

21 October 2008

Sent via e-mail

Dear Mr Griffiths

Reference: Freedom of Information Request: FOI258849

I refer to your recent request (your reference 3155-90ffa086) for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In that request you asked why EcovertFM's security training provider, Senate training, was asked to complete a security assessment of the Cabinet Office.

Senate Training have undertaken a range of security training and related matters and as such have built up a comprehensive and detailed knowledge of the department's estate, its security requirements and how it operates. This knowledge meant that that Senate Training were able to get up to speed quickly, they were better able to concentrate on the key issues identified by the CO and to produce a report which fitted in more appropriately with our future plans. We are confident that there was no conflict of interest in the commissioning and undertaking of this work.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the Cabinet Office reference numbers shown 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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London
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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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

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