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11 December 2014

Dear Mr Roulston

HMICS Freedom of Information Request – Fol/14/01804

I refer to your request dated 12 November 2014 which was received by HMICS on 13 November 2014, under the freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), for the following information:

Could you please supply copies of your accounts for the 2011/12, 2012/13 & 2013/14 accounting years.

Could you please confirm the number of FOI requests received during each of those years together with the cost of obtaining legal advice for such requests (the total as shown in the accounts is sufficient)

Could you please confirm where that total is to be found in those accounts

Could you please confirm the cost of legal advice incurred to date in 2014/15

Please see the attached document with regards to HMICS' accounts for the 2011/12, 2012/13 & 2013/14 accounting years.

Could you please confirm the number of FOI requests received during each of those years together with the cost of obtaining legal advice for such requests (the total as shown in the accounts is sufficient)

I can confirm that HMICS received the following in FOI requests:

2011 – 11 requests

2012 – 13 requests

2013 – 11 requests

2014 (to date) – 23 requests

Our invoices for our legal advice is itemised by cost, for instance lawyers letters or lawyers time, but is not broken down as to subject matter and so we are not able to identify FOI specific related costs.

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Could you please confirm where hat total is to be found in those accounts

Please see attached document which indicates our accounts are dealt with through the Scottish Government and are split up by account description not subject matter. Therefore we are not able to identify legal advice specific related costs.

Could you please confirm the cost of legal advice incurred to date in 2014/15

The cost of legal advice in 2014/15 to date is £9311. However, please note this total covers a number of different areas and so is not exclusive to FOI.

I trust this information is satisfactory for you, however, if you are unhappy with this response you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to Mr Dennis Hunter at the address shown on this letterhead. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. We will then reply within 20 working days of receipt of any such letter.

You have a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are dissatisfied with our response. The Commissioners website has a guide containing the full details for this process (www.itspublicknowledge.info) or they can be contacted via the following:

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Yours Sincerely,

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