

22nd September 2009

Your ref: Letter dated 24/08/09
Our ref: R00163

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 24th July 2009.

Your request to SEEDA is:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

A breakdown of expenses of each publicly appointed member of your board for the last three years, including:

A. Transport (including further breakdown of taxis and planes) B. Hospitality (including further breakdown of champagne and wine) C. Accommodation and Living (both home and away) D. Details of retirement packages.

By publicly appointed members of your board I mean "appointments usually made by a Minister or by the Queen on the advice of a Minister, to the boards of national public bodies", as defined in the Cabinet Office document 'Public Bodies 2008'.

Information requested

A breakdown of the expenses of each publicly appointed member of SEEDA's board for 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 is provided in the attached document.

A full set of Credit Card Expenses and Expenses Claim forms for each of the Board members for the periods 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 have also been prepared in response to a previous Freedom of Information request and can be made available to you upon request. However, names of third parties not in the

public domain, postcodes for private addresses, some personal information and personal signatures have been redacted from these documents. This personal information is exempt from disclosure under S40(2) Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Chairman is the only Board Member with a pension entitlement to which SEEDA contributes. Regional Development Agencies are entitled to participate in the Civil Service Pension Scheme. The Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PSCPS) is an unfunded multi-employer defined scheme.

Details of pension contributions made for the present Chairman are available on page 37 in SEEDAs Annual Report and Accounts which can be found at http://www.seeda.co.uk/Publications/docs/SEEDA_AnnualReport_Accounts_08_09.pdf.

Further details about the Civil Service pension arrangements can be found at the website www.civilservice-pension.gov.uk.