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Case Ref: **10850**
Date: **22nd January 2009**

Dear Mr. Hosking,

I write further to my email of the 2nd January 2009 concerning your request for information concerning the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and as to why the Cornish have been refused recognition as a national minority.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Home Office to locate any information relevant to your request. We are now in a position to offer a substantive response to your request.

After a thorough search, I regret to inform you that the Home Office does not hold the information that you have requested.

My enquiries have led me believe that the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) might hold information pertinent to your enquiries. You can view their website and publications here - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/> - or you can submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act to DCLG using their *Contact Us* page - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/contact>

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting your complaint within two months to the following address quoting reference **CR 10850**:

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Or you can email info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

During the independent review the department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by an official who was not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

I realise that this response may be a disappointment to you. However I would like to assure you that a thorough search was conducted and that I am confident that we do not hold the information that you have requested.

Thank you for your interest in the Home Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'I Lister', written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Ian Lister
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