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**Our ref: JJ/CAF 567**  
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Dear Mr. Measures

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email which was received on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 requesting the following information:

As I am unable to see where the CAFCASS Board discussed the issue of Family Support Worker redundancies - or whether there were other ways to make savings without those redundancies - please advise me of where in the CAFCASS Board's discussions these issues were discussed and when the CAFCASS Board approved those redundancies.

The Board discussed a proposal for savings at an informal seminar on 08 December 2011 when the CEO raised the issue of the need to make savings to balance the 2012/13 budget. Formal Cafcass business is not usually discussed at Board seminars or if it is raised, it is usually then added to the Board's agenda by way of any other business at the following day's Board meeting so that the discussion can be minuted. Unfortunately due to an oversight this was not done on this occasion, so the minutes of the Board's meeting on 9 December do not contain a record of the discussion. The attached is a record of the discussion

*08 December 2011 - the CEO gave a presentation to the Board at its seminar in which he put forward a savings programme which had been scoped by the Corporate Management Team to reach the savings total required whilst minimising the negative impact on service delivery. Members discussed the issues raised, including the pros and cons of deleting circa 50 Family Support Worker posts and concluded by endorsing the CEO's proposal for savings.*

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