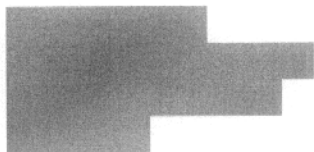


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Freedom of Information Request F2008-033

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 February 2008 in which you asked for third party correspondence with Common Purpose regarding your previous FOI request F2007-043.

Section 14(1) of the Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious. Under this section of the Act, an authority is not obliged to deal with requests that are manifestly unreasonable or obsessive. The Information Commissioner has stated that a vexatious request is, or causes, excessive burden, has no serious purpose, causes disruption and annoyance or leads to harassment of an authority. In this case we are aware that many requests have been made to various public authorities concerning Common Purpose. In our opinion this latest request has been made as part of a campaign which has the effect of placing excessive burden on the public authorities concerned.

DFID is not required to fulfil vexatious requests, and for this reason we will not be processing your request for information any further.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me, quoting the reference number shown above.

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