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Our reference : KFME-97SKB5

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Dear Mr Gilchrist,

Ref: Freedom of Information Request - KFME-97SKB5

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited on 17 May 2013, which, I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email you have requested information to the following questions:

Please can you tell me the current figures for total post office outlets with a separate figure for total outreach outlets?

Could you also tell me the same figures for last year and the year before?

I can confirm that Post Office Limited does hold the information you have requested, however, under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act concerning information intended for future publication, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if that information is intended for publication at a future date. Post Office Ltd routinely publish its' Annual Report and Accounts and Network Report, as described in its Publication Scheme available at <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/our-publication-scheme>. Its Annual Report and Accounts 2012/2013 will contain the number of Post Office branches, and Network Report 2013 will also hold information on Post Office branches including outreach numbers.

As information has been exempt under Section 22 a public interest test applies. Having examined the test, Post Office Ltd believes that the public interest would be best served by publishing the information as part of our Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

For branch information for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 this information can be found in the Network Report 2012, available at: <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/transforming-post-office>. I have reproduced the information found in the Network Report below.

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Year	2010/11	2011/12
Total No. of Post Office branches	11820	11818
No. of Outreach branches	837	894

I am sorry that I cannot provide you with all of the information you have requested this time, however I do hope the information I have provided is of use.

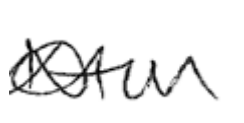
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If, having requested an internal review by Post Office Limited, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely



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