

24 June 2009

Gavin Whenman
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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 27th January 2009 in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information regarding HM Government's plans in the event of a monarch's withholding of Royal Assent. You specified that you were interested in information dating from 1997 – 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 eleven 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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Lara Smart

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