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Mr Frederick Wesley  
Via WDTK.com

Date: **23 November 2016**

Dear Mr Wesley

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - 2641900**

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 18 August 2016. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to you.

You requested: *1. The total number of allotment disposal applications received since the 01/01/14.*

*2. The total number approved for deregulation since the 01/01/14.*

*3. Of the total number approved, the number approved under "exceptional circumstances" as stated at 1.7 of the current Allotment Disposal Guidance.*

*4. The total number rejected since the 01/01/14.*

*5. Of the number approved under "exceptional circumstances" please provide the applicants deregulation application to the Casework Planning Team.*

I contacted you on 31 August to ask you to clarify your request. You confirmed that: *the documents required at Q5 are headed "Application for Secretary of State consent to dispose of statutory allotment land".*

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the Department and we are able to provide you with this information, set out below:

**1. The total number of allotment disposal applications received since the 01/01/14: 59**

**2. The total number approved for deregulation since the 01/01/14: 44**

**3. Of the total number approved, the number approved under "exceptional circumstances" as stated at 1.7 of the current Allotment Disposal Guidance: 13**

**4. The total number rejected since the 01/01/14: 8**

I also attach the relevant allotment disposal documents you have requested at Q5. Some information has been redacted. This falls within the absolute exemption to disclosure at regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), by

virtue of regulation 13, as its disclosure would breach one or more of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

The information is the personal data, as defined by the Data Protection Act, of another individual. The first data protection principle in that Act states that personal data shall be processed (including any disclosure) fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be disclosed unless at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA is also met. As the affected individuals in this case reasonably could not have an expectation that their personal data would be disclosed, to do so would breach the first data protection principle.

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