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Our reference DfC/2016-0022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 13 January 2017.

You requested information relating to the Investigatory Powers Act.

The Investigatory Powers Act 2016 repeals provisions contained within current legislation necessary for fraud investigations. Use of investigatory powers is strictly controlled and applied proportionately, only where necessary, and within the parameters of the law. The draft Communications Data Code of Practice refers. Some provisions within the Act do not come into force automatically. Guidance will be issued to staff in advance of the commencement of certain powers. Although certain ranks are cited in the legislation, this does not mean that all officers at that rank can use the powers of the Act".

You also requested the following:

The number of Deputy Principals
Response: 335

The names of roles senior to Deputy Principals, along with a headcount for each role
Response: Grade 7 (Principal): 156
Grade 6 (Senior Principal): 17
Grade 5 (Assistant Secretary): 23
Grade 3 (Deputy Secretary): 5
Grade 2 (Permanent Secretary): 1

If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You may write to the Departmental Information Manager, Department for Communities Lighthouse Building, 1 Cromac Place, Gasworks Business Park, Ormeau Road, BELFAST, BT7 2JB, or send an email to foi@communities-ni.gov.uk if you wish to make a complaint.

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 review of our original decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

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

