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Ganesh Sittampalam
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1 March 2010

Dear Mr Sittampalam,

I am writing further to your e-mail dated 29 January 2010 in which you requested information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

You asked for:

'A copy of the information the ICO ordered to be disclosed in their decision notice FS50197952 ie what form did Michael Ashcroft's undertaking take and to whom was the undertaking given'.

If not already covered by the above, I also request a copy of the undertaking itself.

We have considered your request in light of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I can confirm that we hold relevant records relating to your request.

The information relating to the first part of your question is:

The form of Michael (now Lord) Ashcroft's undertaking was a signed and witnessed memorandum dated 23 March 2000. The recipient of the memorandum (the undertaking) was the then Leader of the Opposition – The Right Honourable William Hague MP'.

You also asked for 'a copy of the undertaking itself'. We are not obliged to provide this information under section 21 of the Act (information accessible to the applicant by other means); however you may be aware that Lord Ashcroft published a copy of the undertaking today on his website. For ease of reference, this information is available at http://www.lordashcroft.com/pdf/01032010_statement_from_lord_ashcroft.pdf.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above 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:

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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 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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely



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