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Dear XXX

Freedom of Information Request F0008965

Thank you for your information request received on 16 May 2012. You requested the following information:

“...a breakdown of the estimated £500,000 annual saving that will be achieved by the abolition of BRB (Residuary) Ltd.”

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

The Department does not currently hold a breakdown of the estimated £500,000 annual saving that will be achieved by the abolition of BRB (Residuary) Ltd but I can provide the following information which I hope you will find useful.

As indicated in the consultation document, as a residuary body it was always intended that BRB (Residuary) would be wound up at an appropriate point in time, and the ongoing functions transferred to successor bodies. By the date of abolition BRBR will have disposed of more than 90% of the property interest vested in the Company when it was created in 2001 and so it is no longer viable to maintain it as a separate corporate entity. Given this, the Government included the abolition of BRBR in the Public Bodies Act 2011, as this will enable the winding up of the company to be effected in an efficient manner, with its ongoing functions managed by other bodies without any loss of effectiveness or accountability. A by-product of the solution will be to remove the overheads associated with running BRBR as a standalone entity.

Detailed work on the savings that will result following abolition is still being undertaken and full details will be provided within the proposals laid before Parliament as part of the abolition process. Based on initial work carried out so far, a net saving of over £500k has been identified based not having to renew existing Directors' contracts, plus other associated administrative staff cost savings. It is likely that other administrative savings

will be realised, including savings on office space and service contracts that will not be necessary when the BRB (Residuary) functions are absorbed within existing organisations who will already have their own arrangements in place.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on our website.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/01
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

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

Yours sincerely,

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You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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

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Water Lane
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