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*Dear Andrew*

I am writing to you following David Hanson's letter of 6 February explaining that Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS) would write to you regarding an estimation of the costs of control order proceedings. Owen Mapley, Finance Director for HMCS, wrote to you with this information on 18 March. As the Committee has since requested that this information be placed in the libraries of both houses, I am writing to you with the appropriate ministerial commitment to do so.

The Administrative Court and Court of Appeal Civil Division judicial costs since April 2005 related to hearings in connection with control orders made under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 are estimated to be £0.54 million and £0.21 million respectively. These estimates are based on high level assumptions to provide an indicative figure.

These figures have been calculated by estimating the Administrative Court and Court of Appeal Civil Division daily judicial costs and multiplying them by the estimated number of control order related sitting days. The judicial costs of control order related reading and judgment writing time in the Administrative Court has been estimated and aggregated with the estimated judicial court costs. It has not been possible to estimate control order related reading and judgment writing time in the Court of Appeal Civil Division.

The costs detailed exclude any associated administrative or accommodation costs as these can not be quantified.

I hope this information is helpful and I am placing a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

*Yours ever*  
*Bridget*

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