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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information, received on 12 December, about leadership training in Communities and Local Government. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act and I am able to confirm that the department does hold this information.

The total expenditure with Common Purpose for the financial year 2006/07 was £99,350 of which £85,000 was used to provide bursaries for 20 in-mans and 20 muslim women, the remainder funded management training in leadership for 3 senior managers to enhance their capability as potential leaders.

In addition to a training budget held and administered centrally, training budgets are also delegated to divisions or business units to ensure training is well tailored to meet local needs. It would be too onerous a burden on the line in time and cost to be able to provide you with localised expenditure as the managers of these delegated budgets are at liberty to use them for any training purpose including leadership training.

I can advise that £27,000 was allocated to a centrally administered budget for leadership training which was procured from public sector bodies and other government departments during this period.

I enclose copies of the department's correspondence with Common Purpose from January 2007 and all of the correspondence relating to the Muslim Leadership Development Project. The correspondence has been redacted in accordance with Section 40 of the Freedom of information Act.

Communities and Local Government as an organisation aims to be as helpful as possible in the way it deals with requests for information under the Freedom of information Act. If however you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled or the outcome you may request an internal review within two calendar months of this letter. Information about the Department's review procedures and how to apply for an internal review is contained in the enclosed leaflet.

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

Yours sincerely



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