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Dear

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 & Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your recent request for information with regard to the payment of funds to VOSA by Scottish local authorities for the Scottish Parking Appeal Service during the financial year 2005/2006.

I wish to offer apologies on behalf of VOSA for the length of time that it has taken to formulate the response to the request.

You will be aware that VOSA is covered under Schedule 1 part 1 of FOIA 2000. The Scottish Local Councils are covered under Schedule 1 part 3 of FOISA 2002. The Parking Appeals Tribunal are covered by neither of these pieces of legislation.

Therefore part of VOSA's considerations has been focused on whether or not this information is held by VOSA and therefore in scope of the Act or if VOSA is merely holding the information on behalf of another body that is itself not subject to the provisions of either Act and the information is therefore not in scope of the disclosure provisions of those Acts.

However in the spirit of the Act and the requirement for government whether local or central to be open and transparent in relation to its financial dealings VOSA is making the disclosure as requested in full.

Please find below the figures for the costs paid to VOSA for provision of this administrative service to the Scottish Parking Appeals:

The total cost is:

£160,194.88 which is broken down in the following manner;
Edinburgh £66,161.90

Glasgow	£ 64,213.77
Perth	£ 5,941.19
Aberdeen	£ 9,674.94
Dundee	£ 7,892.21
South Lanarkshire	£ 6,310.87

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Yours faithfully

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