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Dear Mr Rosenbaum,

Freedom of Information Request

I am writing further to my letter of 22 December in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked to be supplied with the following information concerning raw data that was used to compile Table 5 of the *"Independent Review of the impact of the Freedom of Information Act"*. I apologise for the Department's delay in replying to your request.

I can confirm that we hold the data and I am pleased to provide you with the following information in answer to your request:

1. The dates of the week, which was used for the sample.

Week commencing Monday 30th January.

2. A document containing an explanation or justification for the choice of that particular week.

Timing chosen by reference to when monitored bodies were having to submit their quarterly returns.

3. The total number of FOI requests from identified journalists in that particular week.

There were 51 initial requests received during the sample week that could be positively identified as being from journalists. These identifications have been made by the DCA. Frontier Economics were given the raw data and made their own assessments and identifications. The actual total number of requests from journalists may well be more than this, as requesters are under no obligation to give any information about themselves or their profession when making a request.



4. The number of requests submitted by the following media organisations in