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(by email only)

*Dear Mr Whenman,*

### **REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Thank you for your email of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information regarding HM Government's plans in response to a monarch's abdication. You specified that you were interested in information dating from 2000 – 2008.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and can confirm that section 12 of the FOI Act has been correctly applied to your request and that the appropriate cost limit would be exceeded. I am also satisfied that the original response was correct to aggregate your requests. As the response said, we would of course be willing to consider a refined request for information within a shorter time period, for example one year, but the eight year period you have requested would exceed the appropriate limit. I therefore uphold the original decision.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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*Yours sincerely,*

*Lara Smart*

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