

# HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

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Mr. Tom Watson MP  
By email

21 October 2010

Dear Mr. Watson

**FOI/Watson/01**

I am writing in response to your request of 6<sup>th</sup> October for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Your request was made up of a number of questions which I will answer in turn.

1. *The introductory note submission your organisation made to its lead Government Minister since the Coalition Government took office on 12 May.*

No submission made.

2. *The number of staff employed by your organisation on 12 May*

3

3. *The number of staff employed by your organisation on 6 October*

2

4. *Any submissions made to government departments on the effects of budget cuts on your organisation*

None

**Members:**

The Rt Hon Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, The Lord Dholakia OBE DL,  
The Rt Hon Lord Hurd of Westwell CH CBE PC,  
Mrs Felicity Huston, Ms Angela Sarkis CBE, The Lord Stevenson of Coddenham, CBE (Chairman)

5. *Any notices given to trade union, or employee representatives, regarding staffing cuts to your organisation*

None

6. *Any notices of re-arranged pension arrangements for staff.*

None

7. *Details of any subscriptions to online news outlets such as Politics Home, The Times, The Sun, News of the World etc.*

None

8. *Any submissions made by your organisation in the run up to the Comprehensive Spending review.*

None

9. *How many times the Chief Executive of your organisation has met with a Government Minister since 12 May. Please tell me the nature and location for any such meetings.*

The HOLAC Chairman has had 2 meetings with Ministers to discuss the work of HOLAC. Both these meetings took place at the House of Lords

10. *Provide me with a copy of your organisation's travel policy - in particular in respect of planes, trains and cars.*

HOLAC comes under Cabinet Office policies.

11. *The number of properties (a) owned, and (b) leased by your organisation.*

None

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. Please contact

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Carey**  
Commission Secretariat

