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(by email only)

Dear Mr Griffiths,

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to your email of 7 March requesting an internal review into the handling of your request of 14 January for information on correspondence relating to the privatisation of the Cabinet Office guard force.

I have now completed my review of the Cabinet Office's response of 10 February and uphold the original decision to cite section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

In citing section 14(1) of the Act we have considered the guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. A copy of the guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office is available on their website here:

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom_of_information/practical_application/awareness_guidance_22_vexatious_and_repeated_requests_final.pdf

In my view the requests that we are receiving from you have now become excessive; are being directed at particular individuals in a way that could cause distress; are an unreasonable burden on and distraction to the staff concerned; and are seriously distracting a significant number of our staff from other work.

I should also be clear that I do not propose to get into any further correspondence with you regarding this case. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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