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Dear xxxxxxxx

**Freedom of Information – Request for Information
UNIQUE REFERENCE BT129**

I am writing regarding your request for information dated 27 June 2011. You have requested the following information:

- “1. How many hours of paid staff time were spent on trade union duties and activities in 2010-11? Please specify on which unions the time was spent.*
- 2. What was the salary grade of the most senior member of staff who spent time on trade union duties or activities in 2010-11?*
- 3. How many members of staff in total spent paid time on trade union and activities in 2010-11?*

I wish to receive the information electronically.”

Your request has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the information you requested is provided below.

A total of 302.4 hours was spent on trade union duties and activities in 2010-11 – this equates to 8.4 FTE posts.

Unison	3.0
GMB	1.0
Tameside Joint Consultative Committee	1.0
National Union of Teachers (NUT)	2.0
National Association of Schoolmaster Union of Womens Teachers (NASUWT)	0.6
Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)	0.4
National Association of Head Teachers	0.2
Association of School and College Leaders	0.2



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The salary grade of the most senior member of staff who spent time on trade union duties or activities was Leadership Point 21 on the National Teachers Pay Scale. This grade applies to a part-time post and the pro-rata value is £12,258 (FTE £61,288).

In total, 11 members of staff were employed to carry out trade union duties and activities, 4 within the Council and 7 within schools.

To put these figures into context, the organisation currently employs 1 FTE staff member carrying out trade union duties per approximately 1000 FTE employees.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside OL6 6DL

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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