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Dear Ms Moore,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – (DE/2016-0208)

The Department has now completed its search for the information which you have requested in your email of 1 December 2016, please can you provide me with how many

- (A) freedom of information requests
- (B) weekly assembly questions (AQWs)

each of your departments NDPBs /ALBs have received from 1st December 2016 - 1st December 2016.

- (C) how many of these NDPBs /ALBs considered the amount of FOIs and AQWs as a risk and recorded same on their risk register within this period?

Following clarification you agreed that the dates should read 1st December 2015 to 1st December 2016 in response to your request.

- (A) The Department doesn't hold information in relation to FOI requests made to NDPB/ALBs. Requests are sent directly to the organisations and responded to by the organisation. No records are held by the Department.
- (B) The Minister of Education responds directly to all Assembly Questions. When necessary, officials in the Department will seek input from relevant NDPB/ALBs to inform the Minister's response; the number of requests for information made to NDPB/ALBs is not recorded. No records are held by the Department.
- (C) The Department does not hold any information as to how many NDPBs/ALBs considered the amount of FOIs and AQWs as a risk. The Department does

receive copies of each Risk Register, however none of those have recorded the volume of FOIs/AQWs as a specific risk.

If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You may write to the Departmental Information Manager, Rathgael House, Balloo Road, Bangor, BT19 7PR, or send an email to Freedom.Info@education-ni.gov.uk, if you wish to make a complaint.

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 review of our original decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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