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Dear Ms Edgley

Re: Information Request Ref. iw10/1/39508

Thank you for your information request dated 25 January 2010.

Please find below the information you have requested:-

During 2009, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) claimed that two related campaigns were being conducted.

- 1. A campaign to vilify Graham Badman, author of a report into home education.*
- 2. A campaign to inundate the DCSF with Freedom of Information requests.*

Recent comments by a senior official in the DCSF suggested that these alleged campaigns might have spread to include local authorities.

I would like you to provide me with the following information.

First, please confirm whether or not you have observed these alleged campaigns.

- We are aware that there has been a lot of discussion on the internet and nationwide events have been organised but are not aware of a “campaign to vilify Graham Badman”

Second, please confirm whether or not you have exchanged any correspondence with the DCSF regarding these alleged campaigns.

- No correspondence has been exchanged with the DCSF regarding these alleged campaigns.

Finally, if you have exchanged correspondence with the DCSF on this issue then please provide me with copies of that correspondence.

- N/A

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If you have any complaints in respect of your information request, please write to the Corporate Information Unit at the above address, or complete the on-line appeals form that can be found at www.iwight.com/information. If your complaint is not resolved to your complete satisfaction, you have the ultimate right, once you have exhausted the internal appeals process, to appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Jepson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Heather Jepson
Senior Administrator