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Ms Kate Fowler
Via email

Date: **19 October 2018**

Dear Ms Fowler

Freedom of Information Act (2000) – Ref: 3904809

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 19 September 2018 and processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Your request was as follows:

"Further to my previous request [3851148] on this topic, please could you provide details on applications and expressions of interest in the Bellwin scheme including the name of the fire authority, the amount of each claim and the individual awards granted in each year since 2010."

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and we are able to provide you with all this information. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

The Department is committed to responding to Freedom of Information requests within the statutory deadline; however in this instance it has not been possible to respond to your request within these timeframes. For this delay I would like to take this opportunity to apologise.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we finalised your request. I trust this short delay has not caused you any inconvenience.

It should be noted however that Payments may not necessarily be in the same financial year as the incidents occurred. The amounts claimed are net of threshold and grant rate. Additionally it may help if I explain the Bellwin scheme a little; under the Bellwin scheme the Government will reimburse authorities only for eligible costs above a threshold. Payment amounts will exclude any ineligible costs included in authorities claims. For further information on the scheme please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bellwin-scheme-guidance-notes-for-claims>

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you; this is called an internal review. If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of an internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at email address xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx or use their online form at ico.org.uk/concerns or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

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