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Philip Main  
Via Email

24 July 2009

Dear Mr Main,

I am sorry but we are unable to comply with this request as the effort to administer your request would exceed the limit prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This is £600, which represents the estimated cost of spending 24 hours in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Above this, we are not obliged to comply with a request.

Kip Meek would have engaged with the department in a number of roles, for example, when he was at OFCOM. To comply with your request would require us to identify any official or Minister who may have met with Mr Kip Meek over the last three and a half years. Diaries are not centrally kept, therefore, each official/minister would have to carry out a detailed search of their diaries for the period in question. In addition, further searches would have to be carried out to establish if there was any minutes or notes taken. This we are satisfied would exceed the cost threshold. However, if you were able to revise your request it will be reconsidered. When attempting to revise your request you should take into consideration specific timeframes and types of documents. This may help you revise your request within the cost threshold.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Milton