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Date 26 August 2008

Dear Mr Addison

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: EMAILS REGARDING DEREK CANNING AND MARK ROBB

Thank you for your request for emails regarding Derek Canning and Mark Robb which we received on 18 August.

Following careful consideration, we have decided not to disclose this information. The information you have requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to personal data relating to third parties. The information you have requested consists of the personal data of third parties and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Clive Porro, Head of Defra's Information Rights Team at Area1E, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2HH, who will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure can be found at:
www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/complain/index.htm.

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. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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