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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 15 December 2022 which sought the following information:

“Please provide copies of all internal and/or external correspondence, notes, instructions or other written and/or electronic material generated by, sent by or otherwise communicated by Minister Edwin Poots as to the policy he wished to be adopted and/or had adopted prior to leaving office in regards appealing the decision in Judicial Review applications by JR183 (3) and Edward Rooney”

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested. The information has been extracted from a communication from Minister Poots to the Permanent Secretary on the 27 October 2022, the remaining content of the document is considered to be outside of the scope of your request. This extraction is as follows:

“Given that I leave without a ruling by the court on the Rooney case. In the event that the court rules against our arguments then I believe the Department should seek to appeal the decision.”

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If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

  
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