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Dear Mr Church

Freedom of Information request reference: 48257

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 April in which you ask for the document titled 'SERIOUS VIOLENCE. Latest evidence on the drivers.' which was produced by the 'Home Office Analysis and Insight Informing Decisions Through Evidence' team. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We are considering your request. Although the FOIA carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified' exemptions, are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The FOIA allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 35(1)(a) of the FOIA, which relates to the formulation or development of government policy. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 20 June.

Yours sincerely,

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