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Dear Mr Gardner

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested as follows.

"Please can you tell me the following:

1) The value and the number of cases of fraudulent housing benefit overpayment raised in the last 12-months?

Figures not available for last 12 calendar months. However, during 2009/10 (full 12 months) there were 62 cases of fraudulent housing benefit overpayment raised to the value of £202,151.10. During 2010/11 to date there have been 52 cases to the value of £126,661.04

2) value and the number of cases of fraudulent housing benefit overpayment where there was a passporting DWP benefit in payment?

Figures not available for last 12 calendar months. However, during 2009/10 there were 29 cases to the value of £108,493.35 and during 2010/11 to date there have been 21 cases to the value of £67,856.01

3) The value and the number of cases of fraudulent excess Council Tax benefit raised in the last 12-months?

Figures not available for last 12 calendar months. However, during 2009/10 there were 60 cases to the value of £48,943.44 and during 2010/11 to date 56 cases to the value of £35,873.96

4) value and the number of cases of fraudulent excess council tax benefit where there was a passporting DWP benefit in payment?

Figures not available for last 12 calendar months. However, during 2009/10 29 cases to the value of £27,666.99 and during 2010/11 to date 24 cases to the value of £16,288.39

5) *The number of benefit prosecutions by the LA only and how many were successful*

During the last 12 months there have been 3 benefit prosecutions by the LA all of which were successful.

6) *The number of benefit prosecutions jointly between the DWP and the LA and how many were successful*

During the last 12 months there have been 3 joint prosecutions all of which were successful.

If you have any queries or concerns then please feel free to contact me.

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Yours sincerely



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