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Dear Mr Grainger

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2012 concerning an Official Information Act request. You requested the following information regarding residential tenancy bonds by region sent from the Department of Building and Housing (the Department) to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

- Average weekly per room residential bond rate by region.
- Any correspondence between the Department and the Ministry that set out this data for the last year.

Please find attached a spreadsheet of market rent data that has been sent to the Ministry for the last 12 months. It is based at the territorial local authority level and is for all landlord types. The attached data will differ from that published on our website, which only shows market rent data for private landlords.

Market rent data for each month is sent to the Ministry with a standard message as follows.

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There is no further correspondence sent to the Ministry of Social Development.

This fully covers the information you requested.

Yours sincerely

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