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Dear Ms Williams

Re : Your request for information – reference number 160199

Thank you for your email that was received on 6th July, in which you requested : -

Please can you quantify your Council's expenditure during the 2010-2011 financial year on EACH of the following, -

First, Adopted Child Support Allowance

Second, Grants to Adoptive Parents to purchase furniture, equipment, etc, prior to the adopted children's arrival.

Third, prospective Adoptive Parents expenses, e.g, mileage, reimbursement of loss of earnings when attending Court, meals and hotel accommodation when visiting a prospective adoptive child in its Foster Home, etc.

Each Council will have its own rules in respect of allowable expenses. Please can you list what expenses your Council's expenditure covers

Fourth, Post Adoption Support, (other than adoption allowances). What does your Council's support consist of?

Your request is being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you will receive a response within 20 working days of the day after we received your request.

If the information you requested contains reference to a third party then they may be consulted before a decision is taken on whether or not to release the information to you. You will be informed if this is the case.

The Act defines a number of exemptions that may restrict the release of the requested information. There will be an assessment and if any of the exemption categories apply then the information may not be released. You will be informed if this is the case, and we will also inform you of your rights of appeal.

The information provided will be in English, normal font size. If you require alternative formats, for example in another language, audio, or large print, please let us know.

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Yours sincerely

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