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Mr Brian Donaldson Your Ref: TEO Wages Bill

request-704245-

a43ced4d@whatdotheyknow.com Our Ref: TEO / 2020 - 0085

Date: 8 December 2020

Dear Mr Donaldson

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your request which we received on 6 November 2020 for information relating to the wages bill for The Executive Office (TEO). I am writing to confirm that TEO has now completed its search for this information which is provided in **Annex A.** I wish to take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in issuing this response to you.

If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received in relation to our handling of this request, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You should contact —

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In order to assist a thorough review, it would be helpful if you set out any particular grounds for complaint.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at -

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

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

Yours sincerely

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Request:

Can you confirm to me the complete wage bill for The Executive Office annually? That is to include a full staff list and salary, including DUP and Sinn Fein staff paid to work in the Executive Office and press officers.

Response:

As per TEO's 2019/20 audited Annual Report and Accounts the total salary cost (including employer's national insurance and pension contributions) for 2019/20 is £19,385,000. This figure includes the salaries of all permanently employed staff, press officers, agency staff, secondees, Ministers and Special Advisors.