and records relating to work carried out by the Network is being transferred to relevant Departments in line with the closure date.

Although we do not hold the information you request it may be that the Audit Commission, [www.audit-commission.gov.uk](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk), who act as the independent watchdog in regard to Local Authority finances and standards of conduct may consider this as part of their remit. The Department for Education are responsible for child protection and social work reform matters, further detail and contact information can be found at [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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