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Dear Mr Burgess

Thank you for your enquiry of 8 December where you have requested information about the average salary and allowance for Indian Analyst Programmers in London in May 2010. This has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see the requested information below.

1) What is the average (i.e. mean) salary and average (i.e. mean) allowance from tier 2 ICT used CoS for Indian Nationals with SOC 2132, job title of "ANALYST PROGRAMMER" or "Analyst Programmer", and a sponsor work address in inner London for the month of May 2010, please?

£34,442.86 is the average salary for May 2010 for the following criteria - Tier 2 ICT Used Certificates of Sponsorship for Indian Nationals with SOC 2132 and job title either "ANALYST PROGRAMMER" or "Analyst Programmer" based on addresses within inner London.

I can confirm that we do hold information which you are interested in about allowances but have estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the £600 limit and we are therefore unable to comply with it. We are unable to provide data pertaining to the average allowances as data recorded is not linked to a static data set. The data is recorded in free text format and therefore inaccurate. To obtain the information, we would have to cross-check all related records manually which would exceed the £600 cost limit.

As part of the Home Office, IND is not obliged to comply with any information request where the prescribed costs of supplying you with the information exceed £600. The £600 limit applies to all central government departments and is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 3½ days work per request.

Prescribed costs include those which cover the cost of locating and retrieving information, and preparing our response to you. They do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or disbursements such as photocopying or postage.

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 17049. 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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Yours sincerely,

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