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Our Ref: FOI 265 687

(by email only: request-12634-4e40f537@whatdotheyknow.com)

26 June 2009

Dear Mr Thomlinson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your request for records of meetings between the Prime Minister's Office and 121Media between 1st January 2007 and 30th June 2007. The Cabinet Office received your request on 1 June 2009 and I have dealt with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I must inform you that the Cabinet Office is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act relieves public authorities of the duty to comply with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Yours is a very broad request and relevant information could be contained in very many documents in very many files. Searching all of these to determine whether the Cabinet Office holds any information relevant to your request will exceed the appropriate limit. If you wish, you may refine your request in order to bring the cost of determining whether the Cabinet Office holds relevant information, locating, retrieving and extracting it, below the appropriate limit. It is unlikely that simply narrowing the period covered by your request would be sufficient to bring your request within the cost limit as even a very short period, is likely to require a search of very many files. We are more likely to be able to carry out a search within the cost limit if you have in mind a definite context in which records on this subject might have been made, for example during a specific government initiative or following a notable event. If you do, you could make a request for information in relation to that. I must inform you, however, that if the Cabinet Office does hold any information, it may be subject to one or more of the exemptions contained in the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request from the Cabinet Office you may ask for an internal review. If you wish to do so you should contact:



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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after a response was issued.

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. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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