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Dear Steve

Certification Fees for the 2010-11 Housing & Council Tax Benefits Subsidy Claim Vale of White Horse District Council

I am writing about our fees for certifying the 2010-11 Housing & Council Tax Benefits Subsidy Claim for the Vale of White Horse District Council.

It has been brought to my attention that the figure quoted in my Certification of Claims and Returns - Annual Report was incorrect. When the report was agreed with you in December it did not contain the fees for the work we did in November and December 2011. All have now been processed and included in the final figure. I apologise for this mistake.

As a consequence the fees for our work on this claim are now £30,866 as opposed to the reported figure of £21,420.

This still represents a large fall in the overall costs of auditing the claim of nearly £12,000. This is comparable with the reduction achieved on the South Oxfordshire District Council claim (which remains as reported) as shown in the table below:

Housing and council tax benefits subsidy claim	2009/10 Fee	2010/11 Fee	Reduction
VOWH	£42,702	£30,866	£11,836
SODC	£34,660	£23,953	£10,707

Please accept my sincere apologies for this mistake, and I will of course be more than happy to discuss the issue with you and make my apologies to the Audit Committee.

I am away week commencing 13 February but will be back on 20 February 2012. However if you wish to discuss the matter with one of my team before I return then please call Alan Witty on 0844 798 8956

Yours sincerely

Maria Grindley
District Auditor

Cc Alan Witty Audit Manager