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Dear Mr McCormack,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI201710101301

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office ("**Post Office**") on 10 October 2017, which, I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email, you have requested the following information:

Please provide me with a copy of your latest annual accounts for 2016/17

I can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested, however, under Section 22 of the FOIA concerning information intended for future publication, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if that information is intended for publication at a future date. Post Office routinely publish its' Annual Report and Accounts and Network Report, as described in its Publication Scheme available at <http://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/access-information>.

Public Interest

As information has been exempted under section 22 of the act, a public interest test applies. This involves weighing the balance of public interest in maintaining the exemption or releasing the information. Post Office understands that there is public interest in promoting the transparency and understanding of matters which are of interest to the public. However it is reasonable in the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure as the location of branches is available by Branch Finder forms part of our Publication Scheme.

Post Office considers that, with regard to the information that has been withheld from disclosure, the public interest is best served by maintaining the exemption respect of the information requested.

As this information has been exempted under Section 22 a public interest test applies. Having examined the test, Post Office believes that the public interest would be best served by publishing the information as part of our Publication Scheme under the FOIA.

I am sorry that I cannot provide you with the information you have requested on this occasion, however I do hope the information I have provided is of use.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address below stating your reasons for your internal review request:

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If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
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Yours sincerely



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