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Dear Mr Davidson,

I am conscious that it is some time since I last updated you about the work we have been progressing related to the Consulting Association.

I am sure that it will be of interest to your Committee to know that:

- We have now dealt with 3,848 telephone calls through our fast track service.
- We have responded to 1,093 subject access requests.
- 442 individuals have been provided with a copy of their personal data.

The project with Equifax has been completed. We passed 1,590 names and addresses to Equifax. We were able to write to 103 individuals where it was confirmed that there was a likelihood that the person still lived at the address included within the Consulting Association information. Forty six of those individuals subsequently contacted us and 26 went on to make a subject access request.

Our work with DWP, based on national insurance numbers, continues. DWP have carried out a very thorough piece of work to understand the nature of the data we will be passing to them, confirm our requirements, design the algorithms necessary to run the matching exercise and ensure the integrity and quality of the returns to us. We have been ready for some time to pass 2,148 combinations of names, national insurance numbers and dates of birth to DWP. We expect that they will be in a position to receive these within the next month. Results will then be produced within a matter of days after which we will proceed to write to the individuals concerned.

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On another matter, I wanted to make you aware of some additional documentation that we have come across that was not made available to you when you and your colleagues visited us in Wilmslow. I should emphasise that this is **not** information that we seized from the Consulting Association. Rather it is the information that we provided to the court to support our application for a no notice search warrant for access to the premises of Haden Young Ltd in August 2008. This supporting information consists of the employment tribunal witness statement of Alan Wainwright, faxes to and from Haden Young Ltd which contain the names of what appear to be individual construction workers and their NI numbers, a list of nine contact names and addresses of what appear to be individual managers within different construction companies and a small sample of names and national insurance numbers of individual construction workers on what are termed the Pfizer, Royal Opera House and Jubilee Line lists.

This is clearly information that was provided to us voluntarily rather than as a result of the exercise of our formal powers. It may therefore already have been made available to your Committee by others. I am though keen that we should be as open as we can be with your Committee about the extent of information we hold that might be relevant to its Inquiry. I therefore considered it important that we should draw your attention to the fact that this additional information has recently come to light. If you would now like to view this information we should be happy to make the necessary arrangements on the same basis as previously.

Yours sincerely,
David Smith

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Deputy Commissioner



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