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20 February 2012

Dear Mr Reynolds,

## **Freedom of Information request – ref. 21488**

I am writing further to my e-mail of 23 January 2012 about your request for information relating to the Home Affairs Select Committee. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your request.

I am able to disclose the information set out in the enclosed Annex. I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 21448. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

**L. Fisher**

## Annex A

### Request

1. Confirm the existence of the committee in 1983
2. The names of the members of the committee in 1983
3. Any records of the committee's meetings and subjects discussed, considered or inquired into in 1983.
4. Any discussions, consideration or inquiry into cannabis in 1982, 1983 and 1984.
5. Any records of any discussions about discussions, requests, press coverage, parliamentary references or any other mention anywhere at any time about the committee discussing, considering or inquiring into cannabis in 1983.
6. Any record of the receipt by the committee in 1983 of a 30 page report from me entitled "An Unaffordable Prejudice"

### Response

1. I confirm the existence of the Home Affairs Select Committee in 1983.
2. I confirm that we hold the information requested. The membership of the Home Affairs Select Committee on 9 December 1983 was as follows:

Cons	Sir Edward Gardner QC	(Chairman)
Lab	Mr Gerald Bermingham	
Cons	Miss Janet Fookes	
Cons	Mr Jeremy Hanley	
Cons	Mr John Hunt	
Lab	Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk	
Cons	Mr Fergus Montgomery	
Lab	Ms Clare Short	
Cons	Mr Ivor Stanbrook	
Cons	Mr John Wheeler	
Lab	Mr David Winnick	

3. I confirm that we hold information that relates to question three of your request. **This is enclosed at Annex B.**
4. Questions four and five have been considered in tandem as there is some overlap between the two questions. I confirm that we hold information that relates to these questions. **This is enclosed at Annex C.**
5. As above.

6. We do not hold the information requested. We suggest that you contact the Home Affairs Select Committee directly using the following email address:  
[foicommons@parliament.uk](mailto:foicommons@parliament.uk)

**Annexes B and C are attached separately.**