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Dear Mr Richards,

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2016, in which you ask for information relating to the resignation of Dame Lowell Goddard from her position as Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request was as follows:

1. "Please could you send me copies of all letters received by Dame Lowell in the period from 9 March 2016 to 4 August 2016 from senior staff at IICSA, members of the inquiry panel, the Home Secretary or any other ministers or officials at the Home Office calling for her resignation or suggesting that her position as Chair was no longer tenable."

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is completely independent of the Home Office so the Home Office does not have access to correspondence received by Dame Lowell while she was in post. No letters were sent by the Home Secretary or any other ministers or officials at the Home Office calling for her resignation or suggesting that her position as chair was untenable. I can therefore confirm that the Home Office does not hold the information you have requested.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 40654. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Safeguarding Unit