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We have exchanged correspondence about expenditure by your office on PR and internal communications. The Committee has also seen Mr Djanogly's answer to Mr Halfon's written question of 13 December at Col 494W of Hansard in which he provided a breakdown of expenditure on internal and external communications by cost headings. We are grateful for this further information.

Your letter of 29 November to me described your primary role with regard to Data Protection and Freedom of Information as an educational one. This implied that you will have to spend a proportion of your budget on communication activities such as guidance materials, reports and codes of practice as well as on internal communications.

However, the Committee would welcome some further commentary or justification of expenditure under these cost headings. Some examples would be helpful. In the Committee's view this will help to explain the context in which this expenditure has taken place; without which these figures can only invite further misinterpretation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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