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(by email only)

Dear Mr. Whenman,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 25 June requesting the following information:

'My Freedom of Information request relates to the monarch's theoretical power to withhold the Royal Assent to any parliamentary bill that has completed all its stages through the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

a. Does the Cabinet Office or Cabinet Secretary hold any documents drawn up or revised in 2008 relating to HM Government's plans should the monarch withhold his or her assent to a government bill?

b. Does the Cabinet Office or Cabinet Secretary hold any documents drawn up or revised in 2008 relating to HM Government's plans should the monarch withhold his or her assent to any other parliamentary bill?

c. If such documents exist, could the Cabinet Office or Cabinet Secretary please release them into the public domain for debate and consultation.

Please note that this is a single request pertaining only to documents drawn up or revised in 2008.'

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Cabinet Office does not hold any information falling within the scope of your request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number below in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:



Sue Gray
Director
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London
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email: foiteam@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

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 the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may 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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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