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Dear Ms Stoneman

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 14 October 2013 where you requested the following information:

As your branch (CIB) has investigated the Farepak/European Home Retail Plc fiasco I am in no doubt you are very familiar with the companies I have mentioned.

I have been told the company received a government grant and now I am seeking clarification of this.

Therefore, I am looking for confirmation of the grant(s) allocated and it's monetary amount.

I would like confirmation of what company was paid a grant - European Home Retail Plc Group or it's former names in previous years - Kleeneze Plc/Farepak Plc. This would include any grants paid to it's subsidiary companies - Farepak Mail Order Ltd, Farepak Ltd or Farepak Food and Gifts Ltd etc.

These grants would have come within the remit of your former department the DTI. Therefore any section within this department that was responsible for grant allocations I am requesting this information from.

I am requesting the individual year a grant was paid. This could mean they received more than one grant.

Information to be included is as follows: -

- 1) The Group or company within the group the grant(s) were paid to.*
- 2) The monetary amount (stated individually)*
- 3) The specific date of the individual grant paid.*
- 4)... and the total amount of grants given to the group (including subsidiaries) as a whole over the full time period stated below.*
- 5) I'm looking for you to go back as far as 1996/97.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by core BIS.

Due to the nature of the information that you are seeking, your request would be more appropriately addressed to the Insolvency Service. However, I understand that this request has already been made to the Insolvency Service and that they provided you with a response on 14 October 2013.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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