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Dear Mr Boswarva

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – Royal Mail  
Case reference: FS50499119

I write with reference to your complaint to the Information Commissioner concerning Royal Mail and its withholding of information.

You requested figures that had been redacted from Ofcom's review of the Postcode Address File which was published on 7 February 2013.

You may know that the Royal Mail is no longer a public authority since it was privatised and as such the company is no longer subject to the FOIA. Consequently, the Commissioner does not have the power to investigate the company or order disclosure of information that the company may hold.

The ICO is seeking further legal opinion on whether any retrospective measures regarding the company's previous responsibilities under FOIA are in place. If that is the case the ICO will write to you again and your complaint will be re-opened.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Case Officer

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